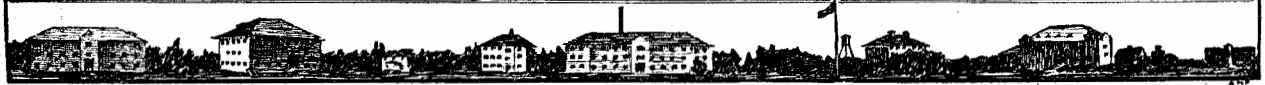


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## Leghorn Hen Sets Mid-West Record

A. M. Pilkey, poultryman at the Northwest School and Station, has just announced another new record of 321 eggs produced in 365 days by a White Leghorn hen in the station flock. This is an increase of three eggs over last year's record of 318, and is believed by Mr. Pilkey to be a new record for the north central part of the United States.

This year's record hen is a daughter of a 318 egg sire and a 250 egg dam. She is free from standard disqualifications and is of excellent type, possessing a long, wide, deep body with an average body weight of 3.94 lbs. She produces an egg weighing over two ounces.

The new record hen was hatched April 10, 1928; began laying November 1, 1928, and completed her year on October 31, 1929. Her trap nest record shows her to be a long, continuous layer with few breaks in production.

On one occasion she produced 56 eggs in 56 days.

Nine hens at the station have produced 2769 eggs, or an average of 307 eggs each in 365 days. Additional records show that the average production for the entire White Leghorn flock at the station last year was 235 eggs each. The highest producing Rhode Island hen had 270 eggs to her credit at the end of the year.

This record is all the more remarkable as all birds in the station flock, including the record hen, are used for experimental purposes. The new "Queen" was housed in a long, continuous straw loft, cotton front type house in a pen 15x15 together with 74 other birds.

## DEBATERS ORGANIZE

A group of twenty debaters reported for duty at the first meeting of the year, according to E. W. Avery, debate coach at the Northwest School. This will insure plenty of competition for the two inter-school debate teams to be selected during the latter part of the winter term.

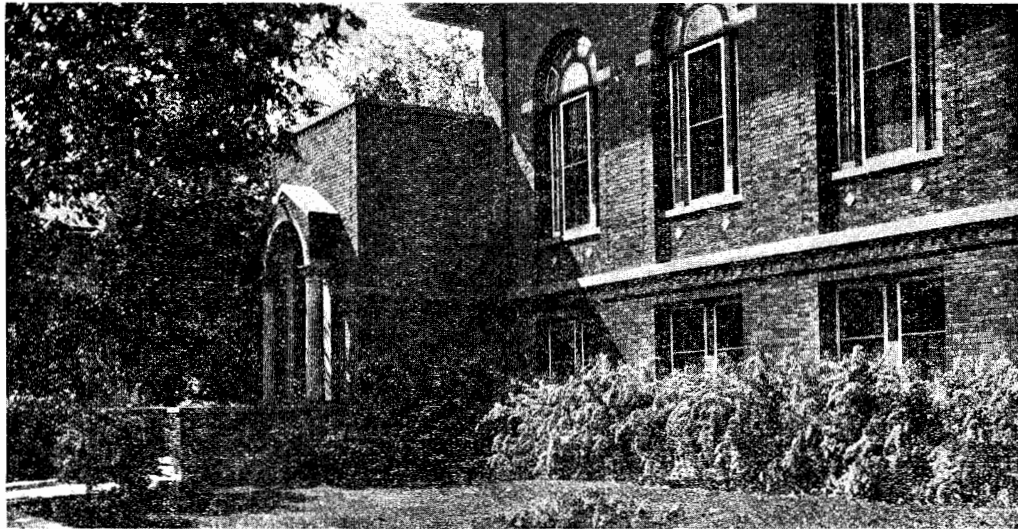
The question this year will be the same as that used by the Minnesota High School debating league: "Resolved: That trial by jury in the United States should be abolished."

Among the debaters on last year's

## Parents Join Northwest School Family

Though many parents were unable to participate in the Annual Parents' Day celebration at the Northwest School on November 2 because of all but impassable roads, the attendance surpassed all previous records by a wide margin. Approximately 250 fathers and mothers from fourteen counties registered during the day, compared to 165 last year. From the inspection of classes and laboratories early in the morning, to the close of the day's activities, it was an occasion long to be remembered by students and parents alike.

At noon the parents enjoyed an appropriate dinner in the school dining hall as guests of the students. Following the dinner the men made a tour of inspection of the Agricultural Engineering laboratories, and the station herds and flocks, while the women were conducted through the modern dining hall,



VIEW OF SCHOOL DINING HALL

championship teams, who will enter the try-outs again this year, are the following: Winton Knutson, Thief River Falls; Harvey Johnson, Rollag; Kenneth Mlom, Twin Valley; Theodore Auden, Fergus Falls, and Daniel Letnes, Crookston. Others who will make a determined fight for recognition include: John Pearson, Middle River; Orville Ingebretson, Ulen; Clarence Peterson, Hawley; Evelyn Bierbaum, Clearbrook; Alice Naplin, Wylie; Arthur Burk, Brooks; Richard Radway, Roosevelt; Lawrence Omundson, Radium; Harold L. Johnson, Radium; Alice Erickson, Pencer; Effie Pederson, Clitheral, and Lester Tangjerd, Bagley.

Home Economics department and Health Service building.

Promptly at 1:30 all assembled in the auditorium for the special student assembly program. This program, which was arranged with a view to demonstrating the work of the music, English, Home Economics, Business and Agricultural departments, included selections by the school orchestra, led by Mr. A. B. Basso; the boys' glee club, girls' glee club, and the mixed chorus under the direction of Miss Hildur Peterson, accompanied by Miss Rose Polski of the Music department; a typewriting contest supervised by Miss Fae Hughbanks; piano duets by Hazel Stephenson, Gary, and

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## SUCCESSFUL FOOTBALL SEASON

With a record of two victories, two tie games and two defeats, Coach R. J. Christgau's football warriors put away their football togs for the year. In the six games played, the Aggies scored 81 points to their opponents' 38.

The season opened with a 34-7 victory over Red Lake Falls, followed by a 6-0 defeat at the hands of East Grand Forks. The annual struggle with the Morris Aggies at Morris resulted in a 19-0 defeat. In their fourth encounter the Aggies showed tremendous power by holding Park Region Luther college of Fergus Falls to a scoreless tie in the annual Home Coming game. The Aggies barely missed a victory in this game when the game ended with the ball in their possession on their opponents' one yard line. A powerful defense and a smooth running offense were displayed by Coach Christgau's men and the good work was continued in their fifth game of the season when they swamped Model High of Grand Forks by a 41-0 score.

In the final game of the season the Aggies met Thief River Falls, a team that had not been defeated during the season. In one of the most thrilling games ever witnessed on the Aggie campus, the two teams battled without a score for three periods. At the start of the fourth quarter, the Thief River aggregation managed to put over a touchdown. With five minutes left to play, the Aggies received a kickoff on their own 40-yard line and started a march down the field. A pass, Odlund to Gandrud, brought the ball to the 25-yard line and Aggie rooters were more hopeful. Captain Odlund tore off five yards, followed by a 12 yard run by C. Johnson. On the next play, the Aggies were stopped, but Captain Odlund came through with an 8-yard off tackle smash for a touchdown. The kick for extra point was wide and the game ended in a 6-6 tie.

Captain Martin Odlund starred for the Aggies on the offense. His career as a Maroon and Gold warrior was closed brilliantly when he scored the touchdown which resulted in the tie game. Edwin Widseth, McIntosh was a bulwark on the defense.

Seven members of the 1929 squad finished their last game for the Northwest School in the Thief River en-

counter. Those who will graduate at the end of the year are: Captain Martin Odlund, Crookston, half-back; Stanton Gandrud, Detroit Lakes, end; Harvey Johnson, Rollag, guard and fullback; Robert Larson, Crookston, tackle; Elmer Johnson, Erskine, tackle; Harold Cordes, Henning, end; Emmet Torkelson, Crookston, tackle.

Coach R. J. Christgau was pleased with the outcome of the season's work. The Aggies were the victims of some breaks in the East Grand Forks and Morris struggles, but showed their class in the final three games of the season.

Prospects for next year are unusually bright, in spite of the fact that seven members of the first squad will be lost through graduation. Assistant Coach E. L. Ocock reports a promising crew of freshmen.

The 1929 squad was composed of the following: Harold Cordes, Henning; Elmer Johnson, Erskine; Chauncey Johnson, Detroit Lakes; Stanley Radniecki, Wanke; Lester Tangjerd, Bagley; Howard Payne, Leonard; Clifford Lindquist, Wylie; Fredolph Johnson, Warren; Harvey Johnson, Rollag; Robert Gleason, Minneapolis; Stanton Gandrud, Detroit Lakes; Kenneth Flom, Twin Valley; Lawrence Peterson, Gary; Emmet Torkelson, and Robert Larson, Crookston; Harold Bendix, Henning; Harold Nelson, Hawley; Edwin Widseth, McIntosh; Thomas Cain, Ponemah; Martin Odlund, Crookston; Allan Hoff, Dalton; John Pearson, Middle River; Clarence Carlson, Stephen; Arnold Strand, Twin Valley; Theodore Anden, Fergus Falls; Eugene McDonald, Underwood; Harry Haugen, Plummer, and Arthur Holm, Winger.

## RESULTS OF VARIETY TRIALS

Hundreds of varieties of wheat, oats, barley, flax and rye were included in the extensive variety trials carried on at the Northwest Experiment Station during the past year under the direction of R. S. Dunham, Agronomist. Since all varieties were planted on uniform soil and on the same day at the Experiment Station, their relative performance is more significant than when compared on different farms or even on different fields of the same farm.

Many of the varieties included in the trial were new productions not yet ready for distribution. No reports of these varieties will be made at this time except to say that very promising material is in process of development. According to Mr. Dunham, the steady progress that is being made from year to year is due to the combined efforts of plant breeders, plant pathologists, and plant physiologists.

### Wheat

Among the common or bread wheats already in the hands of the farmer, Ceres yielded best this year, producing about eight bushels more than Marquis. Marquillo, due to severe injury from drouth and also because there was little rust damage, yielded about the same as Marquis.

As a three-year average, Marquillo has, however, yielded about two bushels more than Ceres and five bushels more than Marquis. Hope, the new wheat resulting from a cross of Marquis and Emmer, yielded five bushels more than Marquis this season. Reward, an early variety not resistant to rust, yielded about the same as Hope, while Supreme, a success in Montana, was the lowest yielder of the 21 varieties tried.

Among the durumms, Mindum yielded better than Kubanka or Nodak.

### Oats

Among the oats now on the market, Anthony led by a wide margin. It yielded about nine bushels more than Gopher and sixteen bushels more than Victory. As a five year average, it has yielded about ten bushels more than Gopher and seventeen bushels more than Victory. A variety widely advertised this spring under such names as 20th Century, Montana Wonder, Australian, and Kiama, gave the lowest yield of sixteen varieties tried, producing some 28 bushels less than Anthony.

### Barley

Velvet, Glabron and Trebi (Canadian), all yielded alike this year. As a six-year average, however, Trebi has outyielded Velvet by six bushels and Glabron by five bushels. Svansota, a two-rowed variety, outyielded Velvet by ten bushels this year and as a six-year average by three bushels.

### Flax

Buda outyielded Bison slightly this year. Redwing was the highest yielder of eleven varieties tried. Argentine Flax did not do as well as any of the standard varieties, while the two varieties obtained from Canada (Blanc and Diadem) were conspicuously poor. None of the varieties were hurt this year by wilt, rust, or pasmo.

### Rye

Due to an unusually favorable season, large yields of rye were secured at the Station this year. Dakold demonstrated its superior hardiness and yielding ability among four varieties tried. Spring rye yielded as well as Dakold this year.

## CLASS OFFICERS ELECTED

Class officers and advisers were elected by the various classes at the special organization meetings held during the first week of the fall term. Results of the elections were announced as follows:

**Freshmen:** Lawrence Harstad, Crookston, president; Alfred Nelson, Goodridge, vice-president; Grace Melander, Gonvick, secretary; Alice Mae Burk, Brooks, treasurer, and Edwin Widseth, McIntosh, sergeant-at-arms. Superintendent and Mrs. A. A. Dowell were elected advisers of the class of 1932.

**Juniors:** John Anderson, Hallock, president; Helmer Nornes, Lockhart, vice-president; Rishton Bedard, Northcote, secretary; Alpha Bruun, Climax, treasurer; Nils Stenborg, Clearbrook, sergeant-at-arms. Miss Grace Warne

and Mrs. DeEtte Cenfield Genung are the Junior advisers.

**Seniors:** Lawrence Newhouse, Crookston, president; Orville Ingebretson, Ulen, vice-president; Alice Erickson, Pencer, Secretary-treasurer; Lawrence Peterson, Hawley, sergeant-at-arms. Mr. S. A. Anderson was elected class adviser to serve with Miss Rose Polski.

**Advanced:** Harold Cordes, Henning, president; Stanton Gandrud, Detroit Lakes, vice-president; Evelyn Bain, Baudette, Secretary; Harvey Johnson, Rollag, treasurer; Ernest Newhouse, Crookston, sergeant-at-arms. Miss Retta Bede and Mr. J. W. Mlinar are the Advanced class advisers.

The Senior class, which is charged with the responsibility of publishing the school annual, the Red River Aggie, also elected its staff for the year. Lawrence Newhouse, Crookston, was elected editor-in-chief; Alice Erickson, Pencer, associate editor; Arnold Hanson, Thief River Falls, business manager; Howard Payne, Clearbrook, assistant business manager; Kenneth Flom, Twin Valley, advertising, and Daniel Letnes, Crookston, assistant; Earl Swenson, Fosston, circulation, and Ruby Ferry, Hendrum, and Vernon Bryngelson, Callaway, assistants.

## HUNDREDS RETURN FOR HOME COMING

Alumni and friends by the hundreds returned for the Annual Home Coming reunion and celebration on October 26. It was a typical home coming day, perhaps a bit warm for the football players, but ideal from the standpoint of onlookers. Chief interest centered around the special assembly just before noon, the football game with Park Region Luther college in the afternoon, and the all school dance in the evening.

At the assembly short speeches were given by several of the alumni, and by Miss Laura Gerber, formerly clothing instructor, who made the trip all the way from Minneapolis to take part in the day's activities. She was accompanied by Carl Widseth, McIntosh, and George Berggren, Greenbush, former grid stars, now enrolled as students at the University of Minnesota. Superintendent A. A. Dowell welcomed the alumni and briefly reviewed the growth of the school.

Coach Christgau's fighting Aggies played a wonderful game against the more experienced Park Region Luther team. On two different occasions the Aggies carried the ball to the one yard line, but each time the Park Region squad held for downs.

From the huge "Welcome" sign over the entrance gate to the campus buildings gay with maroon and gold, visitors were made to feel "at home." Students carried maroon and gold balloons and wore school colors.

With excellent music and a beauti-

fully decorated hall, another Home Coming day and evening passed all too quickly.

## ARMISTICE DAY PROGRAM

A special Armistice Day assembly was held at the Northwest School November 11, with L. S. Miller, World War veteran and local attorney, as the principal speaker. Musical numbers included a violin solo by Miss Grace Warne; piano solo by Miss Rose Polski; vocal solo by Lloyd Weaver, Williams, and "In Flanders Field" by the Boys' Glee Club, under the direction of Miss Hildur Peterson.

Mr. Miller described in a most vivid manner the closing months of the great struggle, and events leading up to the signing of the Armistice. Mr. Miller concluded his remarks by stating that "Armistice Day is not only a day of commemoration, but a day of dedication, to the furtherance of international peace. That progress is being made towards this goal is indicated by the Briand-Kellogg peace treaty and the Ramsey MacDonald visit, two outstanding signs of international good will."

Following the assembly program, the Firing squad and Bugle corps from the Nels T. Wold Post of the American Legion led the march to the monument, where Lawrence Newhouse, Crookston, president of the Senior class, gave the flower tribute and placed a wreath on the monument in memory of the Northwest School boys who lost their lives in the great struggle. The ceremony closed with taps and salute by the Firing squad and Bugle corps.

## PARENTS JOIN NORTH- WEST SCHOOL FAMILY

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Norah Hamre, Gary; violin duet by Alvin Degerness, Fertile, and Emmet Torkelson, Crookston; vocal solo by Mildred Malme, Nielsville; a style show by home project students; senior thesis presentations by Roy Boman, Syre; Abraham Paquin, Oklee; Alice Erickson, Pencer, and Effie Pederson, Clitheral; a talk by Mr. E. R. Clark, and an address by Dean W. C. Coffey, University Farm, St. Paul.

Following the assembly program, all moved to the gymnasium to inspect more than one hundred home project exhibits representing work that students had carried on at home during the summer.

During the get-together coffee hour, parents had the opportunity to exchange greetings with new friends from every county in Northwestern Minnesota and to become better acquainted with the twenty-three members of the school staff. As a special feature of the afternoon lunch, bananas grown in the station greenhouse and ripened especially for this occasion, were served to all visitors. Many remained for the all school Hallowe'en party held in the gymnasium during the evening.

## HOME PROJECT AWARDS

The annual home project exhibit was held Saturday, November 2, in the school gymnasium, in connection with the Parents' Day program. Specimens of girls' work in canning, baking, dressmaking, embroidery, hemstitching, and hemming, completed at home during the summer months, were judged by Miss Mavis Peterson of the home economics department of the Crookston schools. Farm crops exhibits, including potatoes, corn, and pure seed grown by boys in home project work, were judged by County Agent A. W. Aamodt of Western Polk county. Collections of plant specimens, pressed and mounted, were shown by ten students enrolled in the plant collection project. A style show presented by girls who completed the dressmaking project was included in the program given for visiting parents.

Winners of first awards for girls' exhibits are as follows: Canned fruits and vegetables, Emma Krogstad, Fertile; canned meats, Alice Naplin, Wylie; preserving, Alice Naplin; baking, Selma Waldal, Plummer; house dress, Alpha Bruun, Climax; made-over dress, Norah Hamre, Gary; silk dress, Helga Moe, East Grand Forks; table linen, Ann Thoreson, Little Fork; embroidery, Florence Hanson, Mentor; hemstitching, Norah Hamre; sponge cake, Marion Valor, Climax; butter cake, Arlene Hill, Brooks; cookies, Ann Thoreson, and pies, Norah Hamre.

Awards for exhibits of boys' work were placed as follows: Sweepstakes, Abraham Paquin, Oklee; plant identification, Rishton Bedard, Northcote; Early Ohios, Verner Karlin, Hawley; Irish Cobblers, Abraham Paquin; Green Mountains, Lester Tangjer, Bagley; Bliss Triumphs, Donald McCall, Crookston; flax, Kenneth Flom, Twin Valley; wheat, Robert Larson, Crookston; oats, John Nelson, Winger; barley, Fordyce Larson, Ulen; onions, Alvin Degerness, Gary; and honey, Ivan Anderson, Greenbush.

## DEAN COFFEY VISITS SCHOOL

Dean W. C. Coffey, University Farm, St. Paul, visited the Northwest School and Station, and took part in the Tenth Annual Parents' Celebration on Saturday, November 2. During the forenoon, he inspected the school and station equipment, attended the Parents' Day dinner in the school dining hall at noon, addressed the special assembly in the afternoon, and joined in the all-school Hallowe'en party in the evening. Dean Coffey reported renewed interest in Agricultural Education as indicated by the marked increase in enrollment at the Northwest School of Agriculture, as well as the other schools and the College of Agriculture, University Farm, St. Paul.

## COUNTY AGENT CHANGES ANOUNCED

A number of important changes in the County Agent forces of Northwestern Minnesota have been announced during the past few days. Fred Idtse, McIntosh, eastern Polk County agent, will leave the service December 1 to take over his new duties as field representative for the American Jersey Cattle Breeders' association, with head-quarters at Des Moines, Iowa.

Russell Morgan, assistant county agent of Winona county, will succeed Mr. Idtse. Mr. Morgan has an excellent record, first as a successful 4-H Club member, later as a student at University Farm, and more recently as an assistant county agent and club leader. As a student in the College of Agriculture, Mr. Morgan won the Tomhave Medal as the best all-around livestock judge among University Farm students, and was a member of both the dairy and general livestock judging teams.

J. J. McCann, Ada, county agent in Norman county for the past two years and formerly engaged in similar work in Pennington county, resigned to accept a position as agricultural instructor in the Gilbert Schools. A successor to Mr. McCann has not been announced.

George Chambers, Clearwater county agent, resigned October 1 to accept a similar position in Carlton county, where he succeeds S. A. Aldrich. Ole K. Engene, 1929 graduate of the College of Agriculture, University Farm, has been elected successor to Mr. Chambers. While a student at the University, Mr. Engene was a member of the dairy judging and general livestock judging teams.

## CHESTER R. TORGERSON DIES OF INJURY

Faculty and students of the Northwest School were shocked by the sudden death of one of our most promising graduates, Chester R. Torgerson, Fergus Falls, who suffered a skull fracture in the annual Home Coming football game played on the home field October 26.

As a student at the Northwest School, Chester took an active part in all worth while activities. He was a member of last year's championship debate team; he was an outstanding musician; served as president of his class, and was an exceptional student as indicated by the fact that his name always appeared on the honor roll.

This fall Chester entered the Park Region Luther College, Fergus Falls. Again his ability as a student, musician, and athlete was quickly recognized by his associates.

Chester, playing left tackle on the Park Region Luther college team, was injured during the last few minutes of play, and died in a local hospital the following afternoon. He is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Oren G. Torgerson, two sisters, and one broth-

er. To the grief stricken family, faculty and students of the Northwest School extend their heartfelt sympathy.

## DETROIT LAKES HOST TO DAIRYMEN

The twenty-sixth annual convention of the Red River Valley Dairymen's association was held in Detroit Lakes, November 6-7. Speakers included Honorable N. J. Holmberg, Minnesota Commissioner of Agriculture, St. Paul; Superintendent A. A. Dowell, Northwest School and Station; A. J. McGuire, General Manager, Land o' Lakes Creameries; Dr. W. L. Boyd, University Farm, St. Paul; H. A. Pflughoeft, District Boys' and Girls' Club leader; C. M. Pesek, Crookston, Dairy and Food inspector; Morris Sorenson, Manager of the Pelican Rapids Farmers' Cooperative creamery, and Leonard Houske, St. Paul.

At the close of the two day session, officers were elected as follows: Stuart McLeod, Thief River Falls, president; A. R. Knutson, Pelican Rapids, and Richard Houske, Halstad, vice presidents; C. M. Pesek, Crookston, secretary, and Ole Heggeness, Detroit Lakes, treasurer.

## PERSONALS

Congressman C. G. Selvig and family report a very pleasant trip by motor to Washington, D. C., during the latter part of October. Enroute they called on A. H. Larson, former Northwest School registrar, now located at Rochester, New York.

Theresa Aakre, '24, of Thief River Falls, was recently married to William F. Henry. Mr. and Mrs. Henry are making their home at 109 So. Elm Street, Shenandoah, Iowa.

Helen Cameron (1921-22) was married to Benjamin F. Jansen on September 26, at Hallock, where they will make their home. Benjamin Jansen is a brother of Lawrence Jansen, who attended the Northwest School during 1928-29.

An announcement has been received of the marriage of Lillian Ovidia Moen to James Arthur Skaurud, '25, of Twin Valley on Wednesday evening, October 16.

Leland Lincoln, '21, was married to Erna Alma Zimmerman of Wausau, Wisconsin, on September 28. Mr. and Mrs. Lincoln live at Cadillac, Michigan, where Leland is employed as salesman for the James Manufacturing company.

According to the Winger Enterprise, Martin Vesledahl (1922-23) of Winger was married to Beatrice Ganzhorn of Woodside during the early part of September.

John Kappes, '21, of Badger, was married to Helen Lucile Novotny on Saturday morning, October 12. Mr. and Mrs. Kappes will be at home in Badger after November 1st.

A baby daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Alley (Alma Lee, 1915) of Roseau, on Saturday, October 5.

The marriage of Miss Gena Kleve and Mr. Adolph Fadness (1917-18) occurred on Sunday, October 20.

Miss Mildred Schenck, state club agent, called at the Northwest School on Wednesday, October 30.

Sophia Breiland, '27, is attending the Teachers college at Mayville, North Dakota, this year.

Hilma Ahlm, '29, of Argyle, is attending the Union Commercial college at Grand Forks, North Dakota.

Mr. and Mrs. Barnard Hutchinson of Gary, Indiana, announce the birth of a son, Lynn Canby, on October 2. Mrs. Hutchinson was formerly Miss Ruth Gurley.

A baby daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Johnston (Wilbur '21) of Angus, on Tuesday, October 29.

A baby daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Lee (Archie '23) of Roseau, on Sunday morning, November 3.

Representative and Mrs. R. W. Hitchcock of Hibbing and former Senator A. D. Stephens of Crookston, called at the Northwest School and Station on Tuesday, October 8.

Herman Skyberg, '16, of Fisher, called at the Northwest School and Station on Tuesday, October 15.

Herman Lee, '13, Erskine, called at the Northwest School and Station on Wednesday, October 16. Herman has an excellent flock of around 500 Mammoth Bronze turkeys to be sold for breeding purposes this year. He has been doing very well with his turkeys for the past five or six years.

Claire Nelson, '29, formerly of Crookston, is now located at Zearing, Illinois, care of Albert Keutzer.

Harold S. Johnson, Jr., of Greenbush (1928-30) was awarded a free trip to the National Dairy show at St. Louis, Missouri, in October. Harold won this honor as a result of his outstanding work in the dairy calf club work the past three years, and went as a guest of the Minneapolis Journal.

Paul Engelstad, '16, Thief River Falls, was a visitor on the campus Saturday, October 5. Paul is a member of the Board of Directors of the Red River Valley Livestock association, which met in Crookston to discuss plans for the Winter Shows.

Eddie Trandem, '28, who is now employed as official cow tester, returned for the Annual Home Coming Day celebration.

Ingvald Landro (1919-20) writes that he is working in the motor testing and servicing department of the Continail Motor company at Muskegon, Michigan, and that he enjoys his work very much. Ingvald's address is 1136 Washington Avenue.

On November 12 the Home Management class met in Miss Lippitt's rooms for an interesting lesson on "Feeding and Care of the Baby," with Mrs. A. M. Pilkey, R. N., in charge.

The senior girls taking Home Management under the direction of Miss Fanny Lippitt visited the sugar beet factory at East Grand Forks, on October 28.