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New Physical Education Building AND Other Improvements Voted by Legislature

Students, alumni, and friends of the Northwest School will be pleased to learn that the Comprehensive Building program for the University of Minnesota, as approved by the recent Legislature, carries with it an appropriation of \$75,000 for a new Physical Education Building, \$15,000 for alterations on the Administration or Kielite Building, and \$3,000 for repairs to the heating plant at the Northwest school of Agriculture. This new building will enable the school to offer special work in physical education, and contribute greatly to the health and general well being of the students. The new structure will be located to the south of the present buildings so that it will be convenient to the boys' and girls' dormitories as well as the new athletic field.

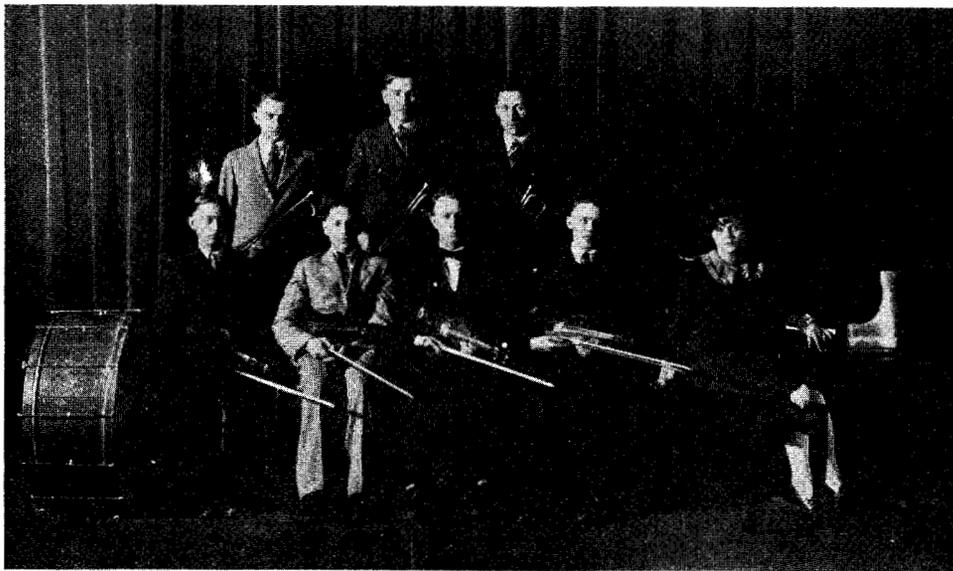
Alterations in the Administration building will include an enlarged library, additional office accommodation, adequate post office facilities and new quarters for the music department.

This new building, together with the increased accommodation in the administration building, makes it possible for the school to keep pace with the rapid growth in enrollment, a new high record of attendance having been established during the year just closed.

Work on the new building will begin during the fall or early next spring, so that the increased accommodation will be available for the opening of the 1930 fall term.

WOMEN'S CAMP IN JUNE

An attractive program of rest, recreation and instruction is being arranged for the Fourth Annual Women's Camp, which will be held at the Northwest School June 17-20. Lectures and demonstrations will include "Special Desserts" and "Unusual



Northwest School Orchestra

Dishes," by Marjorie Child Husted of the Washburn-Crosby company, Minneapolis; "Nutrition," by Miss Eva L. Blair, Agricultural Extension Division, University Farm, St. Paul; Basketry by Miss Alice S. Allen of the Brown Supply Company, Willernie; "Sewing Machine Attachments," by Miss Viola M. Miller, of the Singer Sewing Machine Company; "Finishing and Enameling Furniture," by A. M. Foker; "Poultry Problems," by A. M. Pilkey; "Attractive Flower Gardens," T. M. McCall; Purchasing Supplies for the Home," Miss Fanny Lippitt; Selection of Fabrics," Miss Retta Bede, and "Games for the Home Community," D. H. LaVoi.

The camp will open Monday afternoon.
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Record Attendance Expected for Junior Short Course

From the number of advance enrollments already received, H. A. Pflughoeft, District Club leader, anticipates a new record of attendance at the Junior Short Course, which will be held at the Northwest School of Agriculture, June 10 to 13. Early registrations include a large number of boys and girls who have attended previous Short courses, together with many who will attend for the first time. Creameries scattered throughout

Northwestern Minnesota are cooperating by offering free trips to dairy calf club members. One local 4-H club leader with 32 members writes that all above twelve years of age are planning to come. Compared to a total enrollment of 254 last year, Mr. Pflughoeft expects at least 400 boys and girls this year.

Who May Come

This Short course is open to any boy or girl in Northwestern Minnesota, twelve to twenty years of age inclusive. Teachers and club leaders are likewise invited to attend.

When to Come

Club members should plan to reach Crookston Monday afternoon, June 10, or Tuesday morning, June 11. The school bus will meet all trains Monday afternoon and Tuesday. Upon arrival, all students should report at the Registrar's office in the Administration building for room assignments, enrollment cards, and general information. Supper will be served at six o'clock, after which the Short course will be officially opened by Superintendent A. A. Dowell, followed by community singing, announcements and movies.

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LIVESTOCK FEEDERS' PROGRAM COMPLETE

Livestock producers throughout Northwestern Minnesota are invited to attend the annual Livestock Feeders' Day program which will be held at the Northwest Experiment Station, Monday, June 17, 1929. Speakers include Dean W. C. Coffey, Professor W. H. Peters, Dr. W. L. Boyd, and Professor W. E. Petersen, University Farm, St. Paul; Professor P. S. Jordan, West Central Station, Morris, and Professors O. M. Kiser and D. H. LaVoi of the Northwest Experiment Station.

In addition to timely lectures on dairy, sheep and swine production, and livestock diseases, visitors will inspect the 32 grade Shorthorn baby heaves that have been fed since last November. These calves, divided into four uniform lots, have received the following rations: Lot 1. Ground barley, oilmeal, corn silage, alfalfa hay; Lot 2. Ground barley, oilmeal, alfalfa hay; Lot 3. Ground barley two-thirds, ground oats one-third; oilmeal, corn silage, and alfalfa hay, and Lot 4. Ground oats during the first half of the feeding period, ground barley the last half, oilmeal, corn silage, and alfalfa hay.

O. M. Kiser, animal husbandman, states that farmers of the Red River Valley are assured of one of the most interesting and instructive programs ever presented to a livestock feeders audience. The many specialists who will appear on the program will be glad to assist with your feeding, breeding, and veterinary problems.

WINTER TERM HONOR ROLL

As a result of high scholastic standing, the following students were placed on the honor roll at the close of the winter term:

Freshmen:—Einar Barstad, Thief River Falls; Rishton Bedard, Northcote; Annie Brandli, Warroad; Hazel Dahlgren, Kennedy; Gladys Eggen, Fertile; Arnold Eraker, Winger; Jesse Filipi, Angus; Dorothy Glass, Mentor; Beulah Harris, Crookston; Harry Haugen, Plummer; Arthur Hendrickson, Fosston; Allan Hoff, Underwood; Alice Johnson, Drayton, N. D.; Lloyd M. Johnson, Winger; Harry Klever, Henning; Elmer Lund, Osage; Mildred Malme, Nielsville; Sophie Mizisin, Warren; Edwin Myers, Warroad;

Helen Naplin, Wylie; Harold Nelson, Hawley; Helmer Nornes, Lockhart; John Pearson, Middle River; Clarence Peterson, Hawley; Raymond Peterson, East Grand Forks; Estella Phillip, Mavie; Richard Radway, Roosevelt; Anna Rosen, Salol; Lloyd Ross, Alvarado; Herbert Schroeder, Fergus Falls; George Schulz, Fergus Falls; Conley Skoglund, Holt; Jacob Snartland, Glyndon; Ray Solmonson, Thief River Falls; Paul Sorenson, Hallock; Nils and Ruth Stenborg, Clearbrook; Harry Tangen, Menahga; Bennie Thompson, Newfolds; Bertrand Thompson, McIntosh, and Dorothy Worman, Crookston.

Juniors:—Theodore Anden, Fergus Falls; Harold Banks, East Grand Forks; Harold Bendix, Henning; Willard Bitzer, Graceton; Vernon Bryngelson, Callaway; Clarence Carlson, Stephen; Johanna Caudle, Crookston; Robert Gleason, Minneapolis; Norah Hamre, Gary; Orville Ingebretson, Ulen; Lawrence Newhouse, Crookston; Effie Pederson, Clitherall; Conrad Peterson, Gatzke; Marvin Simmons, Crookston; William Strickler, Euclid, and Marvin Wardner, Fisher.

Seniors:—Evelyn Bain, Baudette; Evelyn Bierbaum, Clearbrook; Julia Dale, Fertile; Earl Ellinger, and Gordon Ellinger, Crookston; Rudy Gordon, Badger; Jetle Gullekson, Beltrami; Florence Hanson, Mentor; Sanna Hanson, Wanke; Mervin Hough, Bagley; Harvey Johnson, Rollag; Wilfred Knutson, Clearbrook; Robert Larson, Crookston; Lauritz Mikkelsen, Hawley; Alice Naplin, Wylie; Esther Nornes, Lockhart; Edna Ross, Crookston; Raymond Schlauderaff, Detroit Lakes, and Hazel Stephenson, Gary.

Advanced and Special:—John Covlin, Erskine; Elida Erickson, Clearbrook; Ruth Hamre, Gary; Augusta Jacobson, Kennedy; Lloyd R. Johnson, St. Hilaire; James Logelin, Clearbrook; Norma Shawsted, Gary; Donald Spong, Oklee; Chester Torgerson, Fergus Falls; Karen Wold, McIntosh, and Natalie Woolson, Thief River Falls.

HOME PROJECT WORK SHOWS STEADY GROWTH

One hundred twenty-seven boys and sixty-three girls have enrolled for home project work this summer, which is a new record for summer work. Popular subjects for boys' projects include tractor operation, pure seed production, ton litter production, potato growing, dairy management, and poultry. Ten students will undertake turkey production under the Billings plan, which has proved successful throughout this section. Nine students will cull their farm poultry flocks, and arrange culling demonstrations for the benefit of nearby neighbors.

According to E. R. Clark, twenty-five students have enrolled in project work in plant identification and will make collections of weeds and grasses

during the summer vacation. Specimens of each specie will be dried and mounted on herbarium paper and each student will bring his collection to school this fall for project credit. This new project makes it possible for any student who works away from home to do project work.

In the leadership work, twenty students will assist in boys' and girls club work in their home counties. Among these are Herbert Schroeder, Fergus Falls; Evelyn Bierbaum, Clearbrook; Lawrence Elton and Lauritz Mikkelsen, Hawley; Alice Erickson, Pencer, and Natalie Woolson, Thief River Falls, who won Caleb Dorr scholarships through their leadership work last season.

In home economics work, the leading projects are dress making, canning, baking, hemstitching and embroidery. In addition to these projects, many girls have enrolled in the leadership project, and in poultry culling, turkey raising, and sheep production.

Home economics and field crops exhibits will be shown next fall in connection with the Annual Parents' Day celebration which will be held at the school early in November. All summer project work is under the direct supervision of E. R. Clark, D. H. LaVoi, and Miss Retta Bede.

R. S. DUNHAM WINS PRIZE

In competition with 109 Minnesota teachers, R. S. Dunham, Agronomist at the Northwest School and Station, won second place in the Minnesota Barberry plan contest sponsored by the Pioneer Press and Dispatch and L. W. Melander, representing the United States Department of Agriculture. The object of this contest was to select the most effective teaching plan covering the nature and eradication of common barberry and its relation to black stem rust.

First prize of \$50.00 was awarded Myra Robinson, Eveleth, Mr. Dunham capturing the second prize of \$35.00. The first three Minnesota teaching plans are to be entered in an inter-state contest, with twelve states competing. The winning inter-state plan will be used in 90,000 schools, with 2,000,000 pupils in attendance.

FACULTY ATTEND MEETINGS

Members of the Northwest School faculty have attended many Valley meetings since the close of the winter term the last week in March. Superintendent A. A. Dowell addressed a combined meeting of business men and farmers at Detroit Lakes on April 10; the Grand Forks, North Dakota, Kiwanis Club, April 24; Cattle Feeders' Meeting, University Farm, St. Paul, May 7; Northwestern Minnesota County Agent conference, May 10; Polk County Federated Women's clubs at Fosston, May 11, and the Civic and Commerce Association, Bemidji, on May 15.

Professor T. M. McCall, Horticulturist, addressed the Mentor Com-

munity club, April 19, on the subject of potato production. According to Mr. McCall, farmers in the Mentor Community have found that, as an average over a number of years, potatoes have been a profitable cash crop, in addition to their beneficial effect on the land. Mr. McCall also met with the Fairfax-Andover club, Crookston, the latter part of the month.

Miss Fanny B. Lippitt, of the Home Economics Department, appeared on the Detroit Lakes Literary club program early in April, her subject being "Leisure Hours for the Home Maker."

In connection with supervision of home project work, Professor D. H. LaVoi has visited a number of Northwest School students, and reports unusual interest in this phase of school work. From the number of requests for information regarding the school, Mr. LaVoi anticipates a new record of attendance at the opening of the term next fall.

H. A. Pflughoeft, District Club leader, D. H. LaVoi and Miss Retta Bede, will assist with a number of 4-H Club camps scheduled to be held the latter part of June. Dates already set include the Roseau county and West Ottertail county camps.

Members of the faculty will officiate as judges at most of the county fairs to be held in Northwestern Minnesota during the summer. O. M. Kiser, E. R. Clark and A. M. Pilkey have already been engaged for the opening fair of the season, which will be held at Fertile, June 27, 28, 29. Mr. Pilkey will also judge the poultry exhibit at the North Dakota State fair, Grand Forks; Roseau County fair, Roseau, and the Becker County fair, Detroit Lakes. Mr. LaVoi has been invited to judge livestock at the Warren and Becker County fairs, while Mrs. A. C. Geer will judge the women's exhibits at the Becker County fair.

NEW VARIETIES OF WHEAT AND OATS DISTRIBUTED

The distribution of two new varieties of pure seed grain, Marquillo wheat and Anthony oats, from the Northwest Experiment Station, has been completed for the 1929 seeding. E. R. Clark, pure seed specialist, states that 982 bushels of Marquillo were furnished to 115 growers located in thirteen Minnesota counties. Marquillo, which is an awnless variety of bread wheat, similar to Marquis in head type, is not only an outstanding yielder, but has proved to be resistant to the known strains of black stem rust common to this territory. Anthony is a tall midseason variety of large white oats, developed for stem rust resistance and high yields. It was obtained by crossing Victory x White Russian.

This distribution is the first to be made under the plan recently adopted by the Minnesota Experiment stations by which all new varieties are furnished only through pure seed committees in each county. Each grower approv-

ed by the county committee has agreed to have his crop inspected for certification by the Minnesota Crop Improvement Association and to sell all the crop, except a stated amount reserved for his own seeding, at a price specified by the association.

NEW SWEET CORN AVAILABLE

In trials conducted by T. M. McCall, Horticulturist, at the Northwest Experiment Station, Sunshine sweet corn, originated at the North Dakota Experiment Station, has proved to be about one week earlier than the Golden Bantam variety. The Sunshine variety has the same color and apparently all of the other good qualities of Bantam, in addition to a larger ear. This new corn has from ten to twelve rows of kernels, the originator favoring the larger ear. According to Mr. McCall, the Sunshine variety may be secured from the seedsmen of North Dakota. A limited quantity of seed is available at the Northwest Station, and will be sent postpaid to cooperators at 20c for a half pound, each grower being limited to one lot.

Address inquiries to the Department of Horticulture, Northwest School and Station, Crookston, Minnesota.

PROFITABLE PRACTICES IN POTATO PRODUCTION

Now is the time for potato growers to plan very carefully how they will meet their production problems in 1929. While the grower can individually do but little in overcoming the handicap of low prices, he can on the other hand have a lot to do in producing maximum yields at minimum costs. With the low prevailing prices for certified seed, a grower cannot afford to plant cull or inferior stock. Degenerate and run-out potato seed stock, with a high percentage of spindle tuber, and mosaic diseases, should be discarded, for such stock cannot produce more than forty to sixty per cent as much as sound seed. Growers of Triumph potatoes should tuber in-dex and plant a large number of tuber units each year in an isolated seed plot. Early Ohio and Irish Cobbler growers need to tuber unit or hill select carefully to get rid of the spindle tuber disease which is so prevalent in these varieties.

T. M. McCall, Horticulturist, advises potato producers to treat for external diseases such as black scurf and scab, and then plant the cut potatoes as soon as possible to prevent rotting and loss of stands. Hot formaldehyde treatment is quite effective against surface borne diseases and can be applied at low cost where convenient arrangements can be made for heating the treating solution. Hot formaldehyde does not delay the germination of potatoes materially if the potatoes are treated when dormant. Corrosive sublimate can be used for treating the potatoes where it is not convenient to use hot formaldehyde. Though the commercial seed treatment compounds cost more than the

home made mixtures, they have the advantage of convenience in application.

According to Mr. McCall, commercial fertilizing materials, especially the superphosphates, have increased the net returns per acre during years of normal rainfall and normal prices. Growers generally are applying 250 to 300 pounds of the twenty per cent superphosphate, or 100 to 125 pounds of the treble superphosphate. The growers on the heavy soil are using fertilizer attachments on the planters, while on the lighter soils, much of the fertilizer is applied broadcast.

Preparations should be made now to thoroughly spray all potatoes with bordeaux mixture this year in addition to the use of poison for the potato beetles. The epidemic of late blight last year and the prevalence of early blight every year emphasize the necessity of disease control sprays. Leaves of potato plants thoroughly coated with bordeaux mixture and poison are protected from beetles, blights and leaf hopper. Insects and diseases cause the premature death of the potato vines; hence, their control results in sturdy, healthy plants and a mature crop.

EGG PRODUCTION INCREASED BY SPECIAL MATINGS

The 1929 special pedigree mating pens at the Northwest Experiment Station show a marked improvement in egg production and quality of birds, as a result of the flock improvement outlined and adopted by A. M. Pilkey, Poultryman, early in 1923. During that year the special mating pen consisted of twelve pullets that had produced not less than 48 eggs each by March 1st. These pullets were then mated to a 267-egg cockerel purchased from an Ohio breeder. One of the original twelve pullets proved to be an outstanding producer and breeder, completing her year with a record of 260 eggs, while six of the others produced over 200 eggs each. Enough cockerels were reared from these seven 200-egg hens to restock all of the special mating pens in 1924.

In 1924 the hens in the four special mating pens produced from 170 to 260 eggs each, or an average of 195 eggs. This average was increased to 216 eggs each in 1925 and 1926. Though the average production dropped back to 205 eggs per hen in 1927, the first 300-egg hen in northern Minnesota was produced at the station during that year, her total production being 312 eggs in 365 days.

In 1928 the first pen mating consisted of hens producing 250 to 312 eggs each, mated to a 318-egg cockerel produced by the University of British Columbia. A sister to the mother of this cockerel holds the World's production record with 351 eggs in 365 days. All mating pens in 1929 have been headed by cockerels from the first pen mating of last year, while special pens are mated by sons of our three highest 1928 pens. It will be of interest to note that the first pen this

year is made up of seven hens, all with records of 300 eggs or more, with a combined total of 2144 eggs and a new high individual record of 318 eggs in 365 days. According to Mr. Pilkey, the average production of all hens in the 1928 special mating pens was 242 eggs, while this was increased to an average of 272 in 1929.

RECORD ATTENDANCE FOR JUNIOR SHORT COURSE

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What to Bring

Students should bring necessary bedding, such as sheets, blankets, and pillows, also soap, towels, tennis shoes if available, musical instruments, and necessary change of clothing for the week.

Work Offered

Instruction will include lectures and demonstrations in cooking, canning, sewing, leadership, baby beef, dairy calf, sheep, pig, poultry, gardening, judging, and other boys' and girls' club activities.

Classes will begin at eight o'clock Tuesday morning with members of the Northwest School faculty in charge. Outside instructors include Miss Georgia Rose of the Kerr Glass Manufacturing company, who will conduct the fruit and vegetable canning demonstrations; Ruth Whitevell McManus, of the Russell Miller Milling company, who will demonstrate quick breads and pastry; Fannie Buchanan of the Victor Talking Machine company, and Dean Rundlett, Editor of "Fins, Feathers and Furs," and a member of the State Game and Fish department. A leadership class will be conducted each day by H. A. Pflughoeft for the older boys and girls.

Movies will be shown Monday and Thursday evenings, organized play Tuesday evening, with stunt night on Wednesday. Forenoon sessions will be devoted to intensive study, while the afternoon programs will include a trip through leading business houses and points of interest in the city of Crookston, judging contests, and outdoor sports.

The total expense for board, room, and entertainment will be \$3.00. All interested should write the Northwest School, Crookston, for further information.

WOMEN'S CAMP IN JUNE

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noon, June 17, with the organization of members and reunion of former campers, followed by "Open House" during the evening. As there will be no meals to plan, and no dishes to wash during this three-day outing, Mothers and Homemakers can combine a long-to-be-remembered vacation with valuable instruction.

The following committee, appointed at the close of the 1928 camp, has offered many valuable suggestions that

will contribute much to the success of the June meeting: Mrs. John Brendal, Hallock, chairman; Mrs. Emma Wright, Middle River; Mrs. E. E. Green, Crookston; Mrs. R. H. McDonald, Goodridge; Mrs. A. F. Stroble, Angus; Mrs. A. Thorkelson, Gatzke; Mrs. N. P. Stenborg, Clearbrook; Mrs. O. S. Nordine, Karlstad; Mrs. Albert Lindstrom, Waubun, and Mrs. J. H. Pierce, Warren.

Mrs. E. E. Green, Chairman of community service for the Ninth District Federated Women's Clubs, reports widespread interest in the forthcoming camp. Women from thirteen Northwestern Minnesota counties are expected to attend. The total cost of board, room, and entertainment will be \$3.75. Write the Northwest School of Agriculture, Crookston, for room reservation or additional information.

COMING EVENTS

Boys' and Girls' Short Course, June 10-13.

Livestock Feeders' Day, June 17.

Fourth Annual Women's Camp, June 17-20.

Alumni Reunion, June 29.

Annual Crops and Soils Day, July 22.

PERSONALS

A. H. Larson, Registrar, now on leave for graduate study at the University of Kentucky, Lexington, has been elected to membership in the Phi Delta Kappa Honorary fraternity. In a recent letter Mr. Larson states that the country is especially beautiful just now with a profusion of flowers everywhere. The Larsons are looking forward to their return to the campus September first.

Miss Helen Brown, music instructor at the Northwest School during the past two years, writes from her home at Wells, Minnesota, "The memory of the two years spent at the Northwest School shall never fade."

Miss Rose Polski, piano instructor, plans on a trip to Chicago during the early summer with a view to continuing her work at the Chicago Academy of Music.

Congressman C. G. Selvig recently forwarded a complete set of hearings on the farm board bill before the House Committee on Agriculture. These documents will make a valuable addition to the Northwest School library.

According to the Argyle Banner, Daniel Bergerson of Argyle is operating a tractor for the Frye Cattle company at Poplar, Montana.

Henry Mackowiak, '27, is employed as a mechanic at the Langevin Motor Company, Crookston. Henry attended Dunwoody Institute last winter, and plans to return again next fall.

The following have been teaching this year: Rachel Ulvin, '19, Waukena, at Strathcona; Marie Austin, '21, Malung, at Pencer; Ivy Voaklander, '22, Warroad, at Warroad, and Victoria Lewis, '26, Warroad, at Cedarbend.

John W. Mlinar, instructor in Ad-

vanced subjects during 1928-29, is spending a few weeks vacation at his home in Minneapolis. Mr. Mlinar adds, "I shall always look back upon my enjoyable stay at the Northwest School, and wish that all places could be the same."

Reuben Anderson, ex '27, Gonvick, has moved to Frazee, Minnesota, where he will engage in farming.

John Helblad, ex '28, Saum, and Paul Urtel, ex '27, Warroad, former students at the Northwest School, attended the Cow Testers' Short course, April 2-5. Students of the current school year who remained for the short course were: Lloyd R. Johnson, '29, St. Hilaire; Harold Roadfeldt, '28, Salol; Rudy Gorden, '29, Badger; Elmer Johnson, '29; Winger; Harry Haugen, '31, Menahga; Raymond Peterson, '31, East Grand Forks; Manly Larson, '28, Twin Valley, and Elmer Mortensen, '20, Pencer.

According to the Red Lake Falls Gazette, Miss Alpha Fellman of Plummer, was married on April 1st to Homer Robillard, ex '22, of Red Lake Falls. They will make their home at Red Lake Falls.

Miss Gladys Gunderson, '28, Gary, left April 4 for Minneapolis, where she will enter the State University Hospital and take up the study of nursing.

Julius Nelson, '26, is employed as court reporter and yeoman on the U. S. Steamship Colorado. At the present time this ship is in the Canal Zone on the way to New York City, where it will be from the latter part of May to June 9, later returning to the home base at San Pedro, California. Address: U. S. Navy, San Francisco, California, care Postmaster, U. S. S. Colorado, Captain's office.

Announcement was received of the marriage of Miss Saidee Marie Anderson and Mr. Thorval Tunheim, '17, at Anaheim, California, March 12, 1929. They will make their home in Pasadena, California, where Thorval is assistant city editor of the Pasadena Star-News.

Elmer Hedstrand, '27, who has been a patient at Sunnyrest Sanatorium, Crookston, for several months, has returned to his home near East Grand Forks, where he will resume truck farming with his father, who is a very successful market gardener.

Evelyn Bierbaum, '29, of Clearbrook, has been appointed club leader for Western Polk County, with headquarters at Crookston.

Cora Sevald, of Winger, who attended the Northwest School during 1921-22, was married April 15, to Forrest Larson, of Fargo. Agnes Sevald '30, was an attendant of the bride. Mr. and Mrs. Larson will live at Fargo, North Dakota, where Mr. Larson has a position with the J. & L. Electrical company.

Ben Hurner, '26, is in charge of the Fertile-Beltrami Cow Testing Association. Ben is considered one of the successful testers in the state.