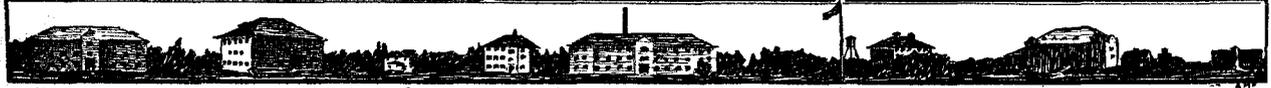


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Record Class of One Hundred Thirteen Graduates

With the events of Commencement Week, March 22-26, the Northwest School closed one of the most successful years in its history. One hundred-thirteen students were awarded diplomas and certificates for completion of the three and four year courses. Seventy-five seniors were awarded the three year diplomas while thirty-eight advanced students were awarded the four year certificate. The previous largest graduating class at the Northwest School was that of 1930 when sixty seniors and twenty-five advanced, or a total of eighty-five, were graduated.

Commencement week formally began with baccalaureate services on Sunday evening, March 22, in the school auditorium. Rev. P. E. Moen of Crookston delivered the main address. Others who took part in the services were Rev. G. W. Ford, Rev. R. A. Rozeboom, Rev. C. G. Hohn. A sacred musical number was rendered by the members of the Northwest School music department with Miss Hildur Peterson offering a vocal solo, accompanied by Miss Rose Polski at the piano and Miss Grace Warne playing the violin. The members of the mixed chorus sang a sacred selection.

Monday evening was given over to the annual intersociety declamatory contest with Johanna Caudle winning first in the girls' division and Donald McCall taking similar honors in the boys' division. The Sanford girls society took first place in the society contest while the Pioneer society finished ahead in the boys contest.

Members of the senior class and their

advisers were guests at the home of Superintendent and Mrs. A. A. Dowell, Tuesday evening, March 24. The Superintendent's reception to the graduating class is an annual event during Commencement week.

Wednesday evening, March 25, the annual student music recital was held in the school auditorium under the direction of Miss Rose Polski, Miss Grace Warne and Miss Hildur Peterson. Piano solos were played by: Lester Tangjerd, '30; Harriet Severson, '33; Esther Torgerson, '32; Bertha Poetschat, '31; Donald McCall, '31. Vocal solos were offered by Agnes Lundin, '31; Thomas Cain, '30; Helmer Nornes, '31; Arlene Hill, '31; and a vocal duet by Lawrence Elton, '29 and Helmer Nornes. Two violin selections were given by

School Teams Win Three of the Five Inter- School Championships

Members and coaches of the Northwest School's football, basketball, livestock judging, crop judging and debate teams during the 1930-31 school year were feted at the annual banquet held in their honor in the school dining hall, Wednesday, March 18. Following the dinner, short speeches were made by the coaches of the different teams while a representative from each group made a response. Musical numbers were given by Miss Polski, Miss Peterson and Miss Warne while Miss Weinberger contributed with some humorous readings.

Superintendent A. A. Dowell reviewed the success achieved by the 1930-31 Aggie teams.

The room was decorated in maroon and gold with silver loving cups, and pictures of the different teams displayed about the room. The tables were also decorated in the school colors, while symbols of the various activities occupied prominent places

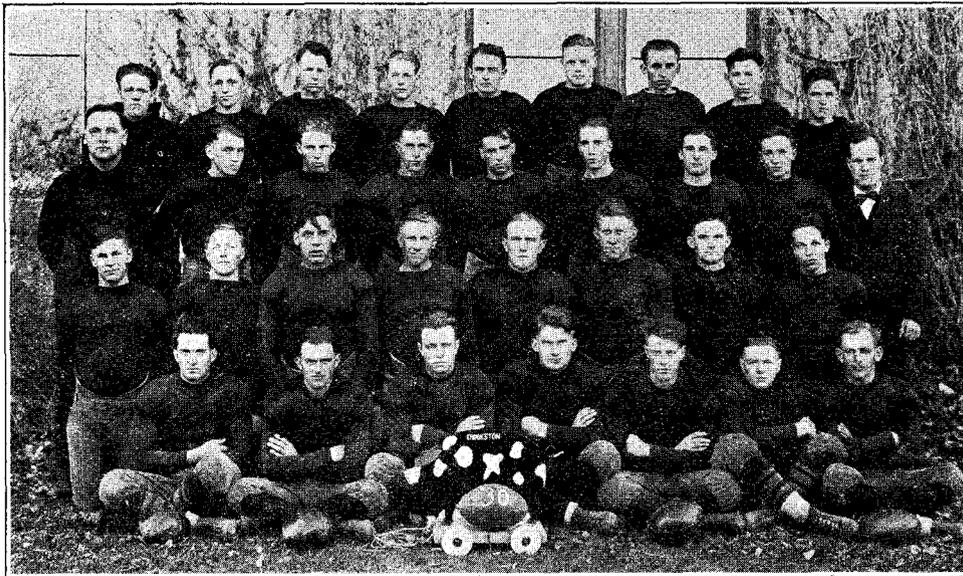
on the table. Mr. T. M. McCall acted as toastmaster.

As a conclusion to the banquet, members of the 1931 basketball team elected the 1932 basketball captain, announcement of which is made elsewhere in this issue.

A committee consisting of Miss Fanny Livvitt, Mr. J. W. Mlinar and Mr. T. M. McCall was in charge of the banquet.

Guests at the dinner were: Edwin Widseth, Arnold Wolden, Lester Tangjerd, Ingolf Swanson, Erling Strand, Arnold Strand, Paul Sorenson, Richard Radway, Lawrence Peterson, Clarence

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Minnesota Agricultural Schools Football Champions, 1930

Alvin Degerness '30. The girls' glee club contributed a selection as did the boys' glee club. The Northwest School orchestra opened the program with a selection.

Thursday, March 26, was Commencement day with the annual school and alumni dinner in the dining hall at noon opening the day's program. The class of 1930 presented a nine volume set of books containing the writings of John Burroughs as a class memorial. Short speeches of congratulations were given to the graduating classes by the alumni present at the dinner.

The Senior class exercises were held

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STATION SEED READY FOR DISTRIBUTION

Pure seed of the recommended varieties of grain will be distributed from the Northwest Station this spring to growers who wish to introduce these new high yielding strains into their communities. The annual announcement regarding the distribution has been mailed to pure seed cooperators of former years and orders are being shipped from the station as received.

Anthony and Gopher oats, Glabron and Velvet barley, Marquillo and Mindum wheat, Buda flax, and Crookston strain Northwestern Dent corn are available for distribution this year.

Anthony is a high-yielding, rust resistant, plump, white oats with good stiff straw. It has been an extremely high yielder in trials at several stations. Glabron barley is the smooth-awned variety first distributed by the Minnesota stations in 1930. It has excellent straw and has yielded as well as Velvet and Manchuria but somewhat less than Trebi. The latter variety, however, sells at a discount on the cash market.

Marquillo wheat, developed for high yielding ability and resistance to black stem rust, has been grown on Minnesota farms the past two years and has become very popular with the growers. It is the highest yielder of all wheat tested at the Northwest Station. Mindum is the best durum variety. The stock to be distributed has been purified to remove barley and bread wheat admixtures.

Crookston strain Northwestern Dent has been grown continuously at the Northwest Station since 1918. Approximately 200 bushels of fire-dried seed, testing 96 to 100% germination, is available for distribution this season.

Price list of pure seed and conditions under which it will be distributed may be obtained by addressing the pure seed department of the station. All seeds listed this year may be obtained directly from the station.

RECORD CLASS OF 113 GRADUATES

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in the afternoon in the auditorium with John Pearson, vice-president of the senior class, presiding. Greetings to parents, alumni, and friends were extended by Mrs. DeEtte C. Genung, senior class adviser. A demonstration was given by Gladys Eggen. Presenta-

tion of the key was made by Helmer Nornes on behalf of the seniors to Edwin Widseth who accepted on behalf of the Juniors. The class history was given by Ann Thoreson; the class will was read by Arlene Hill and the class prophecy was made by Agnes Lundin. A piano duet by Arthur Grove and Donald McCall, a trumpet solo by Allan Hoff, and a vocal solo by Kenneth Avery were the musical numbers on the program. Miss Grace Warne, senior class adviser, gave the main address of the afternoon.

The Thursday evening program was given over to the presentation of the diplomas and the main commencement address. Invocation was pronounced by Rev. R. M. Vordale of Crookston. A short demonstration, "The History of the Northern Corn" was given by Helmer Nornes following which Bertha Poetschat and Norah Hamre offered a piano duet. The class address was made by Arthur Grove as president of the senior class. The mixed chorus contributed a selection and Mildred Malme followed with a vocal solo.



1931 Champion Livestock Judging Team

The main commencement address was delivered by Dr. John W. Holland, St. Paul. Dr. Holland, in his address, "Life's True Measures" pointed out that a factor to success is the ability to work hard, the willingness to work and a desire to serve the community.

Following the main address Superintendent A. A. Dowell announced the honor students in the Freshmen, Junior and Senior classes for the year: Jean Nisbet, East Grand Forks and Harold Letnes, Hillsboro, No. Dak., freshmen, were given honorable mention for greatest progress and highest scholastic standing during the year; Esther Dalager, Pelican Rapids, and Kermit Greenley, Viking, were given similar honors from the junior class while the honor seniors were announced as Ann Brandli, Warroad, and Clinton Donley, Fergus Falls. Recognition for progress made in music was given to Helmer Nornes, Lockhart, for work in vocal study; Alvin Degerness, Gary, for work in violin study and Bertha Poetschat, Bird Island for work done in piano study.

The honor of being the first student to receive the Arthur Widseth-D. H. LaVoi Scholarship - Athletic medal went to Lawrence Elton, Hawley.

Following the announcement of honor students and scholarship winners, Superintendent A. A. Dowell presented the graduates with diplomas.

JUNIOR SHORT COURSE TO BE HELD IN JUNE



The annual Boys' and Girls' Short Course will be held at the Northwest School of Agriculture, Crookston, June 8 to 11. Boys and girls have come to look forward to this week because of the opportunity it offers them to learn about the

things in which they are especially interested—the farm and the home. The entertainment and recreation provided each afternoon and evening adds to their enjoyment. The new Physical Education building with the swimming pool will be an added feature this year.

The lectures and demonstrations include work in livestock, crops, gardening, cooking, clothing, and canning. Each boy and girl will be given a choice of subjects. Considerable livestock judging will be offered, preparatory to the contests to be held on the closing day. Several 4-H club demonstration teams will appear on the program.

Special classes will be conducted for leaders and older club members. Last year approximately twenty-five leaders attended these classes. Every effort is being made to make these discussions as helpful and practical as possible.

One evening will be devoted to a one-act play contest. A number of counties are planning to enter this contest. Only one play from a county will be permitted to take part.

Counties are urged to send boys and girls kittenball teams for the athletic tournament to be staged during the week. The swimming pool will be open at stated hours each afternoon under strict supervision. A 4-H club film "Partners Three" will be shown in addition to other movies.

Miss Laura Gerber of the National Dairy Council is again expected to be present with her interesting lectures and pictures. W. F. Munch, district game warden, will give a talk on outdoor life. The Northwest School faculty assisted by county agents in the Red River Valley counties will be in charge of the classroom work.

The total cost of room, board, and entertainment will be \$3.00. Write the Northwest School of Agriculture, Crookston, for further information.

MANY AWARDS ANNOUNCED AT CLOSING ASSEMBLY

At the last school assembly of the year, winners of the athletic service bars, the athletic letters, the judging medals and the debate medals were announced by the coaches of the various school teams. The presentations climaxed the school activities for the year.

Athletic Director T. M. McCall presented service bars to the following members of the 1931 basketball squad; Thomas Cain, Lawrence Elton, Silas Hviding, Kenneth Avery; while the following members of the squad earned their athletic letter for the first time: Alvin Gronner, Harry Haugen, Arnold Wolden, Helmer Nornes, Eugene McDonald, Rudolph Berger.

A feature of the assembly was the announcement made by Coach R. J. Christgau

that the student athletic managers would be awarded a monogram after two years service and that the student cheer leader would also be presented with a suitable monogram after a similar period of service. The student-manager's letter was awarded to Arthur Hendrickson, who has served in that capacity

for two years while Daniel Letnes was presented with the student-cheer leader's monogram. Coach Christgau also gave recognition to the Advanced class basketball team which won the annual inter-class basketball tournament this year.

Coaches of the championship livestock judging team, the championship debate team and the crop judging team presented medals to the members of those squads. The following students received the medals: Jesse Filipi, Allan Hoff, and Clinton Donley as members of the livestock judging team; Kenneth Flom and Lawrence Omundson as members of the crop judging team; Lester Tangjerd, Daniel Letnes, Kenneth Flom, John Pearson, Clinton Donley, and Donald McCall received the debate medals.

SENIORS WIN INTER-CLASS FIELD MEET

Repeating their success of one year ago, the class of 1931 emerged victorious in the annual interclass field meet with a total of 98½ points as compared to 76 for the juniors, who finished second, and 68 for the freshmen, who finished third. The Advanced class, entering the field meet for the

first time in the school's history, finished fourth with a total of 34½ points.

Swimming races and diving contests were added to the meet this year as a result of the additional facilities provided by the new Physical Education Building. Douglas Adkins, junior, took first place in the fancy diving contest for the boys with Edward Brandli, freshman, capturing second. In the 40 yard swimming race, Kenneth Avery, senior, took the honors with Llewelyn Reese, freshman, finishing second. The 100 yard swimming race was captured by Kenneth McNow, senior, with Olav Kvalnes, freshman, second. Honors in the 80 yard swimming relay were captured by the senior team composed of Kenneth Avery, Vernon Smolak, Paul Sorenson, and Kenneth McNow.

In the girls' swimming contests the

CLASS OF 1930 PRESENTS MEMORIAL

A nine volume set of books containing the complete nature writings of John Burroughs was presented to the Northwest School as a memorial by the class of 1930. The presentation was made by Mr. S. A. Anderson, faculty adviser of the class; Lawrence Newhouse, class president and Daniel Letnes, at the annual alumni dinner held in the school dining hall Thursday noon, of Commencement week, March 26.

Burrough's essays on nature studies are considered most educational and interesting and students of the Northwest School welcome the addition of this set to the library.

A beautiful pair of gold-plated book ends, on which is engraved, "Class of 1930" were made to contain the set.

Acceptance was made by Superintendent A. A. Dowell and the books have been placed in the school library.

The class of 1930 listed 60 graduates and upon the opening of school last fall 38 students were enrolled for the advanced work, this being the largest advanced class in the history of the

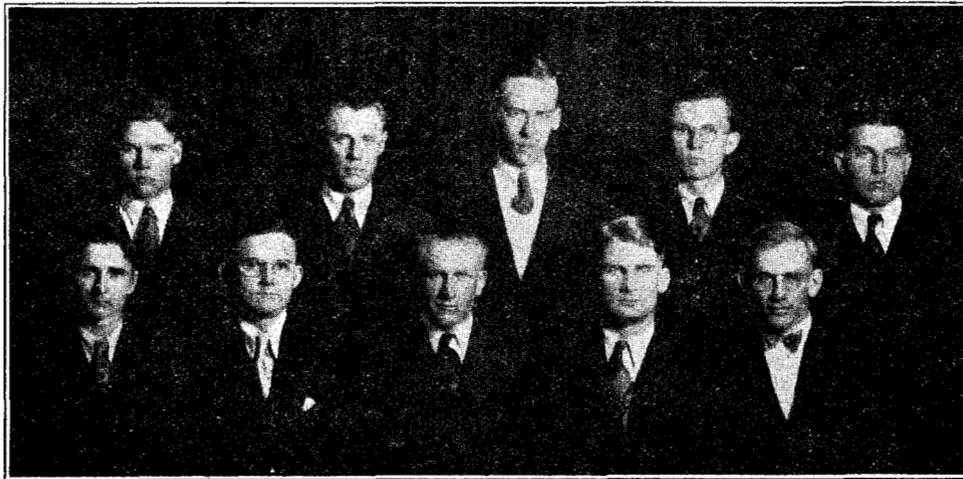
school. Advisers of the class of 1930 were Miss Rose Polski and Mr. S. A. Anderson.

OPERETTA MAKES HIT

Students, faculty, and friends of the Northwest School were unanimous in their praises of "The Sunbonnet Girl," the two-act operetta presented by the musical organizations in the school auditorium, Monday, March 16 under the direction of Miss Hildur Peterson, instructor in voice, with Miss Rose Polski, instructor in piano, assisting. From the opening number in the first act and throughout the entire presentation the large audience, which taxed the auditorium to capacity, heartily applauded the principal characters and choristers.

Catchy music, clever dancing numbers, an interesting plot, plus fine lighting effects and an excellent garden scene, especially constructed for the operetta, contributed to the success of the presentation.

The musical hits of the operetta were "Garden of Old-Fashioned Flowers," "Old Fashioned Sunbonnet Sue"; "If Only Dreams Came True"; and "We'll Build a Cottage in Loveland." For several days following the performance



Champion Debaters, Minnesota Agricultural Schools, 1931

20 yard crawl was won by Helen Naplin, senior with Millie Rybak, freshman, second. The 20 yard backstroke was won by Antoinette Demaster, senior, with Rose Naplin, junior, finishing second.

Several records were broken during the field meet. Searle Nelson, junior established a new record in the boys' running high kick contest when he kicked 8 feet, 5 1-2 inches. In the running high jump event, a new mark of 4 feet, 11 inches was established with three contestants tied for honors; John Pearson, senior; Searle Nelson, junior, Melvin Cordes, freshman.

Lawrence Elton, advanced, broke the record for the broadjump with a mark of 16 feet, 4 inches. The previous record was 16 feet, 3 inches, established by Ernest Carlson in 1925 and tied by Lawrence Elton in 1929.

A new record was also established in the boys' handstand contest with James Rynning, freshman, adding 7 2-5 seconds to the previous mark of 29 seconds established by Henning Erickson in 1928.

New facilities, larger quarters, as well as suitable seating accommodations for spectators made the 1931 field meet one of the best in the school's history.

these tunes were being hummed not only by the cast but by all those who witnessed the presentation.

The principal characters in the operetta were; Mildred Malme, Kenneth Avery, Helmer Nornes, Bertha Poetschat, Olive Heegard, Agnes Lundin, Edwin Widseth, Norman Moen, Arlene Hill, Violet Solomonson, Alvin Degerness, Marion Valor, John Pearson, Ann Thoreson, Esther Torgerson, Antoinette DeMaster, Jean Dunham and Margaret Dunham. Members of the boys' and girls' glee clubs made up the chorus while members of the school orchestra played the accompaniment.

The "Sunbonnet Girl" is the first operetta attempted at the Northwest School for several years and proved to be one of the many fine entertainments provided during the school year.

ELTON AWARDED

WIDSETH-LAVOI MEDAL

To Lawrence Elton, Hawley, goes the honor of being the first winner of the Arthur Widseth-D. H. LaVoi Memorial Athletic-Scholarship medal. Announcement of the winner of the award was anxiously awaited at the commencement exercises Thursday evening, March 26.

The Widseth-LaVoi Memorial medal was awarded for the first time this year and is expected to be an annual feature of the Commencement program. At the request of D. H. LaVoi, former athletic coach at the Northwest School, a medal was designed by Mr. A. M. Foker in memory of the excellent scholastic work and athletic achievement of Arthur Widseth, who passed away during the summer of 1930.



According to the wish of Mr. LaVoi, the medal is to be

awarded to boys who have been in residence at the Northwest School for at least three years with preference given to two-sport men. The selection is to be made by the faculty who have also been given the right to award the medal to a one-sport man who has been active in other extra-curricular activities.

Lawrence Elton was one of the mainstays of the 1930 football team, playing an excellent defensive and offensive game at half-back. On the 1931 basketball team he was one of the high scorers during the season and played a brilliant game at forward throughout the entire schedule. He was elected honorary basketball captain by his team-mates at the conclusion of the season and was awarded the captain's star. In addition to his football and basketball records he established a new mark in the broadjump event during the 1931 field meet. He participated in the swimming, running and wrestling events also. Elton's interests were not

confined solely to athletics as he was a member of the boys' glee club, the mixed chorus, the Agrarian Literary Society and also served as an officer of the YMCA during his senior year.

HVIDING ELECTED BASKETBALL CAPTAIN



At the annual banquet held in honor of the 1930-31 Aggie teams, members of the basketball squad elected Silas Hviding, Hendrum, as basketball captain for the 1931-32 season. Hviding graduated from the three year course this spring and will return to continue the Advanced course next fall. He has been one of the mainstays of the basketball teams for the past two seasons. In his first

year at the Northwest School he was a member of the freshman class basketball team and the following year was promoted to the school team where he made an excellent record. During the past season he made an enviable scoring record at forward. Announcement of his election as captain was made when he was presented with a basketball at the banquet by the student-manager of athletics.

CAIN WINS ATHLETIC HONORS



Thomas Cain, Ponce, center on the 1931 basketball team, was named the winner of the honor sweater awarded annually by the Ruettell Clothing Company of Crookston to the most valuable man on the Northwest School basketball squad. Cain has been a member of the basketball teams for the past four years, winning his letter each time, and during the 1929-30 season he served as

captain of the team. He has also earned three letters in football, playing end on the gridiron. The award was made by Captain Mickle Bang, representing the Ruettell Clothing Company.

In addition to winning the honor sweater Cain also won for the second successive season, the gold basketball offered by the Athletic Association to the winner of the annual basketball free throw contest. Each contestant was required to take 25 shots per day during the playing season. The three highest, based on daily average, and regularity, entered the finals, each taking 100 shots.

SCHOOL TEAMS WIN CHAMPIONSHIPS

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Peterson, John Pearson, Lawrence Omundson, Helmer Nornes, Martin Moen, Eugene McDonald, Donald McCall, Clifford Lindquist, Daniel Letnes, Silas Hviding, Allan Hoff, Arthur Hendrickson, Harry Haugen, Alvin Gronner, Kermit Greenley, Kenneth Flom, Jesse Filipi, Lawrence Elton, Howard Dunn, Clinton Donley, Thomas Cain, Vernon Bryngelson, Rudolph Berger, Kenneth Avery, John Anderson, Wilfred Knutson, Mr. R. J. Christgau, Mr. E. L. Ocock, Mr. T. M. McCall, Mr. E. R. Clark, Mr. George Wight, Mr. J. W. Mlinar, Mr. R. H. Connery, Superintendent A. A. Dowell, Miss Cynthia Weinberger, Miss Hildur Peterson, Miss Rose Polski, Miss Grace Warne, Miss Fanny B. Lippitt, Mr. George Hillmon, and Mr. A. J. Anderson.

PERSONALS

An announcement has been received of the marriage of Gladycy Gunufson '24 to Joseph Sekula on Saturday, March 7, at Bemidji. Gladycy has been operating the Fashion Beauty shop at Bemidji.

Erma Ross '28 and Erwin Bauer were married Sunday, February 8. The young couple are making their home on a farm near Fisher.

William C. Bydal (1914-16) is now located at 837 West 98th Street, Los Angeles, California.

Archie Lee '23 is the mayor at Roseau, Minnesota.

Orville Dock (1926-27) has taken over the agency for Ford cars at Greenbush, Minnesota under the name of the Dock Motor Sales.

Adeline Bunes '27 is employed by the Mercantile company at Crookston.

Howard Payne (1929-30) of Leonard enlisted in the United States Navy. He has been transferred to the Great Lakes naval Training station for his preliminary training.

Evelyn Bierbaum '29, Clearbrook, has been appointed 4-H Club leader of Polk county for the spring and summer. Evelyn held this position two years ago for West Polk county. Arthur Grove '31, Roosevelt, has also been appointed 4-H Club leader of Pope county, which position he held a year ago.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Landre (Gladys Rice '24) and two children are located at the Northeast Experiment station, Duluth. Mr. Landre is in charge of the poultry work at this station.

Miss Anne Simley, instructor at Hamline University, writes as follows: "Robert Gleason '30 in tryouts recently made the part of Captain Bartlett in Eugene O'Neill's play 'Where the Cross is Made.' This is the Hamline entry in the theatre tournament at Evanston April 16-18. The cast has three men and one woman characters, and more than 25 tried for parts." Miss Simley will direct the play.