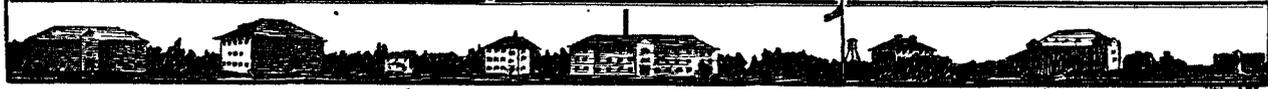


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Successful Farmers' Week

In spite of severe blizzards which kept side roads blocked during the greater part of the week, more than 8,000 people attended the Twenty-Second Annual Northwest School Farmers' Week meetings and Red River Valley Winter Shows, February 8-12.

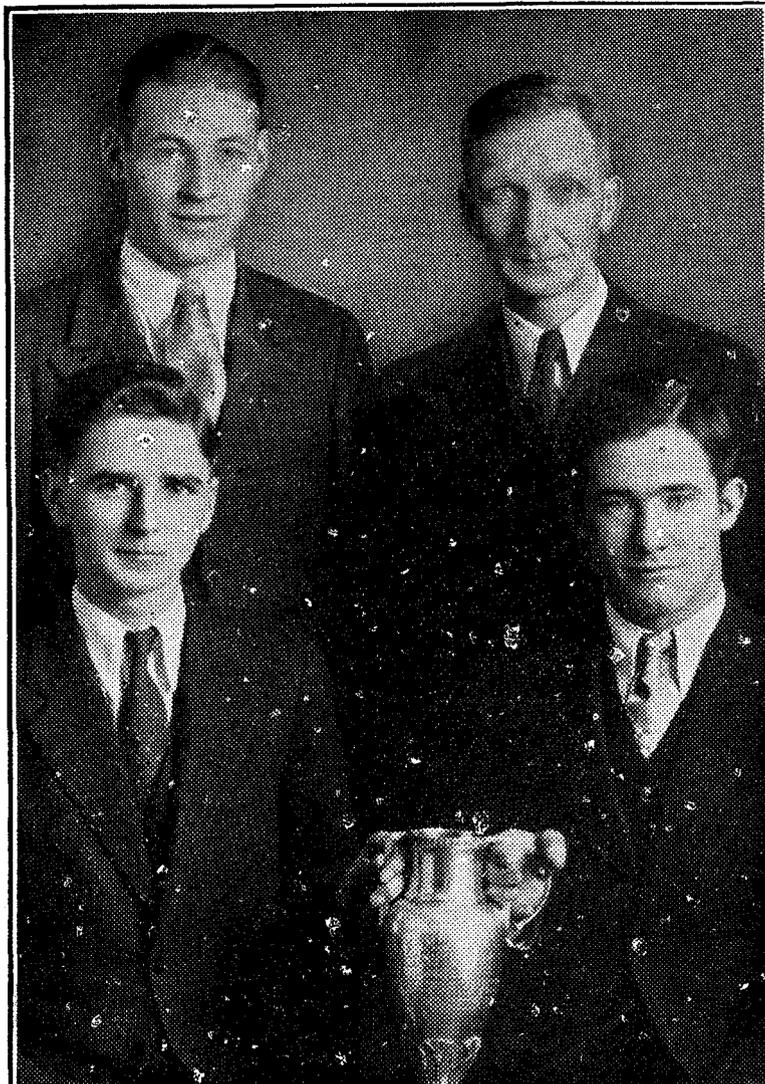
Although this attendance falls far short of the 14,000 people who attended the show last year, it nevertheless was a good record considering the weather which show officials declared to be the worst ever encountered in the history of these shows. Plans already are being laid for the 1933 show, which will be held February 6-10.

Fifty nationally known authorities on problems of the farm and the home assisted with the various judging events and addressed the day and evening meetings that were held throughout the week. It was considered to be the best balanced program ever presented during these mid-winter meetings. Evening speakers included Dean Ralph Dennis, Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois, who spoke on the subject of "An Unofficial Observer"; Bishop Edwin Holt Hughes, Chicago, his topic being "A Legitimate Nationalism"; Dean James C. Lawrence, University of Minnesota, who spoke on "The Lengthening Shadow of George Washington," and Governor Floyd B. Olson, who discussed matters pertaining to the business of government in the state of Minnesota.

Other speakers who

took an important part in the various programs were Dean W. C. Coffey, Mr. H. G. Zavoral, Dr. M. C. Tanquary, Dr. W. L. Cavert, Professor A. G. Ruggles, Dr. F. A. Krantz, Dr. H. K. Wilson, Mr. H. R. Searles, Mr. Don W. Johnson, Mr.

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Northwest School Championship Crops Judging Team
(Photo Courtesy Minneapolis Journal)

Crop Team Wins Championship

For the third time in the past seven years, the Northwest School crops judging team won first place in the sub-collegiate crops judging contest held the opening day of Winter Shows Week. The team this year was composed of Clinton Donley, and Ingolf Swanson, with Arvin Gorden as alternate. Professor R. S. Dunham, in

charge of the Agronomy division, coached the winning team. Teams were entered from Grand Rapids, Morris and Crookston, Minnesota, Brookings, South Dakota; Park River, North Dakota, and Winnipeg, Canada. The contest was unusually keen this year as all three Minnesota schools had won the trophy on two different occasions. As the cup was to become the property of the team winning three times, it was evident that should any of the Minnesota schools land in first place, the cup would become the permanent property of that institution. This beautiful loving cup, therefore, becomes the property of the Northwest School of Agriculture. Students and faculty join in congratulating Mr. Dunham and the successful crops judging team.

Livestock Team Places Third

In the livestock judging contest, Northwest School boys won three individual firsts, ranking third in the entire contest. Members of this team included Herbert Hanson, Roy Boman, and Halbert Johnson, with Lloyd Chapman as alternate. The fine showing made by the Northwest School crops and livestock (Continued on Page 4)

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OPERETTA HUGE SUCCESS

One of the most pleasing musical programs ever presented in the Northwest School auditorium was given on January 30 and February 1, when the combined mixed chorus, boys' glee club and girls' glee club presented the two-act Operetta "Oh, Doctor!" under the direction of Mrs. Roy W. Holland-er.

The scene of "Oh, Doctor!" was laid in the west at the Sanatorium of Doctor Drinkwater (Don McCall) where all manner of diseases were supposed to be cured by the staff doctors, Dr. Slaughter, Dr. Cuttem and Dr. Coffin. The whole plot hinged upon the substitution of Honor (Virginia Harding) for Glory Drinkwater (Arlene Hill). Complications arose when Phillip (Lowell Ryden) fell in love with Honor. Then, Manuel (Allen Hoff) a robber, kidnapped Rainbo, the colored servant of Dr. Drinkwater (Wendell Washburn), whose entrance all through the two acts was a signal for laughter. Finally, however, the real Glory was united with Bob (Russell Knudtson); Honor's identity was revealed and she and Phillip were ready to set out for their "Island of Dreams" which continued as the tuneful theme song of the lovers and various other members of the cast were paired off in the brilliant finale.

Among the other musical hits of the show were the "Drinking Song" the comedy number, "Oh, Doctor", the Spanish Chorus with Helmer Nornes as Pancho, the "Angelus" and "Laughing in the Rain." The play was further enlivened by a number of dancing choruses as well as solo numbers.

Those who witnessed last year's performance of the "Sunbonnet Girl" anticipated that "Oh, Doctor!" would prove an even greater hit due to its very interesting plot and the many catchy tunes and beautiful dance numbers.

Various departments of the school assisted in making the production a success. Special scenery was designed by Mr. A. M. Foker who had also supervised his Drawing Class in the designing of clever posters. Miss Rose Polski, instructor in piano, played the accompaniments in her usual excellent manner.

Mrs. Hollander received many congratulations on this, her latest and most successful production.

SENIOR CLASS TO PRESENT SHAKESPEARIAN PLAY

Midsummer Night's Dream, Shakespeare's fantastic comedy of elves, fairies, clowns, and lovers is the performance of this year's senior class.

It takes us out of the humdrum reality of our lives into ancient Athens where elves and fairies rule the fates of human beings. Yet here are lovers sighing and suffering, an irate father objecting to his daughter's choice of a husband, a pompous middle-aged gentleman making great ado about a second marriage and clownish yokels aping their superiors—here are the same people and situations that make up life today.

Fairyland is ruled by jealous Oberon and his lovely queen Titania, the parts being played respectively by Christian Holte and Olive Heegard. But if they rule, it is Puck who disturbs fairyland by his sportiveness and when that crafty imp observes helpless human creatures caught and bewildered by his tricks he laughs "Lord, what fools these mortals be!" Donald Toomey takes the part of Puck; Emil Hoppe, the stubborn old father; Frances McKibbin, his lovely daughter; Hermia, and Elizabeth Erickson, the soft voiced Helena. The sighing swains of these two lovely Athenian maids are Ly-sander and Demetrius, interpreted by Wallace Abbott and Reynold Johnson.

In the tangling and untangling of these lovers' knots, we hear the immortal line "True love never did run smooth." Theseus, the duke whose nuptials are the occasion for the festivity and mirth of the last act, is Edwin Widseth and his captive, Hippolyta, Agnes Eggen.

Some simple-minded craftsmen who have never seen a play decide to honor their duke with a presentation of the old Greek tragedy of "Pyramus and Thisby." Edwin Myers as the clownish Bottom admirably interprets the spirit of comedy. In spite of much practice, the performance which is the pride of Quince, a carpenter, played by Francis Smith, falls short of tragedy and Midsummer Night's Dream ends with six happy lovers leaving to dream of their wedding day on the morrow. But though mortals sleep, fairyland is awake.

Others in the caste include Oscar Mollidrem, Arvin Gorden, Orin Refling, Orpha Johnson, Irene Pearson, Kermit Greenley, Arnold Strand, William Ardell, Ruby Lundin, Hazel Tonsfeldt, Ruby Edeen, William Volker, and Vernon Stenerson, Lloyd Chapman and Robert Coulter. The production staff includes Pearl Henry, Margaret Gault, Herbert Hanson, Harry Tangen and Herman Simonson.

This ambitious production will be presented during Commencement week under the direction of Miss Cynthia Weinberger, head of the English department. Miss Weinberger also coached last year's play "The Taming of the Shrew" which was considered the finest Senior class production ever presented in the school auditorium.

AGGIES HOPE FOR BAS- KETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

Scoring two victories over the Grand Rapids Agricultural school, the Northwest Aggies made a good start in their drive for the Ag School Conference basketball championship. Three conference games, all home contests, remain on the Northwest School schedule.

The St. Paul Aggies will be met Saturday, February 27, in what promises to be a fiercely fought contest. The St. Paul outfit is making a strong bid for the title and has already defeated Morris 27-19. They will tackle the Grand Rapids quint on February 26 and will journey to the Northwest School campus the next day for the first game between the two schools on the Crookston Campus. Northwest School students and alumni recall the closely-fought contest between these two teams last year on the St. Paul floor when the Christgau-coached men squeezed out a victory in the last ten seconds of play. This year's game promises to be just as exciting and hard fought.

The annual two-game series with the Morris quint will be held in the Northwest School gym, March 4 and 5. Rivalry between the two schools assures basketball enthusiasts of two great contests. The Morris team will be out to avenge the defeat received last fall in football when Christgau's men romped all over the Morris field for a 33-0 victory.

After suffering seven straight defeats, Christgau's men came out of their losing streak with a bang and administered two decisive defeats to the North Central Aggies in the Grand Rapids gym by scores of 32-16 and 31-21, and thus proved that they are of championship calibre. In the first game, Swenson's men jumped into the lead in the first quarter by a 6-5 score but were overtaken during the second quarter with the score at the half standing at 12-6 in favor of Christgau's men. During the third period of play the Northwest School quint increased its lead to 22-15. The final score was 32-16. Clarence Carlson, center, and Donald Anderson, forward, tied for scoring honors for the Northwest School team with eleven points each. Maattala and Avery contributed four points each, Kramer and Berger each sank one basket. For Coach Swenson's team, Olson, center was high scorer with seven points.

In the second game of the Grand Rapids series, the Crookston quint jumped into a big lead during the first quarter of play and maintained that advantage throughout the game. The first half ended with the score 17-10 in favor of Crookston. The final count was 31-21. Donald Anderson, forward, captured individual honors with six baskets; Leo Maattala was second with six points, while Carlson and Avery contributed four points each; Kramer, three, and Wolden, two. Dingman, center, was high scorer for Grand Rapids with four baskets.

RED RIVER AGGIE

Material for the 1932 Red River Aggie has been forwarded to the printers so that the final publication should be ready for distribution shortly after the middle of March. It has been the aim of the Aggie Board to print an Annual that would serve as a reminder of the many happy days at the Northwest School.

The book will carry many beautiful cuts of campus views, buildings and student pictures, in addition to a complete record of important school events.

Members of the Aggie Board include Wallace Abbott, Mentor, Editor-in-chief; Christian Holte, Baudette, associate editor; Kermit Greenley, Viking, business manager; Edwin Widseth, McIntosh, advertising manager; Herbert Hanson, Fisher, advertising assistant; Harry Tangen, Menahga, and Elizabeth Erickson, Marine on St. Croix, subscriptions; Edwin Myers, Warroad, faculty editor; Margaret Gault, Winnipeg, senior editor; Alvin Gronner, and Mervin Hagen, both of Underwood, athletic editors; Herman Simonson, McIntosh, and Esther Torgerson, Fosston, music editors; Olive Heegard, Crookston, jokes; Lloyd Chapman, Crookston, and Irene Pearson, Hallock, school organizations; Arvin Gorden, Badger, alumni, and Walter Lunsetter, Gatzke, staff typist.

Copies of the Annual may be secured at \$2.00 each from Kermit Greenley, business manager.

DEBATE WORK POPULAR

The conference debates with Morris and St. Paul to determine the state championship among agricultural schools will be held this year on the evenings of March 11 and 12.

As in other years, the negative teams will travel. The squad from the Northwest School will meet the St. Paul affirmative team at St. Paul on Friday evening, March 11, while our affirmative debaters will meet the negative representatives from Morris in our own auditorium on Saturday evening, March 12.

While all squad members have been working diligently every day to prepare for the meets, the exact positions on teams have not yet been announced by Debate Coach Denis C. McGenty. Members of the squad include Donald McCall, Crookston; John Pearson, Middle River; Clinton Donley, Fergus Falls; Kermit Greenley, Viking; Dayton Hanson, Gary; Richard Holmgren, Carp; Darwin Krogman, Crookston; Paul Hansen, Crookston, and Edward Sargent, Crookston.

Debate has become one of the most important inter-school activities at the Northwest School. Its popularity is indicated by the fact that over thirty students took part in the preliminary tryouts.

Last year proved to be the most successful season for the Aggies to date. Our teams won unanimous decisions from both the St. Paul and Morris Agricultural schools, thus winning the State Aggie Championship title. This

was the first time in the history of our inter-school competition that Morris was defeated by a unanimous verdict on her own platform.

SUCCESSFUL FARMERS' WEEK

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W. K. Dyer, Miss M. Beatrice Johnstone of the University of North Dakota, Miss Alice Biester, University of Minnesota; Miss Margery Low, Mr. T. T. Bacheller, and Miss Gertrude Smith, Minnesota Dairy Council, St. Paul, in addition to many others who took part in the discussions and demonstrations.

In discussing the subject "Facing the Present Situation", Dean Coffey stated that "the home garden and orchard can help much in times like the present; so, also, can the home curing and canning of meat. Farm living costs can be reduced much also by a liberal use of eggs, milk and milk products.

"Spare time can be used in repairing and extending the life of machinery so that expense at this point can be saved. It does not pay to try to use machinery that is worn out or badly in need of repairs, but in difficult times like the present, it does not pay to buy new machinery when the life of the old machinery can be extended at very little expense.

"Now especially is a time when most careful thought should be applied to methods of marketing. The expense of marketing should receive attention and also the careful preparation of the product so that it will attract the maximum market price."

Zavoral Speaks on Russia

In speaking on his experiences in Russia, Mr. Zavoral stated "In Russia, so far as education is concerned, the usual social order is reversed. All children must go to school until they have finished the eighth grade, but after that only the children of parents who were poor before the communistic system of government was adopted are granted the privilege of an education.

"The Soviet government formulates all programs of education. The children are taught to hate capitalism and religion. Communism is supposed to be their religion and Lenin their God. They are told all the bad things about our country—our depression, our bank failures, our bread lines and our crime problems—but nothing about the advantages which we enjoy."

Professor Ruggles made it plain that unless we have a damp, cold spring, we can expect serious difficulty from grasshoppers during the coming year. He urged that every possible precaution should be taken to keep these insects under control through the use of poison bait applied before the young grasshoppers reach the flying stage.

Excellent Women's Meetings

The women were privileged to hear three travel talks, one by H. G. Zavoral on Russia, the second by Miss Margery Low on South America, and a third by Dr. M. C. Tanquary on the Arctic. In addition, lectures were devoted to problems of the home. Ap-

proximately 1200 women were in attendance at the Wednesday afternoon session, which proved to be the high mark of the week due to severe weather that prevailed the last two days.

Officials Praise Exhibits

The livestock show was the largest and best ever staged by the Red River Valley Livestock association and co-operating organizations. The show barns were filled to capacity and many entries had to be refused. The crops show, which was sponsored by the Minnesota Red River Valley Development association, rivaled closely in the number and quality of exhibits, the show which was held last year and which set an all-time record for these mid-winter shows.

Excellent Cattle Show

Breed championships in the open classes of livestock were announced by O. M. Kiser, superintendent, as follows:

Holstein cattle: All single and group championships, J. D. Bacon, Grand Forks, North Dakota.

Guernsey cattle: P. Engelstad, Thief River Falls, won all single and group championships except senior championship on bull and first on graded herd, which were awarded to Sundseth Bros., Halstad.

Jersey cattle: Habedank & Hadler, Ada, won all of the single and group championships except senior and grand championship on cow, and first on calf herd, which were awarded to R. S. Schaefer, Park Rapids.

Milking Shorthorns: G. A. Johnson & Sons, New York Mills, won all of the single and group championships except junior championship on bull and cow, first on young herd, and get of sire, which were awarded to P. M. Finkenbinder, Crookston.

Shorthorn cattle: Busse Bros., Ottawa, won all single and group championships.

Aberdeen Angus cattle: Strickler Bros., Euclid, and Oscar Hanson, Crookston, were the only exhibitors. Strickler Bros. won senior and grand championship on bull and cow, and Hanson won junior championship on heifer.

Swine Pens Filled

Duroc Jersey hogs: C. O. Quist, Crookston, won senior and grand championship on boar, junior championship on sow, and first on young herd, breeders' aged herd, get of boar and produce of sow. Arthur Howard, Warren, won all the other single and group championships.

Poland China hogs: J. H. Sargent, Crookston, won all single and group championships except junior championship on boar, which was awarded to Arthur Ladwig, Rothsay, and first on breeder's aged herd, get of boar, and produce of sow, which were awarded to A. S. Albertson, Fargo.

Chester White hogs: J. P. Tiernan, Crookston, won senior championship on boar and sow, first on breeder's aged herd, and first on get of boar. A. F. Giese, Euclid, won junior and grand championship on boar, and first on aged herd and produce of sow. Shirley

Giese, Euclid, won junior and grand championship on sow, and P. M. Finkembinder, Crookston, won first on young herd and breeder's young herd.

Berkshire hogs: Arthur Ladwig, Rothsay, exhibited a few head of Berkshires and won firsts and championships in all classes in which he exhibited.

Yorkshires: Spruce Lawn Farm, Hallock (R. Johnson) was the only exhibitor in Yorkshires and won all awards.

Hampshires: Kudrle & Banister, Crookston, won all single and group championships except junior and grand champion boar, and first on young herd, and produce of sow, which were won by Carl Carlson, Beltrami.

Outstanding Sheep Show

Shropshire sheep: R. E. Strutz & Sons, Jamestown, N. D., won all single and group championships except champion ewe, which was awarded to Anderson Bros., Wild Rice, N. D.

Hampshire sheep: R. E. Strutz & Sons, Jamestown, won all single and group championship.

Poultry Show Winners

Entries in the poultry department were below previous years, as the severe weather prevented owners from sending many of the birds that had been entered.

Principal awards were as follows:

Best cock and pullet: Clifford Webster, Beltrami, White Rocks; **Best Pen:** J. H. Rosendahl, Warren, on Single Comb White Leghorn pen; **Best Cockerel, pen, and dozen of eggs:** A. E. Hirst & Son, Warren, on Single Comb Buff Orpingtons; **Largest Display of the show:** J. F. Normann, Crookston, on Barred Rocks; **Second Largest Display:** Alfred E. Malmberg, Crookston, on Bronze turkeys and Rose Comb Brown Leghorns; and **third largest display:** J. H. Rosendahl, Warren, on Single Comb White Leghorns, White Plymouth Rocks, and White Orpingtons.

Crops Show Winners

Championships in the open class farm crops exhibits include the following: **Wheat:** Alex Wilkie, Noyes; **Oats:** Mrs. Ephraim Hagen, McIntosh; **Barley:** William O. Hason, Fosston; **Flax:** Charles A. Arneson, Fosston; and **Rye:** G. G. Gilbertson, Ada.

Grand champion flint corn, southern district: Roland Bjorklund, Henning. **Grand champion dent corn, southern section:** T. H. Thompson, Fergus Falls. **Grand champion flint corn, northern district:** Robert Larson, Crookston. **Grand champion dent corn, northern district:** Theodore Mellum, Ulen. **Sweepstakes corn:** Theodore Mellum.

In the 4-H farm crops classes, Anton Glesne, Underwood, won sweepstakes of the corn classes with a sample of Yellow dent, and Hillard Mykleby, Eldred, was awarded reserve sweepstakes on a sample of Northwestern dent. In the 4-H potato classes, Clifford Bauman, Bagley, won championships of the early varieties and grand championship over both the early and late classes. Melvin Hagen, Roseau, was awarded championship of the late classes.

Pflughoeft Praises 4-H Show

According to District Club leader, H. A. Pflughoeft, the 4-H club show was the best ever presented. Not only was the number of entries greater than ever before, but the improvement in quality was especially noticeable.

Championship awards in the 4-H classes of livestock were announced as follows: **Guernsey calf:** Pearl Hanson, Thief River Falls; **Jersey calf:** Harold Stetzler, Menahga; **Holstein calf and grand champion dairy calf:** John Meyer, Ada; **Grand champion baby beef:** William Strickler, Euclid; **Reserve champion baby beef:** LeRoy Cournia, Crookston; **Market pig:** Conrad Giese, Euclid; **Breeding pig and grand champion:** Shirley Giese, Euclid; **Market sheep,** Roger Ward, St. Vincent; **Breeding sheep and grand champion:** Jorgen Boe, Nielsville.

In a dairy cattle judging contest for 4-H club members which was held on Thursday, the Wadena County team, coached by C. L. Blakeslee, county agricultural agent, won championship. The East Polk County team, coached by Russell Morgan, won second, and

COMING EVENTS

- February 27—Basketball, St. Paul here.
- March 4-5—Basketball, Morris here.
- March 7—Junior-Senior Banquet.
- March 11-12—Inter-School Debate.
- March 18—Superintendent's Reception.
- March 19—Inter-Class Field Meet.
- March 20—Baccalaureate.
- March 21—Musical Recital.
- March 22-23—Senior Class Play.
- March 24—Class Day Exercises and Commencement.

John Widseth scored highest of any individual in the contest. Clay county ranked third; Hubbard county fourth; Norman County fifth; Roseau county sixth; West Polk county seventh, and Clearwater county eighth.

The winning team was presented with a silver loving cup by the Red River Valley Dairymen's association and the nine highest scoring individuals were presented with suitable medals.

In a dairy demonstration contest for 4-H club members, the West Polk county team, composed of Leila Steiner and Hazel Larum, won first, and the Norman county team, composed of Carroll Erickson and Burnette Bergeson, won second. Clay county ranked third and East Polk county, fourth.

In livestock showmanship contests for 4-H club members, Bennie Strickler, Euclid, won first in the showing of dairy and beef cattle, Ralph Haugen, Fertile, first in the showing of sheep, and Arthur Howard, Warren, first in the showing of swine.

CROPS TEAM WINS

CHAMPIONSHIP

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judging teams was particularly gratifying to friends of the Northwest School, who are keenly interested in these important educational events.

PERSONALS

Miss Alice T. Josephson '30 and Mr. Walter H. Johnson '29 were married Thursday, January 21. Mrs. Johnson has been employed at St. Luke's Hospital, Thief River Falls. The newlyweds are living at Bantry, North Dakota.

Mr. and Mrs. Dudley Winslow (Amy Onneland '25) are now living on their own farm at Arvilla, North Dakota.

Mr. and Mrs. George Green (Johanna Nabben '23) of St. Thomas, North Dakota announce the birth of a son on January 21.

George Berggren '28 was manager of the Crop Show recently staged at University Farm, St. Paul. Melvin Hole '27 won third in the Grain Judging contest, and was presented with a bronze medal awarded by the Sears, Roebuck & Company.

Mr. J. M. Dowell, President of the Do-Well Agricultural Service Company, Champaign, Illinois and brother of Superintendent A. A. Dowell, was a Campus visitor the latter part of January. Mr. Dowell spoke before the Land Owners' Conference at Fargo followed by a series of addresses throughout the State of North Dakota. These meetings were sponsored by the Greater North Dakota association.

Earl Sulerud '30 of Gary has been awarded a medal for his accomplishments in 4-H potato club work during the past year.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Hartney were Campus visitors during the early part of February. Mr. Hartney was formerly an instructor in the motors department of the Northwest School, and is now with the Interstate Power Company at Green Bay, Wisconsin.

Herbert M. Berndt (1918-19) formerly of Mentor, is now at Burbank, California, 1008 Fairview Street.

Miss Mabel Hawley (1925-26) and Mr. Calvin Bolsinger, U. S. Immigration inspector, were married at Winnipeg on February 8. Mr. and Mrs. Bolsinger are making their home at Pinecreek, Minnesota.

In writing of his graduate work at Columbia University, Mr. Robert H. Connery, former instructor at the Northwest School, states that he is taking special work under H. Parker Willis, who is one of the original members of the Federal Reserve Board, and one who assisted in drafting the Federal Reserve Act. In addition to this course, he is taking work in Public Finance under Professor Haig and a course in Judicial Administration under Professor Raymond Moley. During the Christmas Holiday period, Mr. Connery attended the Political Science association meeting in Washington, D. C. He writes that he is enjoying his graduate work very much indeed.