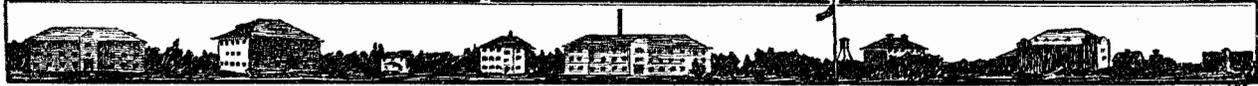


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Commencement Week Plans Complete

Alumni and friends of the Northwest School will be interested in the Twenty-fourth Annual Commencement Week activities, which will open with the Superintendent's reception to the Seniors, Friday evening, March 18, and close with the Commencement exercises Thursday evening, March 24. As a special attraction this year, the Senior class play will be presented on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings, March 22 and 23. The cast will present one of William Shakespeare's most popular plays, "A Midsummer Night's Dream," under the direction of Miss Cynthia Weinberger, who so ably directed "The Taming of the Shrew" last year.

According to Registrar J. W. Mlinar, 63 Seniors and 45 Advanced students are listed for graduation. As thirteen students will graduate from both the Senior and Advanced courses, the total number of graduates is thus 95, which is slightly under the all-time record established last year.

Dr. C. G. Hohn, of Crookston, has been engaged for the Commencement sermon, to be held in the school auditorium Sunday evening, March twentieth. His topic will be "Faith and Knowledge."

On Monday evening a concert recital will be presented by students in music under the direction of Miss Rose Polski, Mrs. Roy W. Hollander, and Miss Grace Warne.

Senior class exercises are listed for the afternoon of Commencement day, with Kermit Greenley, Viking, vice president of the Senior class, presiding.

The Commencement address will be delivered by Dr. Walter C. Coffey, Dean of the Department of Agriculture of

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Seniors To Present "A Midsummer Night's Dream"

Elaborate plans are being made for the Senior Class play, "A Midsummer Night's Dream," to be presented on Tuesday and Wednesday of Commencement week. This will be the second Shakespearian play to be given at the Northwest School under the direction of Miss Cynthia Weinberger, head of the English department. "The Taming of the Shrew," which was given in the school auditorium last year, was con-



Rehearsal—"A Midsummer Night's Dream," Auditorium, March 22 and 23, 1932

sidered to be the most successful play ever presented at the Northwest School.

The cast of characters in order of their appearance has been announced as follows:

Page of Theseus—Vernon Stenerson.
Attendants of Theseus—Arvin Gorden, Oren Refling, and Robert Coulter.
Philostrate, Master of the Revels—Oscar Mouldrem.
Theseus, Duke of Athens—Edwin Widseth.
Hippolyta, Queen of the Amazons—Agnes Eggen.
Attendants to Hippolyta—Orpha Johnson, Hazel Tonsfeldt, and Ruby Edeen.
Egeus, an elderly Athenian Noble—Emil Hoppe.

Hermia, Egeus' daughter, in love with Lysander—Frances McKibbin.

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Aggies Win Basketball Championship

Repeating their success of the football season when they won the Ag School Conference championship, the Northwest School Aggies crashed through with another conference title by landing in first place in the Inter-School Basketball tournament. Coach Christgau's men won five clear-cut victories, thus defeating their opponents in every conference game. Two victories each were gained at the expense of the Grand Rapids and Morris Aggies, and one over the St. Paul Aggies.

After a somewhat disastrous beginning when they suffered seven decisive defeats, the Aggies did a complete about-face and mowed down all their opponents in the conference tilts. The Grand Rapids Aggies were the first to feel the effects of the Christgau team's wrath. The two contests were played in the Grand Rapids

Gym February 5 and 6 and resulted in victories for the Northwest School team by scores of 32-16 and 31-21.

The next conference game on the schedule was the contest with St. Paul, played in the Northwest School gymnasium Saturday, February 27. This contest was the first home conference game of the season and Northwest School students and alumni present saw a smooth-working team hand the St. Paul quint a 31-23 defeat.

Of the championship series, the most important struggles of the year were the two contests with the Morris Aggies, also played in the Northwest School gymnasium. Coach Christgau's men needed one of the two games to win titular honors, while the Morris outfit needed both victories in order to claim the conference championship.

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DEBATE CONTESTS,

MARCH 11-12

The Northwest School debate teams will meet the Morris and St. Paul teams on March 11 and 12 for the state championship among the Minnesota Schools of Agriculture. This year the Crookston negative will travel to St. Paul, while the affirmative team will clash with Morris in the Northwest School auditorium. The subject for debate is "Resolved: That the Several States Enact Legislation for Compulsory Unemployment Insurance."

Last year proved to be the most successful season for the Northwest School Aggies, when unanimous decisions were won over the St. Paul and Morris schools.

Debate Coach Denis C. McGenty has held a number of elimination tryouts with the result that the original squad of thirty has been reduced to ten students from the three upper classes.

Members of the squad include John Pearson, Middle River; Donald McCall, Crookston; Clinton Donley, Fergus Falls; Kermit Greenley, Viking; Darwin Krogman, Crookston; Dayton Hanson, Fertile; Richard Holmgren, Carp; Paul Hanson, Crookston; and Edward Sargent, Crookston.

COMMENCEMENT WEEK

PLANS COMPLETE

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the University of Minnesota. Dean Coffey will speak on the subject, "Education and the Farmer." Following the address, Superintendent A. A. Dowell will present the diplomas and scholarship awards.

A cordial invitation is extended to alumni and former students to attend the School and Alumni luncheon in the dining hall at 12:30 o'clock, Commencement Day, Thursday, March 24.

Juniors Entertain Senior Class

The twenty-sixth annual Junior Senior banquet was held in the school dining hall, March 7th. In honor of the George Washington Bicentennial celebration, a Colonial theme was adopted for the evening's dinner and entertainment. The dining hall program was appropriately opened by a medley of national melodies played by the school orchestra under the direction of Miss Rose Polski.

Paul Ingebretson, president of the

Junior class, opened the toast program with a talk on the "1932 Aggie and a 1732 Dream." The address of welcome to the Seniors was extended by Dayton Hanson, a Junior, who characterized Alexander Hamilton. The response for the Senior class was made by Harry Tangen. A piano duet by Harriet Severson and Harold Letnes proved to be a popular number. Portraying Thomas Jefferson, Arthur Sanden extended greetings to the Advanced class which was answered by Helmer Nornes. A vocal solo, "Believe Me If All Those Endearing Young Charms" was rendered by Rodney Lindstrom. Jean Nisbet contributed to the program with a talk on Betsy Ross. The faculty response was given by R. S. Dunham, his subject being Paul Revere. The dining hall program was concluded with a minuet in which Nelda Mjelde, James Rynning, Helen Hanson, and Arnold Nakken, all of the Junior class, took part. Junior representatives taking part in the program were all costumed in Colonial attire, which added much to the impressiveness of the occasion.

The menu was: "Spirit of '76 cocktail, Mammy's Fried Chicken, Bunker Hill, Green Mountain Boys' Ammunition, Martha's Pride, Colonial Gold, Brandywine, From Mt. Vernon's Gardens, Liberty Salad, Washington's Hatchet, and Boston Tea Party. Following the banquet, a dancing party was held in the school gymnasium which was most appropriately decorated for the occasion. Guests attending the Junior-Senior banquet were unanimous in their praise of the way in which Juniors played hosts to upper classmen, faculty, and friends of the school.

COMING EVENTS

- March 15—School Team Banquet.
- March 18—Superintendent's Reception to Graduates.
- March 19—Inter-Class Field Meet.
- March 20—Commencement Sermon.
- March 21—Musical Recital.
- March 22-23—Senior Class Play.
- March 24—School and Alumni Luncheon.
- March 24—Senior Class Exercises.
- March 24—Commencement Program.
- June 13-16—Junior Short Course
- June 20-23—Women's Camp.

DORMITORIES HOLD

OPEN HOUSE

With the school year rapidly drawing to a close, "Open House" season is on in the Northwest School dormitories. This event finds students extending themselves to win prizes in the neatest room contest. Competition is unusually keen and visitors are impressed by the excellent condition of the student quarters.

Stephens Hall was the first to hold "Open House" and the welcome sign was hung out to visitors Sunday afternoon, February 28, between two and four o'clock. Clarence Skaren, East Grand Forks, and Floyd Tack, also of East Grand Forks, both Freshmen, were awarded first place by the judges, Miss Ruth Sheldon, Mr. A. M. Foker and Mr. George Wight.

The following Sunday, March 6, found the girls in Robertson Hall entertaining visitors during the afternoon. Judges were Miss Rose Polski, Mr. Denis C. McGenty, and Mr. J. W. Mlinar. Honors went to Miss Carrie Buck, Crookston, and Miss Sanna Hanson, Trail, both Advanced class members.

Upper class boys residing in Senior Hall will stage their annual open house Sunday afternoon, March 13.

Maattala Wins Declamatory Contest

The annual inter-society declamatory contest, originally scheduled for February 20, but postponed because of the influenza epidemic, was held in the school auditorium Monday evening, February 29. Ten contestants, representing the five literary societies, took part.

The contest was divided into two divisions, one for the boys and another for the girls. Carrie Buck, Crookston, and Emerald Abbott, Mentor, represented the Athenian society, while Helen Krogstad, Fertile, and Jean Nisbet, East Grand Forks, represented the Sanford society.

In the boys' division, representatives included Leo Maattala, Oklee, and Arthur Burk, Brooks, for the Agrarians; Allan Hoff, Dalton and Edwin Myers, Warroad, Lincoln Society, and Edwin Widseth, McIntosh, and Clarence Peterson, Hawley, Pioneer society.

Leo Maattala, Oklee, an advanced student, was the winner, thus receiving the Bratrud Jewelry Company's prize, an attractive fountain pen and pencil set. The winning oration was from "Journey's End," a war drama.

Emerald Abbott, Mentor, also an advanced student, won first place in the girls' division, on her reading, "Who's Afraid."

The Agrarian society was judged winner in the boys' contest, while the Athenian society placed first in the girls' division.

The following awards were announced by the judges: Leo Maattala, "Journey's End," 1st; Edwin Widseth, "Life on the Ocean Wave," 2nd; Allan Hoff, "The Roar of the World and God," 3rd; Clarence Peterson, "Cost of War," 4th, and Arthur Burk, "Wolves of Industry," 5th.

Emerald Abbott, "Who's Afraid", 1st; Carrie Buck, "Dawn", 2nd; Jean Nisbet, "Seventeen, 3rd; and Helen Krogstad, "Swan Song," 4th.

CLASS GAMES UNDER WAY

With two victories and one defeat, the Advanced Class Basketball team leads in the race for the class basketball championship. The Juniors and Seniors are tied for second place with two victories each.

The Advanced team gained their two victories at the expense of the Junior class by 16-5 and 30-19 scores. Their lone defeat was administered them by the Seniors.

Twelve games will be played and the team finishing on top at the end of the

season will be awarded the silver trophy.

Two games have been played in the girls' division, the Advanced holding first place with a victory over the Seniors, who in turn conquered the Freshmen.

STATION OFFERS PURE SEED

In 1930, 68 cars of wheat shipped from one county in the Valley graded mixed wheat at Minneapolis. These 68 cars contained 91,800 bushels which at a discount of 12 cents a bushel amounts to \$11,016.00.

Where seed lots on hand are mixed, it may pay well to purchase new seed free from admixtures. According to R. S. Dunham, Station Agronomist, such seed may be obtained this year at bargain prices.

The outlook for wheat prices this year is hopeful at least to the extent that they will improve. Argentine has a smaller crop than last year; there is a shrinkage of some 43,000,000 bushels in the Australian crop, and winter wheat seedings last fall were less than usual.

A rust resistant variety of proved performance should be used. At present the two best adapted varieties for this section are Marquillo and Ceres. The former is a beardless wheat resembling Marquis. It has stiff straw and is high yielding. Ceres is a bearded wheat that has yielded more than Marquis but less than Marquillo at the Northwest Station.

The Northwest Station offers Marquillo seed wheat at \$1.00 per bushel. It germinates 94% and is 99.99% pure. The only admixture is a trace of tame oats. A small amount of Mindum durum is also available at the same price. It weighs 62 lbs. per bushel, is 98.62% pure, and germinates 86%.

SENIORS TO PRESENT "A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM"

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Demetrius, a Noble Athenian, suitor to Hermia—Reynold Johnson.
Lysander, a Noble Athenian, in love with Hermia—Wallace Abbott.
Helena, a Noble lady, vainly in love with Demetrius—Elizabeth Erickson.
Quince, a Carpenter—Francis Smith.
Bottom, a Weaver—Edwin Myers.
Snug, a Joiner—Erling Strand.
Flute, a Bellows-mender—Kermit Greenley.
Snout, a Tinker—Arnold Strand.
Starveling, a Tailor—William Ardell.
Puck, or Robin Goodfellow, servant to Oberon—Donald Toomey.
A Fairy—Ruby Lundin.
Attendant of Oberon—William Volker.
Oberon, King of the Fairies—Christian Holte.
Attendants of Titania—Violet Solmonson, Esther Torgerson

and Irene Pearson.

Titania—Queen of the Fairies—Olive Heegard.

Fairies: Peaseblossom, Cobweb, Moth

and Mustardseed—Campus children.

Time and Place—Ancient Days of Athens.

Scenes:

Act I—Throne Room in Palace of Theseus.

Act II—A Wood outside Athens.

Act III—The same.

Act IV—The same.

Act V—Throne Room in Palace of Theseus.

Production Staff

Stage Manager—Lloyd Chapman.

Costume Mistress—Pearl Henry.

Electrician—Peter Mandt.

Make-Up—Hazel Brekke.

Prompter—Margaret Gault.

Business Managers—Walter Dorseth and Harry Tangen.

Incidental Music—Mendelssohn—Miss Grace Warne and Miss Rose Polski.

Hines-McGenty Announce Engagement

During the last week in February, members of the faculty were entertained by Miss Leona Hines and Mr. Denis C. McGenty at a down town dinner and announcement party. The announcement of their engagement came as a surprise to their associates, who joined in wishing the young couple much joy and happiness.

Miss Hines, who is a member of the English department, devoted two years in study at the Bemidji Teachers' college, followed by two years at the University of Minnesota, where she graduated in 1931.

Mr. McGenty, instructor in advanced subjects and debate coach, is a graduate of New York University and the Wisconsin State Teachers college.

Both Miss Hines and Mr. McGenty joined the Northwest School staff last fall.

DRAMATICS POPULAR AT NORTHWEST SCHOOL

Dramatically, 1932 has been a big year. Never before has so large a number of students participated, nor as many performances been offered for our entertainment. Assembly programs, literary societies, 4-H clubs, and the drama classes all have caught Shakespeare's idea, "the play's the thing," and some sixty or seventy students have taken their bows as actors, directors, designers, and producers.

Among the presentations we remember are: "The Trysting Place," an amusing comedy which pleased its Parents' Day audience; a scene from "The Contrast" with some fine characterizations for an assembly program; "Carved Woman," an Indian fantasy, elaborately costumed and having the stage motifs designed and made by the drama class, for Thanksgiving day; scenes from "The Merchant of Venice," dramatized by the Freshmen; Dunsany's famous "A Night at an Inn," the melodrama offered as the last drama class play in the first semester; the Christmas pageant, a lovely interpretation by the Sanford Literary society; "Feathertop," a sketch from Hawthorne, cleverly presented on an assembly program; "Back of the Yards," a most difficult play of modern realism; "The Jest of Hahalaba," a fantasy, and "The Sausage," a folk play by the Lincoln Literary society; "The King's English," a South Sea Farce prepared for Winter Shows and a Sunday night program; the 4-H performance during Winter Shows week, and "The Choice," a part of the Washington Bicentennial celebration at the Crookston Armory.

According to Miss Cynthia Weinberger, head of the English department, the training that dramatics gives in poise, ease, grace, diction, articulation, emphasis, and memory justifies its place in the school curriculum. As recreation for those participating and those attending, plays are among our major activities and since by nature a play is a representation of life, so are our lives enriched by the play.



Operetta, "Oh, Doctor"

Junior Short Course To Be Held in June

The annual Boys' and Girls' Short Course will be held at the Northwest School, June 13 to 16. An attractive program of classroom instruction, demonstrations, tours, and entertainment is being arranged. This is a good time to begin making plans to attend. Many 4-H clubs are raising funds to send leaders and delegates. Mr. H. A. Pflughoeft, District Club leader, suggests that club members discuss this at their next club meeting.

AGGIES WIN BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

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The Northwest School team again exhibited excellent teamwork and in the first contest won a decisive 38-14 victory over their ancient rivals. The following night the second game of the crucial series was played and once again Christgau's men were victorious by a 34-30 count. The last contest required one over-time period, and the Northwest School team was forced to play a superb offensive and defensive game. Christgau's men led at the half by a 20-13 score, but Morris came back strong in the third and fourth quarters. When the whistle blew, ending the regular playing period, the score stood at 30 each. In the over-time period, the Aggies played as brilliant a defensive game as has ever been seen on the local floor, scoring two field goals, thus gaining a 34-30 victory.

The 1931-32 team, in spite of a rather slow start, proved that it had all the earmarks of a championship team. Each game gave evidence of better teamwork, and once the conference season got under way, Christgau's men were unbeatable. Perfect teamwork throughout the conference contests was responsible for the five victories achieved. Clarence Carlson, at center; Kenneth Avery and Glenn Kramer, the guards; Donald Anderson, Leo Maattala, Alvin Gronner, and Arnold Wolden, at forwards, were important factors in the team's excellent record. Of the reserves, Rudy Berger, Arthur Hendrickson, Searle Nelson, Mervin Hagen, Rodney Lindstrom, and Alfred Torkelson contributed their share whenever called upon.

"THE SECOND GENERATION"

That the Northwest School has passed safely through the period of infancy with its accompanying growing pains into the season of calm maturity, was indicated one year ago when the first of the second generation students knocked on our entrance doors. This honor goes to Dayton Hanson, Fertile, whose father, Henry Hanson, attended from 1908-1910. Dayton's mother, formerly Lily Berg, was an employe of the school at that time. Dayton, who will complete his Junior year this spring, has been active in student affairs. He is a member of the Lincoln society, Boy scouts, 4-H club and school debate squad.

Earl and Morris Engelstad, Thief

River Falls, and Agatha Olson, Beltrami, enrolled with this year's Freshman class, thus bringing the total number of "Chips Off the Old Block" to four.

Earl and Morris are sons of Paul and Olive (Larness) Engelstad, who graduated with the Class of 1916. Mr. Engelstad is one of the leading farmers of Pennington county, but modestly states that credit for any special honors that the boys may win at the Northwest School should be given to their mother. Both boys are members of the 4-H club, Boy Scouts, and Lincoln Literary Society. It will be recalled that Morris won the Red River Valley Rural School spelling championship at the Winter Shows two years ago in competition with champion spellers from thirteen Northwestern Minnesota counties. At that time he was but eleven years of age.

Agatha Olson is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Olson of Beltrami,



"The Second Generation"

Her father attended the Northwest School during the year 1907-08. Agatha has also taken a prominent part in school activities, being a member of the Athenian Literary society, Mixed chorus, and School operetta.

The Northwest School has been honored by these former students who are now sending their sons and daughters to their Alma Mater. Increasing numbers of second generation students will enter as the years pass by, and not only aid in maintaining the high standards of the past, but of extending the influence of the "School of Service" throughout Northwestern Minnesota.

POLK WINS SPELLING CONTEST

Rural School champions of eleven Red River Valley counties took part in the Red River Valley Spelling contest, in which Claire Docken, Angus, Polk county, was awarded first place. Genevieve Olson, Detroit Lakes, Becker county, ranked second, and Theodore Helley, Goodridge, Pennington county, and Edith Bromathin, Shevlin, Clearwater county, tied for third. Other contestants finished in the following

order: Inez Hanson, Gary, Norman county, fourth; Frances Sheffield, Breckenridge, Wilkin county, fifth; Evelyn Bostad, Kittson county, sixth; Nanna Hammess, Strathcona, Roseau county, and Bernice Melby, Clay county, tied for seventh; Dora Groven, Oklee, Red Lake county, eighth and Esther Vik, Waubun, Mahnomen county, ninth. The champion speller from Marshall county, Roy Olson, was unfortunately unable to reach Crookston for the final spell-down, due to the unprecedented blizzard that raged throughout Thursday and Friday.

Personals

Clarence A. Lee, '18, has asked to have the Monthly forwarded to his new address, 2214 Hendon Avenue, St. Paul. Clarence adds that he and his family are well and happy, and also extends greetings and best wishes to the Northwest School family.

Raymond H. Rutherford, '19, is branch manager of the United Motors Service, Inc., with headquarters at Minneapolis. His office is located at 10th street and Harmon Place.

Word has been received of the marriage of Miss Margaret McMillan and Mr. Lawrence Spears, '27, of Shooks, on May 29, 1931.

Bessie Swenson, '27, writes that her new address is Box 99, Alpha, Minnesota. Bessie sends greetings to Northwest School friends and asks to have the paper forwarded to her at Alpha.

August Robert Thorkelson, '28, is now located at Gatzke, Minnesota.

Mr. and Mrs. Erwin Bauer, (Erma Ross, '28) of Fisher, announce the birth of a daughter on Saturday, March 5.

Mrs. E. W. Avery, who has spent the past several months at Stuart, Florida, is now visiting in Iowa.

Helen Degerness, '31, of Gary, is attending the State Teachers' College at Moorhead.

Miss Hazel Perry (1918-20) and Mr. John Alderman were married on March 4 at the "Little Church of the Flowers" in Glendale, California. Mr. and Mrs. Alderman will make their home at Crookston.

Miss Genevieve Thompson (1929-30) and Mr. Nils Johnson were married February 10 and will make their home at Underwood.

Send in your Personal Items. We are always glad to hear from our Alumni and former students, and know that your classmates enjoy hearing of you, too. We would also appreciate having you notify us of changes in address so that we can keep our mailing list revised.

A number of Alumni returned for the final championship basketball game between the Crookston and Morris Aggies held in the local gymnasium on March 5. Included in the group were Randolph Ostlie, '27, Olaf Stenborg, '27, Phinney Stenborg, '26, Eddie Trandem, '28, and Selma Hedstrand, '31. The score stood at 30 all at the end of the regular game, which required an over-time session to clinch the championship.