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## SCHOOL CLOSES REMARKABLE YEAR

### High Scholarship—Many Inter-School Championships

The most successful year in the history of the Northwest School was brought to a close with the Commencement exercises Thursday evening, March 24, when the new auditorium was filled to capacity with the largest commencement day crowd ever assembled on the Aggie Campus.

Dean W. C. Coffey, University Farm, delivered the commencement address,

his subject being "Education and the Farmer." Following Dean Coffey's inspiring address, Superintendent A. A. Dowell presented diplomas to sixty-three graduates of the three-year course and forty-four graduates of the four-year course. This was the second largest class ever graduated from the Northwest School.

Unusual records were established during the year in scholarship, extra-curricular activities and interschool contests.

#### High Scholarship

During the course of the year, it was necessary to raise the honor roll requirements to an average of 2.5 points or over which represents a grade of B plus. A special division known as the High Scholarship group was established for students ranking between 2.0 and 2.49 points.

#### School Wins Many Championships

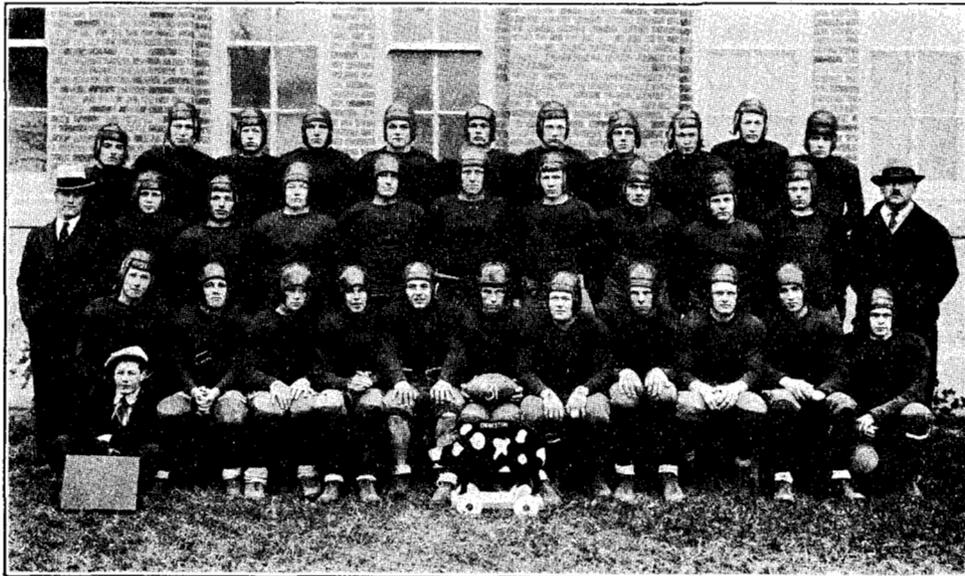
Northwest School teams captured championship honors in three interschool activities: football, crops judging, and basketball. The debate team finished in second place, while the livestock judging team finished third in

the Winter Shows inter-state contest, ranking second among the Agricultural schools of Minnesota. This record of three championships and two seconds in the five interschool competitions gives the Northwest School an unequalled record among the state established a unique record in other even more impressive when it is recalled that Northwest School teams won

## Football Team Wins First Championship of Year

The first of the three championships won by the Northwest School teams the past year was gained by the football team coached by Mr. R. J. Christgau and Assistant Coach E. L. Ocock.

Prospects at the opening of the season for a championship team were none too bright in spite of good playing material. An exceedingly tough schedule, in which three college teams, one high school eleven, and the Grand Rapids and Morris Aggies were to be engaged seemed to be rather a difficult assignment and Aggie rooters



Championship Football Team

championship honors in both debate and livestock judging last year.

#### Interest in Extra-Curricular Activities

In addition to the honors captured in interschool events, the student body established a unique record in other extra-curricular activities. The operetta "Oh Doctor" presented January 30 and February 1 by the music organizations under the direction of Mrs. R. W. Hollander, was most enthusiastically received by the large audiences that attended each performance. The annual senior class dramatic production, presented during commencement week, will long be remembered as another outstanding achievement. The two performances of Shakespeare's "A Mid-

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feared that the three early season college games would prove too much of a burden on the team and handicap them in the conference games. But the Christgau-coached team came through with flying colors. Defeats, which were expected, were suffered at the hands of the Bemidji Teachers College and University of North Dakota Reserve and Freshmen teams. Then four consecutive victories were scored. Thief River Falls High School was defeated 6-0; the Concordia College Freshmen were handed an 18-12 licking; Grand Rapids Aggies were trounced 37-0, and the Morris Aggies were routed 33-0. The latter two victories gave the Northwest School team the

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### SCHOOL CLOSÉS

#### REMARKABLE YEAR

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summer Night's Dream" as presented by the Seniors under the direction of Miss Cynthia Weinberger, won much praise for the cast and director. Throughout the year, six one-act plays were presented by the Drama class as part of the classroom work. Staging, directing and casting were in the hands of the students under the supervision of Miss Weinberger.

The annual Song contest between the four classes was won by the Juniors; the annual inter-society declamatory contest was won by the Agrarians in the boys' division and the Athenians in the girls' division, while the Advanced were declared winners in the class football and basketball contests. The field meet resulted in a one-sided victory for the Seniors. Such events contributed much towards making the year a most interesting one for every member of the student body.

Faculty and students may well feel proud of the unusual record in scholarship and extra-curricular activities established during the year 1931-32.

#### CROPS JUDGING TEAM WINS SECOND CHAMPIONSHIP

Competing with teams from the Agricultural Schools at Grand Rapids, Morris, St. Paul, Brookings, S. D., Park River, N. D., and Winnipeg, Canada, the Northwest School crops judging team won first place in the sub-collegiate crop judging contest held in connection with the Winter Shows, thus scoring the second championship of the school year. Mr. R. S. Dunham, in charge of the Agronomy division, coached the winning team. The victory gave the Northwest School permanent possession of the Minnesota Red River Valley Development association trophy. The contest this year was unusually keen as the Grand Rapids, Morris, and Crookston teams had each won possession of the trophy twice before and the cup was to become the property of the school winning the contest three times. Northwest School teams had been victorious in 1926 and 1930.

Coach Dunham's team made an unusual record in the contest, scoring 3762 points out of a possible 4100 points. The team was composed of Clinton Donley, Fergus Falls, and Ingolf Swanson, Alvarado. Arvin Gorden, Badger, was alternate.



Championship Crops Judging Team

#### BASKETBALL TEAM WINS THIRD CHAMPIONSHIP

The third and final championship of the year was won by the basketball team which played through the conference schedule with five clear cut victories and no conference defeats.

After a somewhat disastrous start when they suffered seven straight defeats, five at the hands of college teams and two at the hands of Thief River Falls, state high school champions, the Northwest School squad entered the conference schedule with the training and experience that would not be denied. The Grand Rapids Aggies were humbled by 32-16 and 31-21 counts on their own floor. The St. Paul quint was the next victim on Christgau-coached team's list and was defeated by a 31-23 score. The two games with Morris, played in the Northwest School gym, proved to be the deciding contests of the year. The Morris quint needed two victories to claim titular honors, while the Crookston Aggies needed but one decision. A decisive 38-14 victory



Livestock Judging Team  
Third in Contest, Second in State

in the opening game cinched the title for Christgau's team, and in the second game of the series they again proved their championship worth when they squeezed through a 34-30 victory in a most exciting game that ended in a 30-30 tie at the completion of the regular playing period. In the overtime period, the Crookston Aggies scored two field goals, while Morris went scoreless.

Letters were awarded to the following players in basketball: Captain Clarence Carlson, Stephen; Captain-elect Alvin Gronner, Underwood; Kenneth Avery, Roseville, Ill.; Donald Anderson, Perley; Glenn Kramer, Fargo, N. D.; Leo Maattala, Oklee; Arnold Wolden, Saum; Rudolph Berger, Greenbush; Arthur Hendrickson, Fosston; and Searle Nelson, Underwood.

#### LIVESTOCK TEAM PLACES THIRD IN CONTEST; SECOND IN STATE

The Northwest School livestock judging team, coached by O. M. Kiser, animal husbandman, ranked third in the inter-state sub-collegiate livestock judging contest held in connection with the Winter Shows. The St. Paul team ranked first with Park River, North Dakota second. Thus the Northwest School stood second among the four agricultural schools in the state.

The team was composed of Roy Boman, Syre; Halbert Johnson, Dalton, and Herbert Hanson, East Grand Forks, with Lloyd Chapman, Crookston, as alternate. Roy Boman won first place in sheep; Halbert Johnson won first place in beef cattle, and Herbert Hanson won third place in horses.

Coach Kiser and his team made an excellent showing in the contest in which some of the best stock judging teams in this part of the country took part.

#### DEBATE TEAM FINISHES SECOND

Encountering strong opposition in their two engagements with the debate teams from the Morris and St. Paul schools, the Northwest School debaters, coached by Mr. Denis C. McGenty, gained an even break in their year's work. A 2-1 defeat was handed the Northwest School affirmative team by the St. Paul debaters at St. Paul, while Mr. McGenty's negative team scored a 3-0 victory over the Morris trio in the Northwest School auditorium. Their record of one victory and one defeat, in which they scored a total of four points on judges' decisions, earned second place in the final standings between the three schools. The debate team this year showed the result of excellent coaching and handled the subject in admirable manner. The question for debate was, Resolved: "That the several states should enact legislation providing for compulsory unemployment insurance."

Members of the squad were: affirmative team, Kermit Greenley, Viking; Richard Holmgren, Carp, and Donald McCall, Crookston; negative team,

Clinton Donley, Fergus Falls; Darwin Krogman, Crookston, and John Pearson, Middle River. Alternates were Dayton Hanson, Fertile, and Edward Sargent, Crookston.

### FOOTBALL TEAM WINS FIRST CHAMPIONSHIP OF YEAR

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conference championship.

The excellent record made in the first of the inter-school activities was the stimulus for capturing similar honors in the later contests.

Much credit for the success of the football team is due to Coach R. J. Christgau and Assistant Coach E. L. Ocock as well as to the team as a whole. The following students were awarded letters at the end of the season: Captain Kenneth Avery, Roseville, Ill.; Captain-elect Edwin Widseth, McIntosh; Stanley Radniecki, Trail; Philip LeMasurier, Crookston; Mervin Hagen, Underwood; Kermit Greenley, Viking; Leo Maattala, Oklee; Alvin Gronner, Underwood; Clarence Carlson, Stephen; Alfred Torkelson, Stephen; Arnold Strand, Twin Valley; Erling Strand, Twin Valley; Walter Dorseth, Twin Valley; Orin Refling, Fertile; Donald Anderson, Perley; John Pearson, Middle River; Allan Hoff, Dalton.

### COMMENCEMENT WEEK ACTIVITIES

Commencement Week, a week crowded with events for underclassmen as well as members of the graduating classes, brought the 1931-32 school year to a successful close. Beginning with the Superintendent's reception to seniors, March 18, and continuing through the commencement exercises, March 24, students, faculty, alumni and friends witnessed the progress made during the year by the participation of students in the various programs and events.

The Commencement week formally began when all members of the three-year graduating class were entertained at the annual reception to the graduates by Superintendent and Mrs. A. A. Dowell at their home Friday, March 18.

The finals in the annual inter-class field meet took place Saturday afternoon and evening. Preliminary events had been staged earlier in the week and the final contests proved most exciting with the Seniors winning by a wide margin.

Baccalaureate services were held in the school auditorium Sunday evening, March 20. Dr. C. G. Hohn delivered the baccalaureate address. Others taking part in the program were Reverend R. M. Vordale, Rev. P. C. Sorenson, and Reverend F. J. Hibbard. Music was furnished by a faculty trio consisting of Mrs. R. W. Hollander, Miss Grace Warne, and Miss Rose Polski, and by the school quartette composed of Lowell Ryden, Russell Knudt-

son, Helmer Nornes, and Allan Hoff. The mixed chorus contributed two selections to the program. The processional and postlude were played by Miss Rose Polski.

The annual music recital was held Monday evening, March 21, with students in voice, piano, and violin presenting a most pleasing program. The program opened with selections by the school orchestra. A vocal duet was presented by Ruby Lundin '32 and Rodney Lindstrom '33. Vocal solos were given by Arlene Hill '31, Helmer Nornes '31, Virginia Harding, and Lowell Ryden '29. Allan Lee '34 offered a violin solo. Piano numbers were presented by Arvin Gorden '32, Margaret Gault '32, Harriet Severson '33, Esther Torgerson '32, Joy Kiser, special, and a piano duet by Helen Carlson '34 and Virginia Harding.

Tuesday and Wednesday evenings, March 22 and 23, the Senior class presented the most important dramatic offering of the year, Shakespeare's five-act comedy "A Midsummer Night's Dream," under the direction of Miss Cynthia Weinberger, head of the English department. Twenty-nine seniors were in the cast, while the production staff included seven additional members of the three-year class. The campus children with their dances, and Miss Polski and Miss Warne with musical selections contributed much to the success of the production.

The annual Senior Class exercises were held Thursday afternoon with Kermit Greenley, vice president of the Class of '32, presiding. The program was as follows: Greeting, Mrs. A. A. Dowell, class adviser; demonstration "Illusions of Dress," Eleanor Torkelson; piano-accordion selection "Sextet From Lucia" Herman Simonson; Presentation of Key, Alvin Gronner; Response for the Class of 1933 and acceptance of the key, Paul Ingebretson '33; piano solo "Reverie" Margaret Gault; Class history, Orpha Johnson; class will, Mer-

vin Hagen; vocal solo "The Fairy Pipers" Esther Torgerson; class prophecy, Walter Dorseth. The main address was given by Superintendent A. A. Dowell, class adviser.

The impressive Commencement program closed the activities of the year. Reverend G. W. Ford gave the invocation, following which the mixed chorus offered two selections "Morning Invitation" and "On the Blue Danube." Edwin Widseth, McIntosh, president of the Senior class, gave the class address in which he not only reviewed the three years spent at the Northwest School, but pointed out how graduates of the institution would benefit in the future as a result of the training they had received.

In his commencement address Dean W. C. Coffey emphasized the importance of education as a factor in raising the standards of rural people. He urged his hearers to maintain an open receptive mind and to try to be of service to their fellow men.

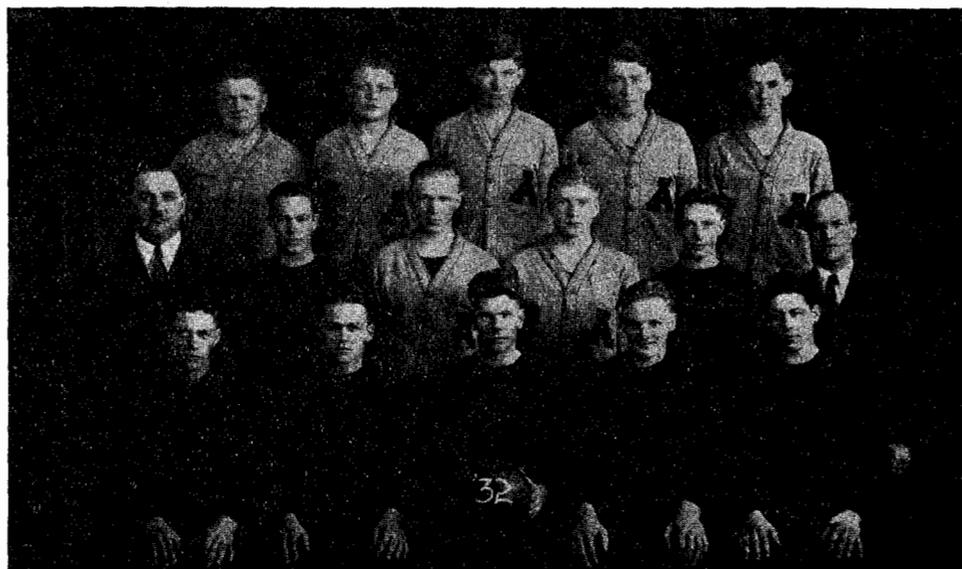
Other numbers on the program included a piano solo by Donald McCall '31 and selections by the male quartette, and boys' glee club. Following the presentation of diplomas to graduates, a number of special scholarship awards were announced. These will be listed in the May issue of the Northwest Monthly.

### CROPS AND SOILS DAY

#### TO BE HELD IN JULY

Dr. Andrew Boss, veteran of many Crops and Soils meetings, will be the principal speaker at the Annual Crops Day meeting to be held at the Northwest Experiment Station Thursday, July 28. Other crops specialists, including Dr. H. K. Hayes, are expected to assist in explaining results secured in the experimental plots.

R. S. Dunham, Agronomist, will be away on leave of absence during the coming year, so that the day's program will be in charge of E. R. Clark.



Championship Basketball Team



Debate Squad—Second in Inter-School Contests

### PROGRAM ARRANGED FOR LIVESTOCK FEEDERS' DAY

The date for the annual Livestock Feeders' Day at the Northwest School and Experiment Station has been set for Tuesday, June 14. At this time O. M. Kiser, Station Animal Husbandman, and Professor W. H. Peters, Chief of the Animal Husbandry Department, University Farm, will summarize the baby beef feeding trial that has been conducted at the station this year.

Thirty-two high grade Hereford steer calves will be on display. They were placed on feed last November at an average initial weight of 385 pounds. These calves were divided into four uniform lots as follows: Lot 1 received ground wheat; Lot 2, 50 per cent ground wheat and 50 per cent ground barley; Lot 3, ground rye; and Lot 4, 50 per cent ground rye and 50 per cent ground barley. In addition all lots received sweet clover hay and linseed oil meal fed at the rate of 1.5 pounds per head daily.

Previous trials at this station have shown wheat to be an excellent grain for fattening calves. It can be used to advantage during years of low prices or when low quality wheat is available. Rye has given excellent results in lamb feeding, but proved to be very inferior to other grains for hogs. This trial has been conducted with a view to giving information on the feeding value of rye for fattening baby calves.

Other livestock topics will also be discussed during the day.

### JUNIOR SHORT COURSE TO BE HELD IN JUNE

State Club Leader T. A. Erickson, Miss Mildred Schenck, University Farm club assistant, county agents and club leaders will join forces with members of the faculty in the program for the twenty-first annual Junior Short Course to be held at the Northwest School June 14 to 16.

The Short Course is open to all boys and girls in Northwestern Minnesota

between the ages of twelve and twenty-one years. Instruction will include lectures and demonstrations that will be helpful in connection with the many 4-H club projects in agriculture, home economics, and community work.

A leadership class under the direction of T. A. Erickson and District Club Leader H. A. Pflughoeft will be conducted each day for club leaders and older club members. According to Mr. Pflughoeft an unusually interesting recreational program is also being arranged including movies, stunts, outdoor games and swimming contests in the swimming pool in the new Physical Education building.

For additional information, write the Northwest School of Agriculture, Crookston.

### Coming Events

June 14—Livestock Feeders' Day.

June 14-16—Junior Short Course.

June 20-23—Women's Camp.

June 25—Alumni Summer Reunion.

July 28—Crops and Soils Day.

October 3—Fall Term Begins.

### MANY PLAN TO ATTEND WOMEN'S CAMP

The Seventh Annual Women's Camp will be held at the Northwest School on June 20-23. This short course has developed into one of the important activities of the summer months, and is eagerly looked forward to by women scattered throughout Northwestern Minnesota.

Instruction, which centers around problems of the home, will be interspersed with a varied inspirational and recreational program. The equipment of the school will be available throughout the week. Additional information may be secured by writing the Northwest School.

### PERSONALS

Miss Mary Peshka of Strathcona and Mr. Albert Kopecky '23 of Tabor were married recently. The newlyweds are in Minneapolis at the present time.

Miss Alicia Hoppe (1923-24) and Mr. William Jurchen were married Sunday evening, April 3, at the farm home of the bride's parents at Crookston. The bride was attended by her sister, Irma (1926-27). Mr. and Mrs. Jurchen will make their home at Crookston.

Mr. and Mrs. Anton P. Eid (1909-10) of Gary are the parents of a baby boy born the latter part of March.

Nils Pederson, '13, was a business caller at the school on April 14. Mrs. Pederson will be remembered as Teckla Erlandson, also of the class of '13. The Pedersons and their four children are living at Bejou, Minnesota.

Mr. and Mrs. Nels Hvidsten (Nels 1915) of Stephen, announce the birth of a son, Wednesday, March 30.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Grothe (Luella Hansen '21) are now living at Ada, Minnesota.

Mr. and Mrs. Swan Jacobson (Myrtle Erickson '21) of 421 Fourth Street South, Bemidji, announce the birth of a daughter, Yvonne Marilyn, on April 7.

Ole E. Tarvas '22 writes that he has moved from Eveleth, and that his future address will be Iron, Minnesota, R.F.D. Box 26A.

Howard E. Balk '24 of 2118 Como Avenue, St. Paul, was a Campus visitor Tuesday, April 5.

Stella M. Carlson '25 plans to enter the Immanuel Deaconess Institute, Omaha, Nebraska, where she will work for her degree of Registered Nurse.

Russell Ash (1925-26) is connected with the Minnesota School of Business at 627 First Avenue North, Minneapolis.

Mr. and Mrs. John Covlin (John '26) of Mentor announce the arrival of an eight pound daughter, Lorraine Evelyn, on April 8.

Miss Laura E. Gerber, former instructor of Home Economics, and now with the Columbus Ohio Dairy Council, attended a meeting of all National Dairy Council representatives in Washington, D. C. February 18-20. Miss Gerber spent a day with the C. G. Selvig family while in Washington.

Hazel Stephenson '29, now attending Concordia College, Moorhead, won the Annual Declamatory contest at the college this spring.

Harold Cordes '29 played the leading male part in the play "Nothing But the Truth" presented by the American Legion of Henning, Minnesota.

Arthur Peterson '30 is attending the University of Minnesota where he is taking a course in embalming.

Evelyn Bierbaum '29 is club leader in Nicollet and Scott counties. She will headquarter from both St. Peter and Jordan, Minnesota.