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## Successful School Year Closes .. Impressive Meetings During Commencement Week ..

The silver anniversary commencement exercises were brought to a close March 30, with the presentation of 79 diplomas to students completing the regular three-year, and college preparatory courses. Of this total, 43 completed the three-year course in Agriculture and Home Economics, and 36 the Advanced course.

In reviewing the school records, it is interesting to note that eight students (three girls and five boys) comprised the first graduating class—the Class of '09. With the addition of the 79 diplomas granted this year, 941 students have now completed the regular three-year course, while 342 have received the advanced certificate, making a total of 1283. **Many Activities**

Commencement week activities opened with the Senior Class reception at the home of Superintendent and Mrs. A. A. Dowell. This was followed by Senior day and the Inter-Class Field meet. Final tabulations gave the seniors first place in this annual inter-class affair.

### Baccalaureate Sermon

The commencement sermon was delivered by Dr. E. P. Robertson, President Emeritus of Wesley College, and brother of William Robertson, Superintendent of the Northwest School from the time the school was opened in 1906 until his untimely death in 1910. Dr. Robertson chose for his subject "Living the Golden Rule" and emphasized the importance of serving humanity by being a good neighbor. "To be a good neighbor means doing the little things for others that come outside the regular duties of life," he said.

At the opening of the program the 79 graduates, headed by members of the faculty, marched to their seats in the front of the auditorium. The processional "Pilgrims' Chorus" from Tannhauser was played by Miss Rose Polski and Miss Grace Warne of the music faculty. Reverend R. M. Vordale, pastor of the English Lutheran church, gave the opening prayer, followed by the reading of the scripture lesson by Dr. C. G. Hohn, pastor of the First Methodist church.

Special music selections included a piano-violin duet by Miss Rose Polski

## SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS ANNOUNCED

A number of scholarship awards were announced at the close of the impressive commencement exercises. These included the highest scholarship boy and girl in the Freshman, Junior and Senior classes, and special recognition for progress in the study of music.



### Debaters Tie For State Championship

and Miss Grace Warne; vocal trio "Largo" from Xerxes by Handel by Esther Torgerson, Fosston, advanced; Beatrice Eggum, Dalton, senior, and Helen Krogstad, Fertile, junior; and two numbers "Recessional" by DeKoven and "The Long Day Closes" by Sullivan by the special mixed chorus, directed by Mrs. Roy W. Hollander and accompanied by Miss Polski.

The Concert recital and Senior Class play occupied the spotlight the next three nights. These impressive events are reviewed elsewhere in this issue of the Northwest Monthly.

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Clarence Weckwerth, Hazel, was given recognition for the senior boy showing the greatest progress and highest scholastic standing during the year. Second place was awarded to Oscar Larson, Crookston. Alyce Johnson, Newfolden, was announced as the highest ranking senior girl, with Harriet Severson, Clearbrook, second. Lester Lerud, Twin Valley, won

this high honor among the Junior boys, with Harold Clow, Orleans, second. The highest ranking Junior girl, was Gladys Quantock, Argyle; Lois Sargent, Crookston, second. Noel Hanson, Detroit Lakes, ranked first among the Freshman boys, with Clifford Sauer, Glyndon, second, while Laura Hanson, Thief River Falls, won first among the Freshman girls, with Marie Johansen, Pitt, second.

Upon recommendation of the music faculty, the following students were given recognition for showing the greatest progress and highest scholastic standing in the study of music.

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## WINTER TERM HONOR ROLL

As a result of high scholastic standing, twenty-nine students gained a place on the honor roll at the close of the winter term, while thirty others were placed on the high scholarship list. An average of 2.5 points or more is required for honor roll rating, while an average of 2.00 points to 2.5 points earns a place on the high scholarship list.

Following are the names of students who earned places on the two lists, as reported by Registrar J. W. Mlinar:

### Honor Roll

**Advanced:** Kermit Greenley, Viking; Emory KenKnight, Clearbrook; Walter Lunsetter, Gatzke; Garfield Bakke, Gary; Edwin Myers, Warroad.

**Seniors:** Alyce Johnson, Newfolden; Richard Holmgren, Carp; Esther Dalager, Pelican Rapids; Beulah Harris, Crookston; Willard Kimmel, Fergus Falls; Clarence Weckwerth, Hazel; James Rynning, Kennedy; Oscar Larson, Crookston.

**Juniors:** Luella Peterson, East Grand Forks; Agatha Olson, Beltrami; Lester Lerud, Twin Valley; Lois Sargent, Crookston; Helen Carlson, Halstad.

**Freshmen:** Joyce Stamnes, Halma; Laura Hanson, Thief River Falls; George Kersting, Waubun; Olaf Dahlen, Erie; Noel Hanson, Detroit Lakes; Ferdie Ristad, Hallock; Burnet Berge-son, Twin Valley; Clifford Sauer, Glyn-don; Irene Holst, Thief River Falls.

**Special:** Clarence Amundsen, East Grand Forks; Elmer Severson, Clearbrook.

### High Scholarship

**Advanced:** Herman Simonson, McIntosh; Lloyd Chapman, Crookston; Alvin Gronner, Underwood; Edwin Widseth, McIntosh.

**Seniors:** Rodney Lindstrom, Lake Park; Raymond Grabowski, St. Paul; Dayton Hanson, Walker; Edward Sargent, Crookston; William Sitko, Ada; Ethel Torkelson, Crookston; John Stromstad, Beltrami; Elmer Martinson, Gary; Jean Nisbet, East Grand Forks; Harriet Severson, Clearbrook; Erdman McVeety, East Grand Forks; Harvey Nelson, Orleans; Stephen Vilven, Crookston.

**Juniors:** Harold Clow, Orleans; Gladys Quantock, Argyle; Minna Ross, Fisher; Peter Tandberg, Newfolden; Torlief Boe, McIntosh; Evelyn Vilven, Crookston; Pearl Hanson, Thief River Falls.

**Freshmen:** Olive Steen, Halstad; Marie Johansen, Pitt; Harold Sanden,

Beaulieu; Earl Lindberg, Beltrami; Arthur Anderson, Warren; Alvina Urbaniak, Argyle.

## CLASS PLAY ENJOYED BY ALL

Large and enthusiastic audiences greeted the Senior Class play "Camille in Roaring Camp" which was presented under the direction of Miss Cynthia Weinberger Tuesday and Wednesday of Commencement week.

This play within a play is a combination of Bret Harte's story of Roaring Camp and Alexander Dumas' "Camille." Much of the humor was due to the striking contrast between the setting in a wild western town and the delicate French tragedy.

Harriet Severson, Clearbrook, as Camille, and Orville Erickson, Hawley, as Armand Duval, carried the leading roles. They were ably assisted in presenting "Camille," the play within the play, by Rodney Lindstrom, Lake Park, who played the part of Monsieur Duval; Nelda Mjelde, Beltrami, as Nichette; Jean Nisbet, East Grand Forks, Madame Prudence; Helen Hansen, Crookston, Olimpe; Dayton Hanson, Gary, Gaston; Oscar Larson, Crookston, Gustave; Elmer Martinson, Gary, A

## COMING EVENTS

June	6-8—Junior Short Course.
June	12—Livestock Feeders' Day.
June 12-15—	Women's Short Course.
June	24—Alumni Summer Reunion.
July	17—Crops and Soils Day.
October	2—Fall Term Opens.
Dec.	22—Fall Term Ends.

Messenger; Dorothy Jacobson, Perley, Nanine; and Paul Hansen, Crookston, The Count de Varville.

Leading roles in the cast "Roaring Camp" were carried by William Sitko, Ada, who played the part of Jake; Russell Steve, Bagley, as Dungere Joe; Edwin Myers, Warroad, who was pressed into service as Stumpy, substituting for Arthur Sanden, Beaulieu, who suffered an attack of appendicitis and was forced to undergo an operation the day of the play; Raymond Grabowski, St. Paul, Colonel Starbottle; Llewellyn Reese, Park Rapids, An Orner Cuss; Rose Naplin, Wylie, The Duchess; Beatrice Eggum, Dalton, Cherokee Sal; Esther Dalager, Pelican Rapids, Sue; Everett Hesby, Halstad, Ah Sin; James Rynning, Kennedy, The Judge; Harold Yangness, Twin Valley, John Oakhurst; Delbert Gustafson, Lancaster, Jack Hamlin; Carman Eeg, Gary, The Sheriff; John Stromstad, Beltrami, Yuba Bill, and Harvey Nelson, Orleans, Al.

The production staff included; Clarence Nelson, Twin Valley, stage manager; Alyce Johnson, Newfolden, costume mistress; Stephen Vilven, Crookston, properties; Cyrus Oistad, Shelly, electrician; Edward Sargent, Crookston, advertising; Richard Holmgren, Carp, and Clarence Weckwerth, Hazel, business managers.

## SUCCESSFUL SCHOOL YEAR CLOSES

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### Senior Class Exercises

As a preliminary to the commencement program Thursday night, members of the senior class held their class exercises in the auditorium during the afternoon. Jean Nisbet, East Grand Forks, vice president of the class, served as chairman of a varied program of music, readings and addresses. Mrs. Roy W. Hollander, one of the class advisers, extended the greeting to students and friends, while Miss Cynthia Weinberger gave the address of the day. Other numbers included a demonstration, "The March of Fashions," by Beulah Harris, Crookston; "The Class of 1933" by Clarence Weckwerth, Hazel; Response for the Class of 1934 by Lester Lerud, Twin Valley, president of the Junior class; Class History, Oscar Larson, Crookston; Class Will, William Sitko, Ada; Class Prophecy, Rose Naplin, Wylie; piano solo, Harriet Severson, Clearbrook, and a vocal solo by Rodney Lindstrom, Lake Park.

### Commencement Exercises

F. W. Peck, Director of the Agricultural Extension Division, University Farm, delivered the commencement address. His presentation of "The Challenge to Youth" will long be remembered by students as well as parents and friends who filled the new auditorium to capacity.

The commencement program opened with the Processional March, followed by the "Minuet in G" by Beethoven presented by the school orchestra under the direction of Miss Rose Polski. The invocation was given by Reverend P. E. Moen, while Rodney Lindstrom, president of the Senior class, delivered the class address.

### Mrs. G. S. Olson Wears '09 Dress

As a special feature of the silver anniversary program, Mrs. G. S. Olson (Lena Opdahl '09), Beltrami, a member of the first graduating class, appeared on the platform wearing her 1909 graduation dress, which was made as a part of her home economics class work. Mrs. Olson's niece, Karine Opdahl, Beltrami, completed her Junior course this year and will enroll as a senior next fall.

Music numbers included selections by the male quartet, composed of Harold Clow, Orleans; Willard Kimmel, Fergus Falls; Edwin Myers, Warroad, and Edwin Widseth, McIntosh; a vocal solo "In the Luxembourg Gardens"—Manning presented by Esther Torgerson, Fosston; a piano solo "Liebesfreud"—Kreisler rendered by Margaret Gault, Winnipeg, and "Ole Uncle Moon"—Scott, and "Carnival Chorus" from La Tarantella—Jakobowski, by the mixed chorus under the direction of Mrs. Roy Hollander, accompanied by Miss Polski.

Following the presentation of diplomas and scholarship awards by Superintendent A. A. Dowell, the graduates sang "Goodbye Minnesota" by Killeen.

The address of Leonard Wiberg '20 is 663 W. 61st St., Englewood Station, Chicago, Illinois.

## STUDENTS PRESENT CONCERT RECITAL

Students in music presented their annual commencement week recital in the school auditorium March 27 under the direction of Miss Rose Polski, Mrs. Roy W. Hollander, and Miss Grace Warne. The program opened with two selections, "War March of the Priests" by Mendelssohn and "Minuet" from the Military Symphony—Haydn by the school orchestra directed by Miss Rose Polski.

Other numbers included a piano solo "To the Rising Sun"—Torjussen by William Volker, Crookston; vocal solo "The Lass with the Delicate Air"—Arne by Esther Torgerson, Fosston; piano solo "Witches' Dance"—MacDowell by Joy Kiser, Crookston; violin duet "Happy Thoughts"—Uggen by Arthur Anderson, Warren, and Clarence Skaren, East Grand Forks; vocal solo "Roses of Picardy"—Haydn Wood by Rodney Lindstrom, Lake Park; piano solo "Waltz in A Flat"—Brahms by Olive Steen, Halstad; selections "Ma Curly Headed Baby"—Clutsam and "Nursery Rhyme Suite"—Custance by the girls' glee club.

Piano solo "Second Valse"—Durand by Evelyn Erickson, Perley; piano solos "Cabin Dance"—Baines and "Fairies at Play in the Moonlight"—MacLachlan by Harold Sanden, Beaulieu; violin solo "Spring Song"—Mendelssohn by Clarence Skaren; piano solo "Minuet Waltz"—Selim Palmgren by Helen Carlson, Halstad; vocal solo "Japanese Love Song"—Clayton Thomas by Irene Holst, Thief River Falls; piano solos "Butterfly"—Grieg and "Hopak"—Moussorgsky-Rachmaninoff by Esther Torgerson.

As a fitting climax to one of the finest recitals ever presented at the Northwest School, the boys' glee club directed by Mrs. Roy W. Hollander with Miss Rose Polski at the piano sang two selections "All Thru the Night" and "When the Boys Come Home." Mr. D. C. McGenty served as chairman of the program.

## STUDENTS HONORED AT ASSEMBLY

Honor awards to students taking part in inter-school and inter-class activities were announced at a special assembly held the last Saturday in March. Students receiving letters and bars in basketball, as announced by T. M. McCall, chairman of the athletic committee, included Alvin Gronner, Underwood; Rodney Lindstrom, Lake Park; Ames Holte, Shelly; Carman Eeg, Gary; Archie Northup, Hawley; Mervin Hagen, Underwood; Clarence Weckwerth, Hazel; Stanley Alseth, Fox; Nils Stenborg, Clearbrook.

Gold medals were presented by Coach D. C. McGenty to six students who tied for the state championship in

the inter-school debate contest. The group included Selmer Johnson, Crookston; Paul Hansen, Crookston; Richard Holmgren, Carp; Kermit Greenley, Viking; Burnet Bergeson, Twin Valley, and Esther Haugo, Mahnommen. O. M. Kiser, coach of the livestock judging team, then presented similar medals to Edwin Widseth, McIntosh; Edwin Myers, Warroad, and Lloyd Chapman, Crookston, followed by the presentation of medals to Herman Simonson, McIntosh, and Oscar Larson, Crookston, by E. R. Clark, coach of the crops judging team.

Four advanced girls were awarded numerals by Miss Elsie Kingston for their consistent work in athletics. Included in the group were Frances McKibbin, Lancaster; Irene Pearson, Hallock; Ruby Edeen, Clearbrook, and Margaret Gault, Winnipeg. Similar numerals were awarded to seven boys who won the inter-class basketball championship for the advanced class. The championship team was composed of Edwin Widseth; Erling Strand, Twin Valley; Orin Refling, Fertile; Edwin Myers; Vernon Smolak, Lancaster, and Garfield Bakke, Gary. The advanced class also received the silver trophy which is awarded each year to the championship class basketball team.

Other awards included special monograms for outstanding work as cheer leaders. These awards were granted by J. W. Mlinar to Edwin Myers, Warroad; and Olive Heegard, Crookston. Arnold Iverson, Bagley, was given special recognition for his work as student manager of the school athletic teams.

At the close of the assembly, Alvin Gronner, captain of the 1933 basketball team, announced the result of the election of captain for the coming year. This honor went to Rodney Lindstrom, senior, from Lake Park.

One of the most important awards of the day was the sweater presented by the Ruettell Clothing Company to the most valuable man on the basketball team. Upon recommendation of the squad, the athletic coach, the Ruettell Company, and the superintendent of the Northwest School, this award was made to Alvin Gronner, captain of the

team and one of the best all-around athletes that ever donned an Aggie suit. The award was presented on behalf of the Ruettell Company by Coach R. J. Christgau.

## SCHOOL AND STATION RADIO TALKS

"The Northwest School of Agriculture" is the topic of an address to be delivered by Superintendent A. A. Dowell over Station WCCO, Minneapolis and St. Paul, between 1:00 and 1:30 P. M., Friday, May 5.

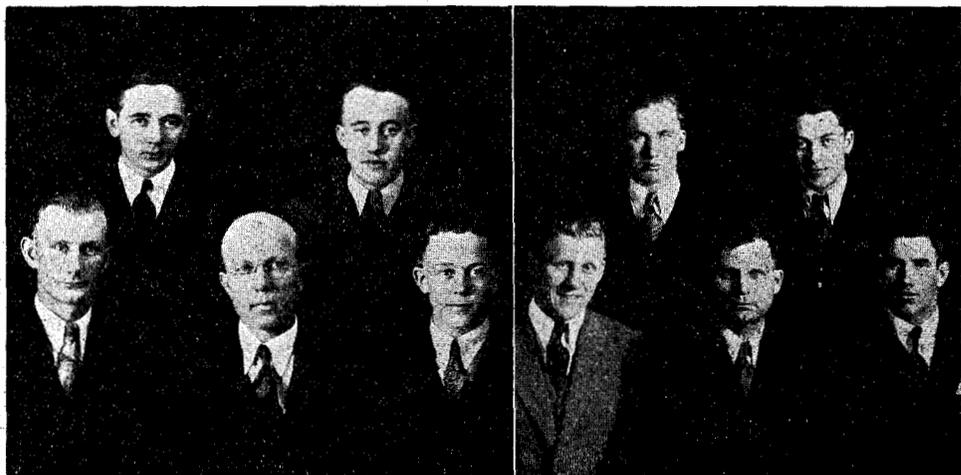
The Department of Agriculture of the University of Minnesota is presenting a series of farm and home talks each Monday and Friday. Three ten minute talks by different members of the University staff are given each period.

Dr. Dowell will speak over the same station and at the same hour on Monday, June 19, his topic being "Applied Agriculture and Home Economics."

Northwest School students and friends are invited to tune in on WCCO and hear these special messages from the Northwest School and Station.

## ADVANCED CLASS HONOR ST. PAT.

St. Patrick reigned supreme on the Northwest School Campus last month, when members of the Advanced class staged the annual St. Patrick's Day celebration. Edwin Myers, Warroad, was elected to the high office of St. Patrick, and Frances McKibbin, Lancaster, Queen. Activities began with an early morning parade about the campus. The parade was headed with a beautifully decorated two-seated surrey of the vintage of 1905 drawn by a 27-year-old horse, affectionately known on the campus as "Mack." Superintendent and Mrs. A. A. Dowell, class advisers, occupied the front seat of the chariot, with Herman Simonson, McIntosh, Edwin Myers, and Robert Sunderland bringing up the rear. The line of march included all members of the class with boys wearing white trousers and white shirts with green



Crops Judging Team

Livestock Judging Team

ties, while the girls wore white dresses with green sashes. Following the serenade of the various dormitories, the class marched through the school dining hall and were then seated at one long table decorated in typical St. Patrick's Day fashion.

A special St. Patrick's day assembly was held just before noon. This program was opened by a brief address by Edwin Widseth, McIntosh, who has served as president of the class for the past three years. Following this introduction, the curtain was drawn showing all members of the class on the stage with St. Patrick occupying the throne of honor. The queen was then ushered to her seat beside St. Patrick by a group of campus children, including Ruth and Annette Dowell, Ruth Pilkey, and Rama Hillmon.

St. Patrick then proceeded to initiate each member of the class into the Royal Order of St. Pat. Each member was required to kiss the Blarney stone which had been imported direct from Ireland for this important occasion. Special numbers included a piano solo by Margaret Gault, Winnipeg; vocal solo, Esther Torgerson, Fosston; accordion-piano duet, Herman Simonson and Esther Torgerson, and a review of the advanced class achievements by Kermit Greenley, Viking. J. W. Mlinar, Miss Elsie Kingston and Miss Rose Polski were also presented with emblems signifying honorary membership.

At the close of the evening dinner hour, Edwin Widseth presented a huge shamrock to Rodney Lindstrom, Lake Park, president of the senior class, and recommended that the following classes continue the custom of honoring St. Patrick with a fitting ceremony.

### GRONNER AWARDED WIDSETH-LAVOI MEDAL

One of the most impressive awards presented during commencement week was the Arthur Widseth-LaVoi memor-



Alvin Gronner

ial medal, which is given each year to the advanced student who has taken an active part in two athletic sports, in addition to maintaining a satisfac-

tory scholastic record. This award, offered by former athletic coach D. H. LaVoi, was granted for the first time in 1931 when it was presented to Lawrence Elton, Hawley. In 1932 the honor was bestowed upon Kenneth Avery, Hallock. The winner this year was Alvin Gronner, Underwood, captain of the 1933 basketball team, and a member of the state school of agriculture championship football teams for the past two years.

### LINDSTROM ELECTED BASKETBALL CAPTAIN



Captain Lindstrom

assembly hall, and amid resounding cheers, the basketball was placed in the hands of Rodney Lindstrom, Lake Park, thus indicating his election to this coveted post.

Rodney is a member of the Senior class, and, in addition to his athletic ability, has been prominent in many school activities including the Y. M. C. A., boys' glee club, mixed chorus, and class play.

### SCHOLARSHIP WIN- NERS ANNOUNCED

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Esther Torgerson, Fosston, advanced, first in voice; Margaret Gault, Winnipeg, first in piano; and Clarence Skaren, East Grand Forks, junior, first in violin.

Some few years ago a new scholarship was established by a group of friends who wished to honor the memory of O. W. Peterson, whose life in the community was a source of inspiration and encouragement to all music lovers. This year three scholarships were awarded to the following students: Piano, Helen Carlson, Halstad, junior; Voice, Rodney Lindstrom, Lake Park, senior, and Violin, Clarence Skaren, East Grand Forks, junior. These scholarships are to apply on music fees at the opening of the fall term. Second highest ranking students were announced as follows: Piano, Harriet Severson, Clearbrook; Voice, Irene Holst, Thief River Falls; Violin, Arthur Anderson, Warren.

### SENIORS STAGE WILD WEST PARADE

A snow clad campus greeted the Senior class as they arose early March 25 to stage a typical pioneer parade as

a preliminary to the distribution of the class annual, known as the 1933 Red River Aggie.

Two Indians executed a war dance as the procession started around the campus drive. Next in line came the Captain of the group with Miss Cynthia Weinberger, class adviser, riding "Mack," veteran of many school episodes. A covered wagon with a banner "Graduation or Bust" appeared to be alive with immigrants heading into the promised land, with Mrs. Roy Hollander occupying the seat beside the driver. The procession included a group of men in cowboy hats and chaps, while the women wore sunbonnets and shawls. The many backward looks from the women, as they slowly passed out of view, gave mute evidence of the heartaches that accompanied the parting from old friends and associates.

## PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Zeh (Ernest 1918-19) are living at 330 N. 4th Street, San Jose, California.

Mr. and Mrs. Garry Carpenter (Agnes Gronner '20) and baby boy have moved to St. Louis, Missouri. Their address is Apartment B5, 730 Baden Avenue.

Friends and schoolmates will be shocked to learn of the death of Esther Mae Strickler, '25, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Strickler of Angus, Minnesota, on Wednesday morning, April 5. She is survived by her parents, two brothers and two sisters. They are Mrs. Donald Starner (Nellie '27), Benjamin '27 and William '30 of Angus, and Mrs. William Duden (Marie '24) of Euclid. Funeral services were held Saturday, April 8, at Crookston.

Ruby Hanson '26 has been transferred from Fargo to the Bemidji office of the Singer Sewing Machine company.

Henning Erickson (1927-28) has been located at Portland, Oregon since leaving school. He lives on Route No. 11.

Gladys Gunderson '28 of Gary has resumed her studies at the University Hospital, Minneapolis, where she will take an advanced course in nursing.

Telmer Olson '28 is an officer in the Wisconsin State Prison at Waupun, Wisconsin.

August Robert Thorkelson '28 is attending the American Business College at Minneapolis.

Evelyn Bierbaum '29, who has been attending the College of Agriculture, St. Paul, will have charge of the 4-H club program in Scott and Nicollet counties this summer.

A play "Seeing Things Right" presented by the drama group of the Rural Life club, Bemidji Teachers College, on March 30, was directed by Emerald Abbott '32.

Murray Hales '16 of Sherridan, Manitoba was a campus visitor Monday, April 10. He was enroute to Sudbury, Ontario where he will assist in the opening of nickel mines for the Sheritt-Gordon Mining company.