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JUNIOR SHORT COURSE TO BE HELD IN JUNE

Plans are well under way for the boys' and girls' short course to be held at the Northwest School of Agriculture June 6, 7, and 8. Speakers and instructors will include T. A. Erickson, state club leader; Miss Amy Wessel, assistant state club leader; C. L. McNelly, county agent leader; H. G. Zavoral, livestock specialist, together with the Northwest School faculty, county agents, and agricultural instructors.

Club members will be able to attend classes in which they are especially interested. District club leader H. A. Pflughoeft and Registrar J. W. Mlinar have outlined the program with a view to helping and inspiring 4-H club members to improve their regular project work including food preparation, clothing, canning, leadership, corn, potato, gardening, dairy calf, beef, sheep, pig, poultry, and judging.

A fine competitive athletic program will begin on the afternoon of the first day and continue each afternoon during the course. Counties may enter teams in kittenball, basketball, volleyball, horseshoe, archery, swimming, and track events. Coach R. J. Christgau will be in charge of the sports program. The county scoring the greatest number of points in all events will be declared the champions of the tournament.

A special feature will be a song contest to be staged the second evening. Entries should consist of at least two people. Numbers may be duets, trios,

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PROGRAM ARRANGED FOR WOMEN'S CAMP

An attractive program of education, recreation, and rest has been arranged for the four day Women's Camp to be held at the Northwest School June 12-15. The purpose of the camp is to give the mothers of northwestern Minnesota an opportunity to hear timely discussions dealing with problems of the home and home community, and at the same time take a much needed vacation under ideal surroundings.

The educational program will consist of lectures and demonstrations by the following staff members of the Northwest School: Miss Retta Bede,

Livestock Feeders' Day June 12

Livestock producers throughout the Northwest are invited to attend the annual Livestock Feeders' day to be held at the Northwest Experiment Station on Monday, June 12. A feature of the day's program will be the inspection of 32 high grade Hereford calves that have been on feed since last November. The objects of the trial have been two-fold: first, to compare ground rye with ground barley as fattening grains for beef calves when fed with sweet clover hay and linseed oilmeal, and second,

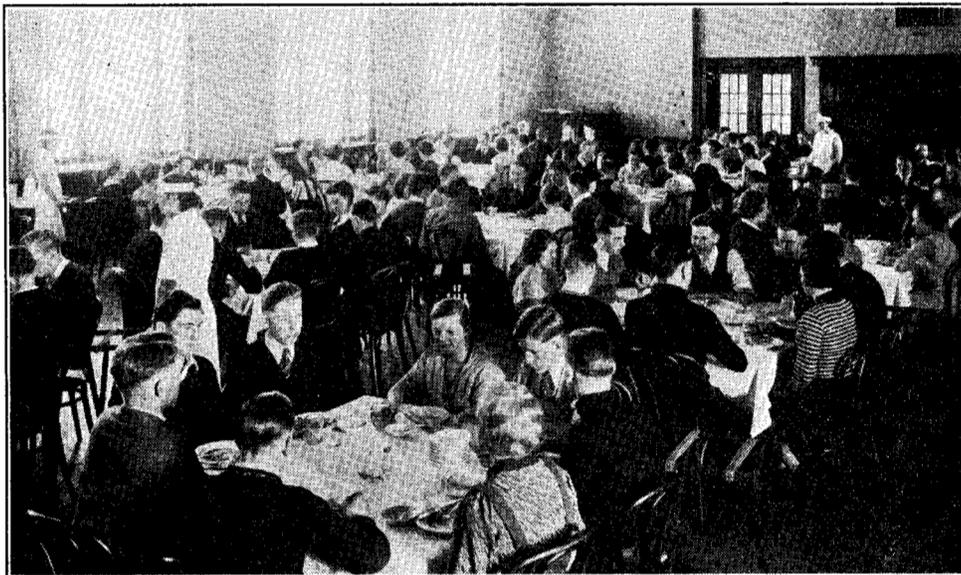
to determine the value of molasses beet pulp when added to rye and barley rations. Results will be announced on Feeders' day by O. M. Kiser and R. J. Christgau of the Northwest Experiment Station, and W. H. Peters, Chief of the Animal Husbandry division, University Farm, St. Paul.

The day's program will include a tour of nearby farms where beef cattle are being fatten-

ed for market. This tour, which will take place during the forenoon, will start at the H. G. Pester farm three miles east of Crookston on paved highway No. 8, where range calves are being fed. The next stop will be at the C. W. Wilder farm one-half mile east of Crookston on Highways Nos. 6 and 8. Mr. Wilder is feeding a group of mixed cattle. At 11:30 visitors will inspect the herds and flocks at the Northwest Experiment station. This will be followed by a special roast beef dinner in the school dining hall.

The afternoon program will include the inspection of the baby beef calves and a more formal speaking program.

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"The Northwest School Dining Hall"

Miss Fanny Lippitt, T. M. McCall, A. M. Foker and A. M. Pilkey. The recreational program, which will consist of various outdoor games and swimming events, will be in charge of R. J. Christgau. Other features include a theatre party, scheduled for Tuesday evening; "stunt night," Wednesday evening, and the traditional commencement exercises to be held on the closing afternoon, at which time diplomas will be awarded by Registrar J. W. Mlinar to all who have attended four or more of the annual camps. The committee has announced that first year campers will be given special recognition by the "wearing of the green." All

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DATE SET FOR ALUMNI REUNION

Plans are under way to make the 1933 summer reunion of Northwest School alumni and students one of the outstanding events of the year. The date has been set for Saturday, June 24; committees have been appointed, and if the many letters of inquiry are an indication of general interest, the attendance should surpass the most optimistic predictions of the committee on arrangements.

The tentative program for the day includes the traditional baseball game between alumni and student teams in the afternoon; a kittenball game between alumni and faculty teams, followed by the annual Alumni dance in the evening. The annual meeting of the Alumni Association, as well as the first meeting of the newly organized "A" club will also be held during the day. The "A" club includes all alumni and students who have earned the football and basketball letter or the medal awarded to members of the debate, crops judging and stock judging teams.

The day also marks the occasion for special reunions of the classes of 1913, '18, '23, and '28. Officers of those classes are making a special effort to have as many as possible of their classmates on hand for the day's activities.

Officers of the "A" club include: Edwin Widseth, '31, McIntosh, president; Alvin Gronner, '31, Underwood, vice president; Kermit Greenley, '31, Viking, recording secretary, and Mervin Hagen, '31, Underwood, corresponding secretary.

John Gronner, '22, Underwood, is president of the Alumni association; Paul Engelstad, '16, Thief River Falls, vice president; Dr. Harry Hedin, '11, East Grand Forks, secretary, and Archie Lee, '23, Roseau, treasurer.

All students and alumni are urged to keep the date, Saturday, June 24, open for the big summer reunion.

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quartettes, or larger groups.

Each county will also be entitled to enter one candidate in a Best Groomed Girl contest. Prizes will be awarded to the highest scoring contestant. It is not necessary or advisable that these girls get new clothes for this contest. Points that will be considered are

whether the clothes are suitable to the individual while at the short course, and whether they are clean and in good repair. Personal grooming of hair, hands, complexion, and teeth play a large part in the score.

Every 4-H club should select candidates for each event and send them to the county agent or leader. Ask for special blanks for this purpose.

The entire cost, including meals, lodging, movies, and entertainment, has been reduced to \$1.00 per student.

Boys and girls should plan to come early enough to register before 3:00 P. M. on Tuesday, June 6, so that they may take part in the opening games. Bring bedding, such as blankets, sheets, and pillows, also towels, soap, comb, etc., tennis shoes, if available, and old clothes for games. Bring musical instruments.

Send in your room reservation early. Write your county agent or leader or the Northwest School of Agriculture, Crookston, for further information.

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.
December 22—Fall Term Closes.

DISTRICT LEADERS' CONFERENCE

A Leadership Training camp for adult and junior leaders will be held at the Northwest School in connection with the boys' and girls' short course. According to District Club Leader H. A. Pflughoeft, an interesting program of lectures and discussions has been arranged for these sessions which will be held on Wednesday and Thursday, June 7 and 8.

Program for June 7—beginning at 8:00 A. M.: "New Objectives and Goals in 4-H Club Work," T. A. Erickson, state club leader; "4-H Club Work as a Part of the Extension Program," C. L. McNelly, district county agent leader; "The Need of Agricultural Leadership," Dr. A. A. Dowell, Superintendent of the Northwest School and Station; "Some Things We Can Do at Our Club Meetings," J. W. Mlinar, Registrar, Northwest School; "Strengthening Our Organized Clubs," H. A. Pflughoeft, district club leader; "Adjusting the Girls' Work to the Live at Home Program," Amy Wessel, assistant state club leader; H. G. Zavoral, livestock specialist, who will tell of his experiences in Russia at the evening program; together with numerous helpful round table discussions. A music contest will also be conducted in the evening.

Program for June 8: "Where to Secure 4-H Club Material and How to Use It," H. A. Pflughoeft; "The Clothing Projects and the New Program," Amy Wessel; "How We May Use the Extension Specialist in the 4-H Club

Program," C. L. McNelly; "Some Things We Can Do in Music Appreciation," J. W. Mlinar; "The Minnesota Plan for Rating 4-H Clubs," T. A. Erickson, followed by round table discussions.

Leaders are urged to come Tuesday afternoon, June 6, in time to register and take part in the play program beginning at 3:00 P. M. Leaders should register on or before May 27, if possible, so that room reservations may be made in the school dormitories.

NEW PUBLICATION ISSUED

A new sixteen page booklet, containing views of student life and work at the Northwest School, has recently been printed and is available for general distribution. Among the many laboratory scenes are to be found views of classes in typewriting, cooking, sewing, motors, field machinery, blacksmithing, crops judging, stock judging, and meat cutting, in addition to views of the dining hall, school library, auditorium, gymnasium and swimming pool. Typical student rooms and parlors in each of the three dormitories give a good idea of the homelike atmosphere at the Northwest School.

Copies of the publication may be secured by writing the Northwest School and Station.

HOLTE AWARDED GOLD BASKETBALL

Ames Holte, Shelly, member of the Junior class, and forward on the 1932-33 basketball team, was awarded the gold basketball offered by the Athletic Association to the winner of the annual basketball free throw contest. The contest is limited to members of the school basketball squad and each contestant was required to take 25 shots per day during the basketball season. The four highest, based on daily average and regularity, entered the finals, each taking 100 shots.

Holte joined the Northwest School family last fall and plans to return next fall. He is expected to be an important cog on next year's basketball team.

"Y" OFFICERS ELECTED

Rodney Lindstrom, Lake Park, was elected president of the Y.M.C.A. at the last regular meeting of the organization, which was held during the closing week of the winter term. Lester Lerud, Twin Valley, was elected vice president, and Clarence Weckwerth, Hazel, secretary-treasurer. These officers will supervise the work of the Y.M.C.A. during the next school year.

Officers of the Y.W.C.A. during 1932-33 included Jean Nisbet, East Grand Forks, president; Evelyn Erickson, Perley, vice president, and Esther Dalager, Pelican Rapids, secretary. This group will hold over until the opening of the fall term when the election of officers for the new year will be held.

Mr. E. R. Clark has served as faculty adviser for the Y.M.C.A. and Miss Retta Bede for the Y.W.C.A.

ADVANCED WIN BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

Championship honors in the inter-class basketball contests were awarded to the Advanced class as both the boys' team and the girls' team played through their respective schedules without once tasting defeat. The Advanced boys hung up six victories, while the Advanced girls scored three wins. The winners in both divisions were presented with class numerals at the closing assembly of the school year. In addition, the inter-class trophy in the boys' division was awarded to Edwin Widseth, captain of the Advanced boys' team.

In both divisions, the final ranking of the other classes was as follows: Seniors second; Juniors third, and Freshmen, fourth.

AGGIE BOARD ANNOUNCED

Officers of the 1934 Aggie Board were announced during the closing week of school. Willard Kimmel, Fergus Falls, is to serve as Editor-in-Chief with Harold Clow, Orleans, as Business Manager. Associate editors include the following: senior section, Lester Lerud, Twin Valley; athletic section, Arnold Iverson, Bagley; organizations, Peter Tandberg, Newfolden; faculty section, Clarence Skaren, East Grand Forks; humorous section, Esther Haug, Mahanomen; snapshot, Agatha Olson, Beltrami; and social, Luella Peterson, East Grand Forks.

Associate business managers include William Johnston, Kennedy, subscriptions, and Selmer Johnson, Crookston, advertising manager.

Miss Elsie Mae Kingston and Mr. D. C. McGenty, as faculty advisers, will supervise the work of the Aggie Board.

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campers will be assigned to rooms in Robertson Hall.

The camp opens Monday afternoon, June 12, and continues through Thursday afternoon, June 15. The total expense for board, room, and entertainment has been reduced to \$3.00. Those who plan to attend should make room reservation as soon as possible.

Officers elected at the 1932 encampment included the following: Mrs. C. H. Roholt, Mayville, North Dakota, president; Mrs. A. Lindstrom, Waubun, vice president; Mrs. E. E. Green, Crookston, secretary; Mrs. Emma Wright, Middle River, treasurer, and Mrs. George Parr, Argyle, sergeant-at-arms. At the close of the 1932 session Mrs. Roholt, appointed the following committee to assist with plans for this year: Mrs. O. S.

Nordine, Karlstad; Mrs. E. M. Evans, Middle River, and Mrs. Jay Payne, Goodridge.

According to Registrar Mlinar's official records, five campers have attended each of the seven sessions held to date. They are Mrs. E. E. Green; Mrs. A. Lindstrom; Mrs. L. A. Osterloh, Angus; Mrs. Jay Payne, and Mrs. Emma Wright. All of these veterans are expected to be in attendance again this year.

The complete program for the Eighth Annual Women's camp will be announced in the June issue of the Northwest Monthly.

Write to the Northwest School of Agriculture, Crookston, for additional information and room reservation.

NEW FORAGE CROPS TO BE TESTED

New trials with perennial crops for hay and pasture will be started at the Northwest station this year under the supervision of E. R. Clark, pure seed specialist and acting agronomist. Among the crops to be tested are crested wheat grass, slender wheat grass, and two types of lespedeza. Crested wheat grass has attracted attention in the western provinces of Canada and in Western North Dakota, as a pasture crop for dry land, or for regions where mid-summer drouth is frequent. Slender wheat grass is a common western bunch grass, but an improved strain was developed recently at the Saskatchewan station. Whether these grasses will yield well enough to be of value as pasture crops is the question to be investigated in these trials.

Extra early Korean lespedeza has caused quite a sensation in agricultural circles during the past year. Seed has been advertised in farm magazines at prices as high as five dollars an ounce. Lespedeza is a legume, well known as a pasture crop in the southern section of the United States. One species, known as lespedeza sericea, is

a perennial. Another includes the variety known as Korean, which is an annual plant. Both are used chiefly as pasture crops or are harvested for seed. Since lespedeza is a southern crop, it is very probable that the perennial form will not survive the winter killing conditions of Northwestern Minnesota often enough to be of practical value. There is a possibility that the Korean, or annual variety may reseed itself well enough to maintain a stand when grown in a permanent pasture. However, it would seem wise to avoid investing substantial sums in lespedeza seed, until further information regarding its local adaptation is available.

Other trials conducted by the Agronomy Division this year include two hundred hybrid strains of spring wheat; ten strains of barley, and thirty strains of oats, including several hybrid hull-less varieties. One of the latter, known as C. I. 2883, developed by the South Dakota Experiment station, appears to be the highest yielding and most disease-resistant hull-less oats so far developed.

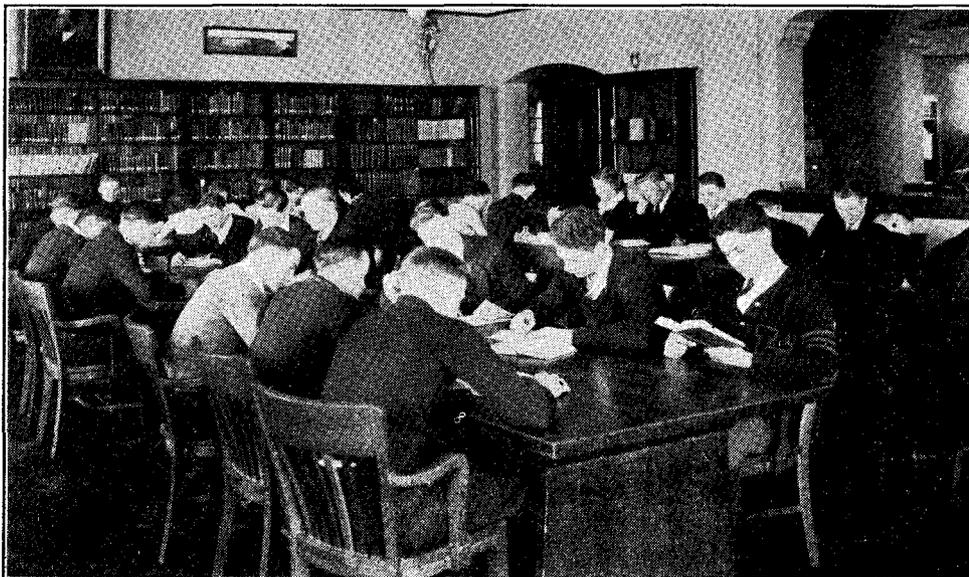
The agronomy plots will be ready for the inspection of visitors on Monday, July 17, when the Annual Crops and Soils Day program will be held.

LIVESTOCK FEEDERS' DAY JUNE 12

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P. S. Jordan, animal husbandman at the Morris station, will review the lamb feeding work with molasses beet pulp and rye, when fed to fattening lambs.

Other speakers include W. L. Cavert, Extension economist, who will discuss "Recent Federal Legislation Providing for Debt Adjustments" and W. H. Peters, who will summarize field studies that have been made on successful beef cattle farms in southern Minnesota. His topic will be "How the Management Plan Affects Costs and Profits in Beef Production."



"A Section of the School Library"

NOTICE TO ALUMNI

The cooperation of all alumni of the Northwest School is urgently requested in the effort being made to compile an up-to-date Alumni Directory. The compilation of such a directory is a stupendous undertaking, but the business of collecting necessary information is simplified considerably through the cooperation of all concerned.

Elsewhere in this issue is a questionnaire which, when properly filled out, will give the desired information for the directory. All alumni are urged to fill out the questionnaire and return same to the Northwest School as soon as possible.

QUESTIONNAIRE

Northwest School Alumni Directory

Name

Present Address

Box Number

Route Number

House Number

Street

Town

State

Graduated from 3 year course in year

Graduated from 4 year course in year

Present Occupation

List names of organizations in which you are now a member

.....

List honors conferred upon you, as well as offices held or now holding in community, church, and social organizations:

.....

Degrees: (List kind of degree; when and where received)

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Married? (Answer "Yes" or "No")

Number of children in family

List names and ages of children:

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SENIORS WIN INTER-CLASS FIELD MEET

Capturing first place in seventeen events, with fourteen second and eleven third placings, the Senior class piled up a total of 138 points to win by a comfortable margin the Annual Inter-Class Field Meet held Saturday, March

25. The Juniors finished second with a total of 96 points, while the Advanced, putting up the strongest fight of any fourth year class in past meets, scored 80 points. The Freshmen trailed with a total of 54 points.

The Field Meet, which is one of the closing features of the school year, created a great deal of enthusiasm and class spirit. Preparations for the meet were being made for several days before the preliminary events were run off. The boxing and wrestling preliminaries were held on Wednesday and Thursday, March 22 and 23, while the finals were staged the following Saturday in connection with other events. All swimming events were held on Friday evening, March 24.

In order to encourage more students to participate, Athletic Coach R. J. Christgau, under whose direction the meet is staged, limited each student to three individual and one group event. Miss Elsie Mae Kingston supervised the girls' contests.

APRIL PRECIPITATION AND TEMPERATURE BELOW NORMAL

The total precipitation, including rainfall and melted snow, at the Northwest Station during April was 1.23 inches, according to E. R. Clark, weather observer. This was .23 inch less than last year and .36 inch less than the average during the previous ten years. The average temperature during the month was 40.2 degrees Fahrenheit, which is three degrees colder than April 1932 and 2.6 degrees colder than the average for April during the past ten years, making this the coldest April since 1928.

Mr. Clark adds that the yields of small grain crops will be determined very largely by the amount of rainfall during the next three months. The average total for April, May, June and July for thirty years, 1900-29, was 10.62, distributed as follows: April, 1.69 inches; May, 2.66; June, 3.32, and July, 2.95.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Lee (Clarence '18) of St. Paul are happy over the arrival of a daughter at their home Tuesday, April 25. The family circle now includes three sons and one daughter.

PERSONALS

Mr. S. A. Anderson, instructor in gas motors, who suffered a leg infection toward the end of the winter term, has more recently been confined to the Bethesda Hospital, St. Paul. From reports reaching the Northwest School, Mr. Anderson is now making steady recovery and hopes to be about as usual within the next few weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Satterstrom (Dora Worden), both of the class of '12, have moved to Princeton, Minnesota.

Mr. and Mrs. Eric Soltvedt (Agnes Johnson), both attending during 1915-17, have moved to Oslo.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Auburg (Josie Imsdahl '17, Charles '18) are living at Finley, Washington. Mr. Auburg is principal of the high school at Finley.

Orville B. Harrington '13 is an engineer in the construction department of the Big Four Railroad. During the past year he was transferred to the engineering department of the New Cincinnati Union Terminal company, where he assisted in the completion of one of the finest railroad terminals in this country. Orville is now in New Orleans where he is working on the first railroad bridge to be erected in the South across the Mississippi River. He has one son, 16 years old, who is attending high school in Cincinnati. Their address is 3308 Ibsen Avenue, Oakley, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Following the winter session of Congress, former Congressman and Mrs. C. G. Selvig visited in Florida, and southern Minnesota before returning to their home in Crookston. They reached home early in May much refreshed from their brief stay in the sunny south.

Dr. and Mrs. Carmen Salsbury (Amy Malakowski '18) of Oklahoma City are planning a trip to Canada and England this summer. They expect to sail for England June 10 on the Empress Britain.

Einar Aakre '20 and Arnie Solem '24 of Thief River Falls were visitors on the Campus Sunday, April 23.

Archie Lee '23 is president of the Roseau Commercial club.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Walters (Harold '26) of Beltrami announce the birth of a baby boy Sunday, April 23. Richard Leigh is the name chosen for the baby.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Smith (Alice Brule, Glenn '27) are now farming near Crookston, Minnesota.

Carrie Buck '28 of Crookston is attending the Minneapolis Bible Institute.

Bennie Strickler '27 was re-elected president and William Strickler '30 vice president of the Angus 4-H club.

Northwest School graduates number among the recently elected officers of the Lowell 4-H club, Crookston. William Volker, '32 was elected president, with Paul Hansen '33 vice president, and Eleanor Torkelson '32, secretary.

Dr. Harry Hedin '11 has been prominently mentioned as a candidate for the position of Commander of the 9th District American Legion.