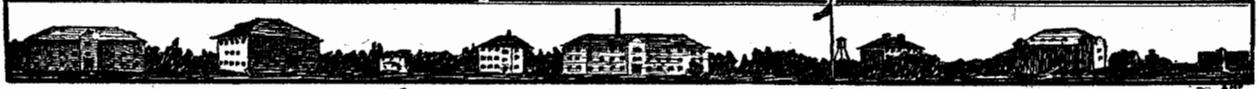


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Parents and Students Appreciate the Homelike Environment At the Northwest School

Fall Term Opens October 2nd

In this issue of the Northwest Monthly, we are beginning a series of illustrated articles dealing with the work and life of this unique educational institution. Two objects will be kept in mind: first, to acquaint alumni with the many improvements that have been completed during the recent years, and, second, to place as clearly as possible before prospective students and their parents, the unusual opportunities offered in Agriculture, Home Economics, Business Training, Home Nursing, Music and Citizenship.

The Northwest Experiment Station was established in 1896 on land donated to the University of Minnesota by J. J. Hill of the Great Northern railroad. Ten years later, the School of Agriculture was organized, and courses offered to the young men and women of Northwestern Minnesota. During this time, a total of 1283 students have graduated from the three and four year courses, while additional thousands have been in attendance one or more years. These young people are rapidly assuming positions of leadership throughout the Northwest.

Any boy or girl who has completed the eighth grade or who is sixteen years of age or over is eligible to enter. This is a six months school opening in October and continuing through March. This has been found to be the ideal time for farm boys and girls to attend school, for they are available to help

at home throughout the crop growing season.

During the summer months, they are required to carry on project work at home under the supervision of members of the Northwest School staff. Thus, little schools of agriculture and home economics are scattered throughout the fourteen Northwestern Minnesota counties. A diploma is given upon the successful completion of three years work together with the home project assignments. Those who wish to continue their education may return for

Home Economics To Be Remodeled

Alumni and former students will give three cheers when they hear that the recent State Legislature approved an appropriation of \$10,000 for the remodeling of the Home Economics Building. This is the oldest building on the Campus, having been erected in 1906. For the first few years, it served as dormitory, dining hall and

classroom building. As the school developed, it was gradually set aside for the work in cooking, sewing, household art, home nursing and music.

During the past few years, all of the older buildings on the Campus have been modernized so that the completion of the Home Economics Building will give the Northwest School one of the best equipped and most modern

institutions in the Northwest. It is expected that the work will begin early this month so that everything will be in readiness for the opening of the fall term, October 2.

The first floor will be devoted to the work in clothing, the second floor to cooking, and the third floor to home management. All senior girls are required to live in the Home Management house and familiarize themselves with the art of being accomplished hostesses.



A Typical Student Room in Girls' Dormitory

a fourth or preparatory year, following which they are eligible to enter the University, teachers' colleges, and state colleges without examination. Students from other schools who need only a few credits for college entrance requirements may attend the Northwest School to earn such credits and take special work in one or more of the departments.

An increasing number of high school graduates are registering for special

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TRAINING REQUIRED FOR SUCCESS IN FARMING

The value of an agricultural training for practical farmers is becoming more evident each year. This was brought out very clearly in a recent survey made by the New York State College of Agriculture at Ithaca, New York. The 1928 labor income of farmers whose education had not been continued beyond the common school averaged \$145 per year. The labor income of farmers who had the benefit of a High school education averaged \$836, while farmers who had received some school of agriculture or agricultural college training (the average for the group studied being a little more than one year of such training) had an average labor income of \$1219 for the year. The difference in labor income in favor of the men with agricultural training as compared with a high school education for a single year was sufficient to pay for board, room, fees, books and entertainment at the Northwest School for almost the three full years required for graduation from the regular school of agriculture course.

Furthermore, the survey shows that the advantage in favor of the agricultural training is increasing with the rapid advance in the technique of farming.

Farming is a technical business. It requires special training. The Northwest School of Agriculture is admirably equipped to render this service.

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work in engineering, animal husbandry, farm management, dairying, horticulture, poultry, beekeeping, music, business training, home nursing, dress-making, homemaking, public speaking and dramatics.

Parents have been unanimous in their praise of the home-like environment so much in evidence at the Northwest School. Views of the dormitory parlors, student rooms, dining hall and library are presented in this issue.

The school has two dormitories for boys and one for girls. Members of the faculty live in each dormitory and serve as dormitory advisers. The dormitory life is perhaps one of the most interesting features of school life. Students become intimately acquainted, and form friendships with others from all parts of the Northwest. The spirit of good fellowship, responsibility, and evidence of good citizenship are best brought out in the dormitory life. Each dormitory has a fireplace, piano and suitable furniture, and many pleasant memories result from the get-togethers that are held.

All in-residence students board at the school dining hall, which accommodates over 350 persons. A different seating schedule is posted each week so that each student has an opportunity to meet every other boy and girl in school, not only in the classroom, or at special social events, but at the school's family table.

When students are not scheduled for classes, they are free to go to their rooms, the library, or other places about the school. A beautiful new library and auditorium were completed in 1930 so that the intellectual life of the student body might be developed to the fullest possible extent.

All members of the faculty reside on the Campus and are available for assistance and advice. Each class has members of the faculty as advisers for class activities. Because of the close relationship of students and faculty, a real community life has developed and the school has often been designated as the "Northwest School Family."

The fall term opens for registration on October 2 with the first classes scheduled for the following morning. Those who are interested are requested to write for a copy of the school bulletin and other literature dealing with the work and life of the "School of Service." Rooms may be reserved by paying a deposit fee of \$2.00 which will apply on the first month's room rent. Charges for board and other fees were

reduced one year ago so that the entire cost of board, room, flat laundry, books, fees and entertainment for the six months school year now averages \$135.00 per student.

ANDERSON-POLSKI WEDDING ANNOUNCED

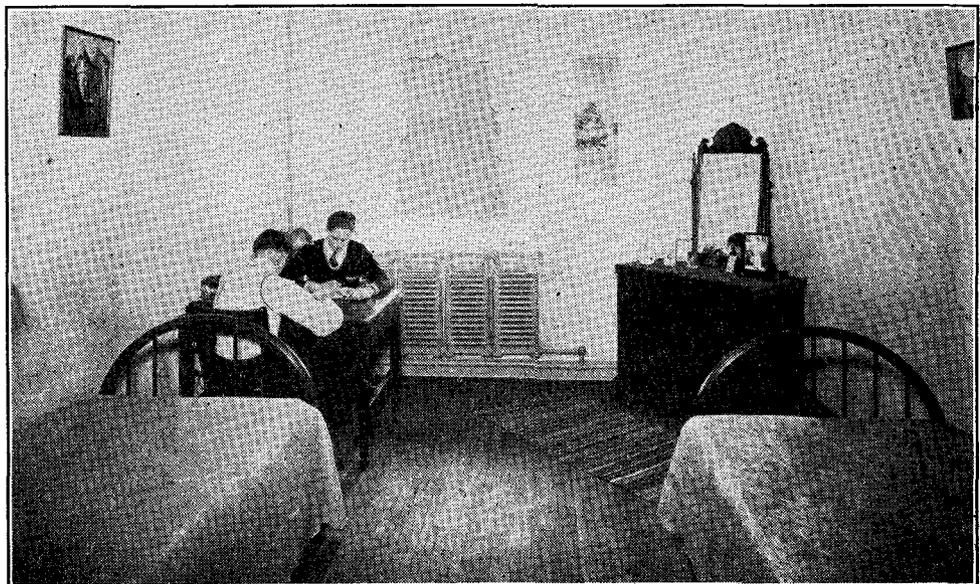
Alumni and former students will be pleased to hear of the recent marriage of Mr. S. A. Anderson, instructor in agricultural engineering, and Miss Rose C. Polski, instructor in piano. They were united in marriage July 10, and will be at home during the summer at Milford, Illinois. The bride, who has been a member of the music staff since 1926, has a host of friends scattered



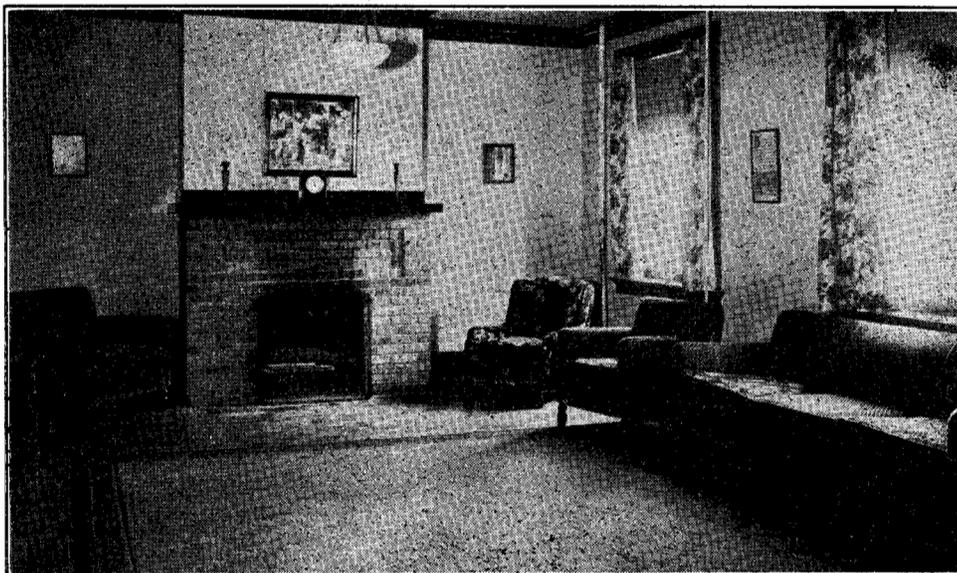
throughout Northwestern Minnesota. She is not only an unusually accomplished musician but has the ability to inspire her students with the desire to achieve.

Mr. Anderson came to the Northwest School as a graduate of the University of Illinois in the fall of 1928. He has had charge of the work in gas motors, in addition to serving as preceptor of Senior Hall. During the summer vacations, he continued his work at the University of Illinois and was granted the degree, Master of Science.

School officials are pleased to announce that Mr. and Mrs. Anderson will be at home in Senior hall when the fall term opens October 2.



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Corner of Parlor in Girls' Dormitory

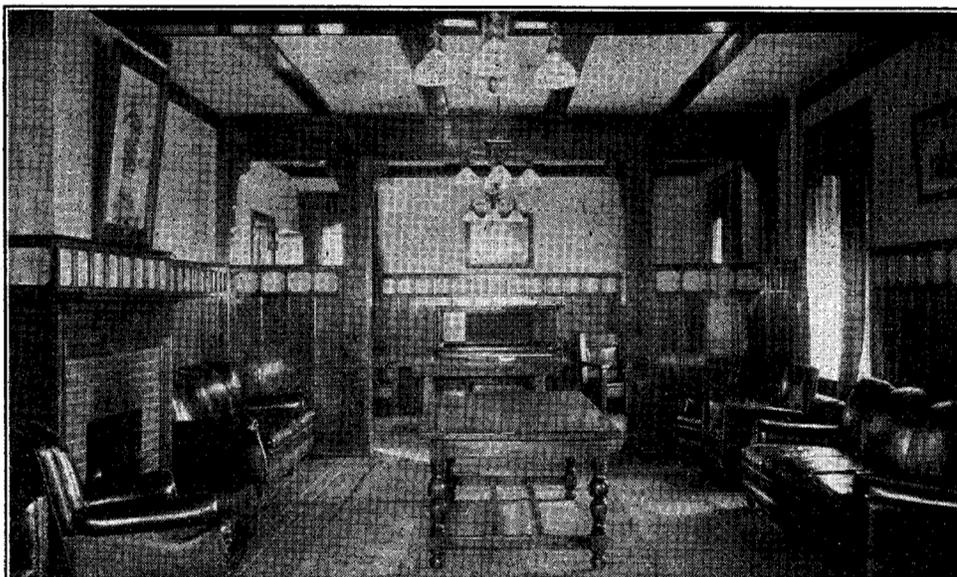
SHEEP BARN AND DRIVE UNDER CONSTRUCTION

In this issue of the Northwest Monthly, we are pleased to announce the completion of a new sheep barn and graveled highway about the farm buildings. The new building has been one of the most pressing needs of the livestock division for many years. It is located near the site of the former structure to the east of the poultry building and south of the beef barn. It is a story and a half building, 90 feet long and 36 feet wide, with a general work room extending across the entrance on the north. This room serves as a combination feed room and shearing floor, with stairway to the store room above. A central feed alley extends through the center of the main section of the building, with a series of sheep pens and combination hay and grain racks on each side. An added feature is the concrete dipping vat, which has been installed in the central alley so that the regular spring and fall dipping can be completed with a minimum of work. The gambrel roof not only gives adequate storage space for hay and straw, but adds to the general appearance of the building.

It is interesting to note that the sheep population has increased more rapidly in the Red River Valley than in any other section of the state. A few years ago the greatest concentration was to be found in the southeastern Minnesota counties, while Roseau county now takes first rank. School officials are convinced that sheep are destined to play an increasingly important part in the agricultural development of Northwestern Minnesota. Sheep are the most efficient of all

animals in the control of weeds, require comparatively little labor during the crop growing season, and can be grown and finished for market with less grain than any other class of livestock. Furthermore, sweet clover pasture and alfalfa or sweet clover hay, crops that are especially adapted to this region, are unequaled as roughages for the breeding flock and growing and fattening lambs.

A new sidewalk and driveway extending from the pavement east beyond the poultry plant and sheep barn makes the new sheep breeding and feeding center easily accessible at all times. Plans for these improvements were prepared by and the work completed under the direction of A. M. Foker, Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds.



Parlor in Senior Boys' Dormitory

KITTSON COUNTY ALUMNI ORGANIZE

A Kittson County Northwest School Alumni association was organized at a special get-together held on the J. R. Ryden farm near Hallock July 12. Fred Rubert Lancaster, was elected president of the association; Lowell Ryden, Hallock, vice president; Frances McKibbin, Lancaster, secretary; Arnold Swanson, Hallock, treasurer; together with the following directors: Ishmael Rynning, Kennedy; Kenneth Rice, Bronson; Vernon Smolak, Lancaster, and Russell Younggren, Northcote.

John Gronner, Underwood, president of the General Alumni association, and R. J. Christgau of the school staff attended the gathering and assisted with the work of organization. Other Alumni present included W. S. Ash, St. Vincent; Hazel Dahlgren, Kennedy; Linden Gustafson, Lancaster; Chester Engman, Paul Sorenson, Lawrence Jansen, Clifford Homestad and Albert E. Erlandson, all of Hallock.

According to President Rubert, a county-wide gathering of Northwest School alumni and former students will be held later in the summer.

Coming Events

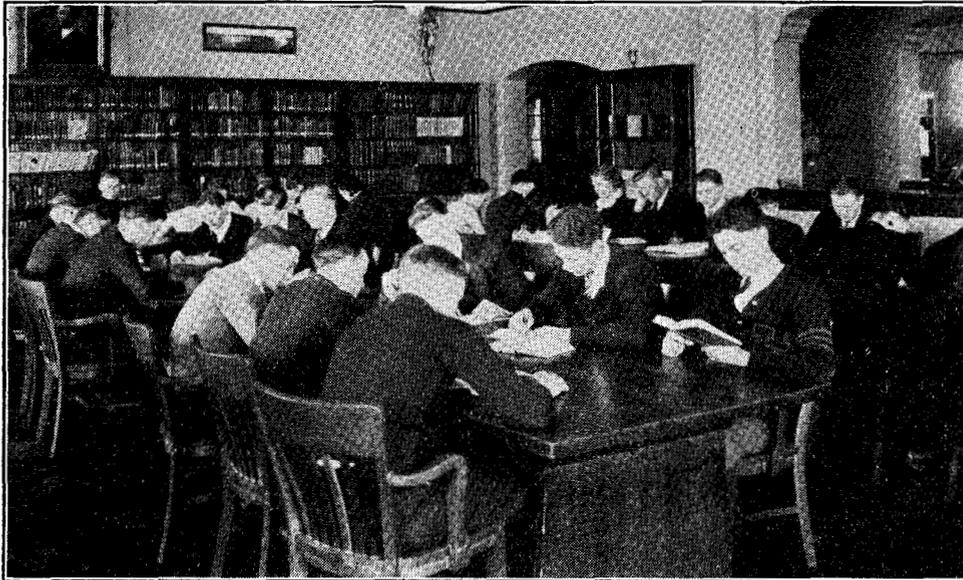
October 2—Fall Term Opens.

October 3—Classes Begin.

October 28—Home Coming.

November 4—Parent's Day.

December 22—Fall Term Closes



A Section of the School Library

PERSONALS

Registrar J. W. Mlinar was in attendance at the University of Minnesota during the first term of the summer session from June 20 to July 29. He is planning on devoting considerable time during August to the inspection of home project work.

Miss Alma Engelbrakson '23 and Mr. Arthur Lindahl were married Thursday, June 22, at the farm home of the bride's parents at Drayton. The newlyweds will make their home on the Lindahl farm near Hallock.

Barbara McCall daughter of Professor and Mrs. T. M. McCall suffered a double fracture of her left arm on July 4th.

Miss Annie Schon and Mr. Hector Hanson '24 were married Wednesday afternoon, June 21, and will reside at Fertile.

Miss Lorraine Brokke became the bride of Mr. Alfred Voxland '24 on Saturday, June 10. They are living near McIntosh, Minnesota.

Superintendent and Mrs. R. L. Donovan of the North Central School and Station, Grand Rapids, were week end guests of Superintendent and Mrs. A. A. Dowell during July. Mr. Donovan gave the principal address at the Annual Crops and Spoils Day meeting on July 17.

Superintendent and Mrs. E. J. Taintor of the Walsh County Agricultural School, Park River, North Dakota were visitors on the Northwest School Campus July 17. Mr. Taintor reported fair but spotted crops throughout Northeastern North Dakota.

The marriage of Miss Olga Morud of Warren and Mr.

Harold Amundson '25 occurred Saturday evening June 10. The newlyweds are living near East Grand Forks.

Miss Eveleth Anderson and Mr. Edward Solum (1925-26) were married at the Rollag church on June 14 and are living at Hawley.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy W. Hollander are making their home in New York City at present. Their address is 444 E. 58th Street.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Warnes (Dan 1923-27) are the parents of a baby boy, Dennis Daniel, born June 14.

The marriage of Miss Hazel Thibodo (1923-27) and Mr. Einer Erickson occurred June 1 at Stephen. They are living at Alvarado.

Miss Johanna Jensen and Mr. Carl Krohn (1926-27) were married at Stephen Tuesday afternoon, June 6, and

are making their home on a farm near Viking.

Mr. and Mrs. A. K. Pierce are now living at 2227 So. 62nd Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Miss Audrey Stein, '30 and Mr. Elmer Hokanson (1926-27) were married Saturday morning, July 8. They are living at Warroad, Minnesota.

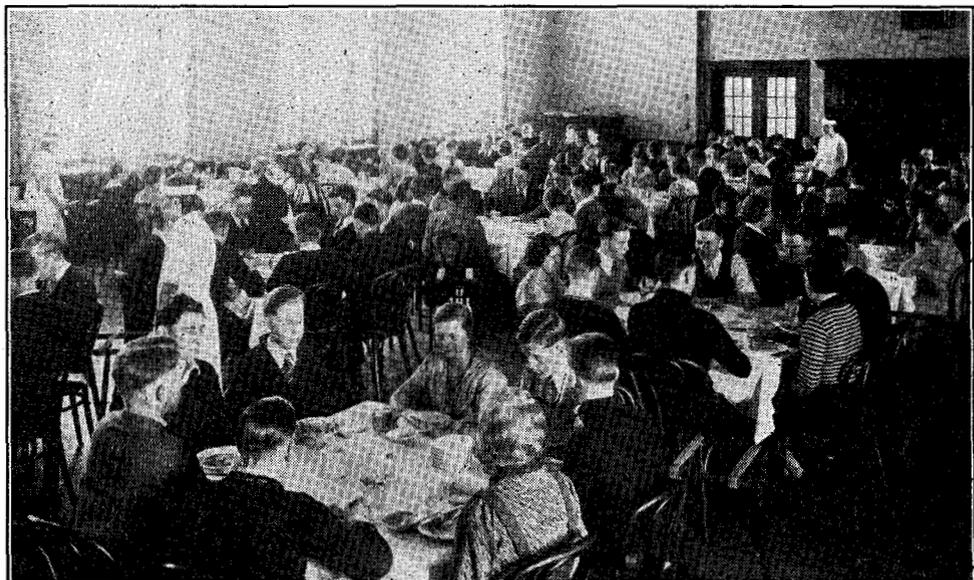
Carl Widseth '27 graduated from the Agricultural Engineering department of the University of Minnesota this spring.

The new address of Mrs. Bernard Hutchinson (Ruth Gurley) former instructor in voice, is 220 Marshall Street, Gary, Indiana.

AGRICULTURAL SCHOOLS HOLD CONFERENCE

Superintendent A. A. Dowell, T. M. McCall and R. J. Christgau attended the Northwest Regional School of Agriculture meeting held at the North Central School and Station Grand Rapids, on July 5 and 6. Representatives were present from the four Minnesota schools of agriculture and from North Dakota. Officers of the National association who were present included Principal J. O. Christianson, Central School, University Farm, St. Paul, president of the association, and E. J. Taintor, Superintendent of the Walsh County Agricultural school, Park River, North Dakota, secretary.

The national organization, which is a branch of the American Vocational association, is composed of sixty schools of agriculture scattered thruout the United States and Canada. Minnesota representatives are making plans to attend the annual meeting to be held in Detroit Michigan next December.



The School Dining Hall Is a Spacious Room, Accommodating 350 Persons