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New Attendance Record Established All Buildings Taxed to Capacity

All previous attendance records were shattered at the Northwest School this fall when 350 young men and women from all parts of the Northwest enrolled for courses in agriculture, home economics, music and business training. This represents an increase of ten per cent over the previous fall term record established in 1929. The proportion of girls to boys also increased this year so that for the first time the boys outnumber the girls less than two to one. Of the 350 students in attendance, 126 are girls and 224 boys.

Several factors have apparently been responsible for the sharp increase in attendance this year. The improvement in the economic situation on the farms of the country has made it possible for parents to give their sons and daughters the kind of training that will fit them for lives of usefulness on the farms and in the farm homes of this territory. During the darkest hour of the depression, the farm people of the Red River Valley never lost their faith

in the farm as a home and a place to raise sturdy, resourceful future citizens. Another factor that no doubt contributed to the increase in attendance was the law passed by the 1935 state legislature whereby boys and girls who had completed the eighth grade, who were under 21 years of age, who had not completed their high school work, and who lived in rural school districts not maintaining accredited high schools, could attend any one of the four Min-

nesota Schools of Agriculture with all necessary tuition and laboratory and equipment fees paid from state funds.

The allotment of federal and state funds to assist needy students who desired to continue their education likewise contributed to the increased attendance. This aid was made available to about fifty students who have been assigned work about the campus to pay for a part of their room and board.

The unexpected increase in attendance made it necessary to order addi-

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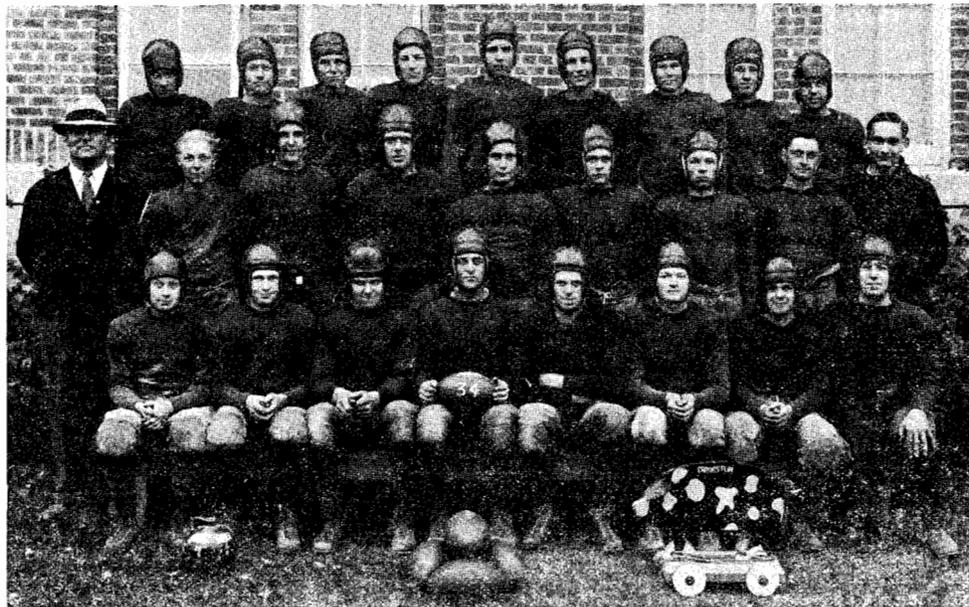
Home Coming has always been a gala day on the Northwest School campus. This year the school will be host to our sister school of agriculture from Grand Rapids. Special interest will center around the football game in the afternoon for the Grand Rapids aggregation was victorious last year on their home field with a top heavy score of 41

to 0. Consequently, Coach R. J. Christgau and his fighting Aggies are determined to capture the coveted trophy this year.

Activities will open with a special assembly at 11:40 with brief addresses by representatives of the two schools interspersed with music and other features. The game has been scheduled for 2:00 P. M. The annual home coming dinner will be held in the dining hall at 6:00 with a dance and party scheduled for the evening.

Alumni from a wide area are making plans to attend and renew the many warm friendships formed during student days.

Committees in charge of the celebration include the following: **Decorations:** Senior Hall, W. D. Rusk; Stephens Hall, W. J. Promersberger; Robertson Hall, Retta Bede; **Physical Education building and Athletic field,** Elsie Kingston and A. M. Pilkey. **Admission and** (Continued on Page 4)



Photograph of the 1934 Aggies shortly after their fifth consecutive victory over Morris.

tional textbooks and other class and laboratory equipment and supplies. With over ninety girls living on the campus, it has been necessary to assign three girls to nearly every room in Robertson Hall, thus taxing this building beyond normal capacity. Additional classroom space is also an urgent need of the school.

In a recent issue of the University Farm News Letter, the enrolment at (Continued on Page 3)



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NEW STAFF MEMBERS ANNOUNCED

Five new instructors took their places in the faculty circle at the opening of the fall term. This group included Miss Marian Nelson, Miss Lois Lohn, Mr. Carl H. Ritzman, Mr. W. D. Rusk, and Mr. William J. Promersberger.

Miss Nelson succeeds Miss Constance Lane who resigned from her position as instructor in piano to accept an appointment with the Northrop Collegiate School for Girls, Minneapolis. Miss Nelson graduated from the music department at the University of Minnesota where she was a pupil of Professor Carlyle Scott. Her home is at Aberdeen, South Dakota where she attended the Northern State Teachers' college for two years before entering the University of Minnesota on a special scholarship for proficiency in the study of piano. While in attendance at the University, she was a member of the University singers, and accompanied choral and instrumental groups in addition to playing regularly once a week over station WLB.

Due to the marked increase in attendance, it was necessary to appoint an instructor of Freshman English, a position which was temporarily eliminated two years ago as a result of the prolonged depression. This position was filled by the appointment of Miss Lois Lohn, a graduate of Northwestern University where she majored in English with a minor in social science. Miss Lohn is also an accomplished musician, having taken advanced training in voice. In addition to her classroom work, she will assist in the supervision of the girls' dormitory and with the public speaking programs which are presented each week during the term.

The appointment of Carl H. Ritzman as instructor of debate was announced in the September issue of the Northwest Monthly.

W. D. Rusk and William J. Promersberger were appointed to fill the vacancies in the Agricultural Engineering department created by the resignations of V. C. Kallal and H. M. Woolery. Mr. Rusk is a graduate of the Agricultural Engineering department of the University of Illinois. While in college he took an active interest in many outside activities, being a member of the American Society of Agricultural Engineering and president of the Illinois branch. He also served on the University Agricultural council, Interfraternity council and was circulation manager of the Illinois Agriculturist.

William J. Promersberger, a graduate

of the University of Minnesota, was likewise a member of the student branch of the Agricultural Engineering society during his college days. In addition to the class and laboratory work in tractors, gas motors and field machinery, Mr. Rusk will have charge of the senior boys' dormitory, while Mr. Promersberger will serve as assistant preceptor of Stephens hall.

DEAN COFFEY, ANDREW BOSS VISIT STATION

Dean and Mrs. W. C. Coffey and Dr. Andrew Boss of University Farm were campus visitors during the opening week of the term. Though the primary object of the visit was to inspect the work of the experiment station and observe the work of the school while in session, it also offered an opportunity for faculty and students to become better acquainted with two of the leading agricultural educators of the nation.

In addressing the students at a special assembly, Dean Coffey stated that the object of the Schools of Agriculture was not to guarantee success, but to provide the individual student with a background which will enable him to think clearly and effectively. Dr. Boss, who was one of the earliest graduates of the Central School of Agriculture and who has spent his entire life in Minnesota, described the School of Agriculture during its early period of growth.

The visitors were dinner guests at the campus home of Superintendent and Mrs. A. A. Dowell, following which members of the faculty, together with their wives, attended an informal reception. Dean and Mrs. Coffey remained on the campus over the weekend and took part in the Y. M.-Y. W. C. A. reception which formally opened a series of Saturday evening entertainments planned for the fall term.

"Y" ORGANIZATIONS HOLD RECEPTION

The first Saturday evening entertainment program of the year was in the nature of a reception for new students by members of the "Y" organizations. Dean and Mrs. W. C. Coffey with members of the faculty and officers of the two organizations formed a receiving line for the introduction of both old and new students. Officers of the Y. M. C. A. include Noel Hanson, Detroit Lakes, president; Burnett Bergeson, Twin Valley, vice president, and Chester Ingebretson, Ulen, secretary, while Olive Steen, Halstad, is president of the Y. W. C. A., with Laura Hanson, Thief River Falls, vice president, and Ruth Lerud, Twin Valley, secretary.

Other features of the evening included an old fashioned Virginia reel, a memory contest, and group games supervised by E. R. Clark, faculty adviser of the Y. M. C. A., and Retta Bede, adviser of the Y. W. C. A., assisted by members of the faculty and students. At the close of the program, refreshments were served by the committee in charge.

The reception served as the preliminary meeting of the "Y" organizations

which hold separate Bible study classes each Sunday morning in the school dormitories, and sponsor special meetings in the auditorium each Sunday evening with pastors of the Crookston churches as guest speakers.

CLASS OFFICERS ELECTED

Special class meetings were held during the opening week of the term for the purpose of electing officers and organizing class activities for the year. Members of the Advanced class elected Burnett Bergeson, Twin Valley, president; Clifford Sauer, Glyndon, vice president; Olive Steen, Halstad, secretary; Earl Lindberg, Beltrami, treasurer; Clarence Stromberg, Rosewood, sergeant-at-arms, and Laura Hanson, Thief River Falls, and Clifford Sauer, Pepster representatives. Miss Fae Highbanks and Miss Lydia Dahlen are advisers of the Advanced group.

Senior class officers include Roland Wentzel, Fisher, president; James Weckwerth, Hazel, vice president; Anne Hofstad, Oklee, secretary; Chester Ingebretson, Ulen, treasurer; Tilford Strand, Twin Valley, sergeant-at-arms; Ruth Lerud, Twin Valley, and Martin Chilson, Dalton, Pepsters, with Professor and Mrs. R. J. Christgau, advisers.

Raymond Higgin, Bronson, was elected president of the Junior class, with Woodrow Evans, Fosston, vice president; Dorothy Evans, Middle River, secretary; Chester Tandberg, Newfolden, treasurer, and Virginia Watt, Bagley, and Werner Weindorf, Jordan, Pepsters. Carl H. Ritzman was elected adviser to succeed V. C. Kallal and will serve with Miss Katherine Hennig.

Freshman officers include Harold Klemetson, Ulen, president; Loyal Harris, Wadena, vice president; Delsie Filipi, Angus, secretary; Adelle Hamre, Beltrami, treasurer, and Elmo Sorrels, Baudette, sergeant-at-arms. The Freshman group elected Miss Dorothy Smith and Mr. W. J. Promersberger faculty advisers. The freshman class has the distinction of being the largest first year group ever enrolled at the Northwest School. This record was previously held by the freshman class of 1929.

PARENTS' DAY NOVEMBER 2

Saturday, November 2, has been designated Parents' Day and plans are now under way to accommodate the largest group of fathers and mothers ever assembled on the Northwest School campus. All parents have been invited to visit classes during the forenoon, join with the student body in the annual Parents' Day dinner at noon, attend the special program and inspect the home project exhibits during the afternoon, and remain for the party in the evening. A coffee hour is being arranged for the late afternoon when parents will meet members of the faculty and exchange greetings with visitors from all parts of the Red River Valley.

All who expect to attend the noonday dinner are requested to notify Superintendent A. A. Dowell not later than October 31 so that suitable arrange-

ments can be made in the dining hall. Due to the heavy enrolment, it will not be possible to accommodate more than two members from each family.

FOOTBALL SEASON UNDER WAY

With only four lettermen from last year's football squad, Coach Christgau faced a gigantic task in moulding together a formidable Eleven to represent the School on the gridiron this fall.

Captain Noel Hanson, tackle, Elmer Ross and Bert Spence, halfbacks, and Roland Wentzel, guard, were the only lettermen returning for the 1935 season.

In spite of the lack of experienced players, Coach Christgau pitted his 1935 edition against the Grand Forks High School Reserves in the first game of the season on Saturday, October 5. Northwest School students were pleasantly surprised by the fine showing made in their first game of the season after only four days of practice. The final score in the Grand Forks Reserve game was 13-13. The Northwest team dominated the play throughout the first half and produced their first score when fullback Gilmar Alseth, drove off tackle for 20 yard gain and followed this with a 10 yard smash for touchdown. Bert Spence was responsible for the point after touchdown. A long forward pass by Bert Spence to Elmer Ross produced the second Aggie score. The North Dakota team scored its two touchdowns during the second half. The game was well played and hard fought throughout.

In the second game of the season, the Northwest Aggies were defeated by the Park River North Dakota Aggies 13-0. Again the Aggies gave a fine exhibition during the first half, but in the second half breaks were in favor of the Park River team whose speedy backfield produced two markers to score a 13-0 victory.

For their third game of the season, the Maroon and Gold eleven journeyed to Mahanomen where they were defeated 13-6 by the Mahanomen High School team which rates as one of the strongest high school teams in Northwestern Minnesota. In this game, the Aggies were first to score early in the opening quarter. A 31 yard pass thrown by Bert Spence to Elmer Ross put the Aggies in scoring position. Another forward pass by Captain Noel Hanson, with Elmer Ross again on the receiving end, produced the touchdown. Mahanomen scored in the second and fourth quarters. The Aggies surprised students and rooters with their exhibition against a team that had engaged in more games and practiced during a longer period.

Two games remain on the Northwest School schedule. The Homecoming feature on the Northwest School campus will be against the Grand Rapids eleven which last year decisively defeated Christgau's men by a 41-0 score and thus captured the brown jug which is the trophy between the two schools. The final game of the season will be played with the West Central Aggies at Morris on November 11.

Members of the football squad are: Captain Noel Hanson, Gilmore Alseth, Burnet Bergeson, Arlo Bergh, Morris

Dahl, Woodrow Evans, Dennis Filipi, Donald Gandrud, Ralph Gramer, Philip Hegreberg, Truman Hemmestvedt, Ray Higgin, Victor Hodgson, Hillard Kjerssten, Earl Lindberg, Lester MacGregor, Arnold Myrum, Harold N a b b e n, Stewart Nordquist, Ray Oen, Clifford Olson, Elmer Ross, Harold Ross, Harold Sanden, Bert Spence, Tilford Strand, Clarence Stromberg, Leslie Tack, Oray Tangen, Glenn Tasa, Clifford Trangsrud, Donald Viker, Roland Wentzel.

NEW ATTENDANCE RECORD ESTABLISHED

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the four schools of agriculture at the close of the third week of the term was reported as follows: Crookston school 346; Morris, 345; Central School at St. Paul, 309, and Grand Rapids, 75, or a total of 1075.

JUNIORS WIN OUTDOOR FESTIVAL

Scoring 41 points, the Junior class captured first place in the Annual Outdoor Festival held Saturday evening, October 12. The Outdoor Festival is the first event of the year which permits interclass competition. The Advanced, with 28½ points, took second place, followed by the Freshmen with 21½ points, and the Seniors fourth with 17 points.

Festivities began with a picnic supper which was served by members of the Junior, Senior, and Advanced classes. Juniors were also responsible for building small bonfires for weiner and marshmallow roasting. The Freshmen provided weiner roasting sticks and arranged for the large bonfire that concluded the evening's program.

Ideal weather conditions, plus a large enrolment and unlimited enthusiasm on the part of the classes, made the 1935 outdoor festival a gala affair.

The contest included the following: three-legged race, newspaper walk, leap-frog, potato race, sack race, tank race, stick relay, egg throw, rooster fight, egg relay, blindfold race, and tug-of-war.

SHORTHORN SIRE WINS CHAMPIONSHIP

Divide Chancellor, Shorthorn herd sire at the Northwest School and Station, was declared the grand champion Shorthorn bull at the recent Minnesota State Fair. This bull was bred by the Allen Cattle company of Colorado, and purchased at the International Livestock exposition last fall. As a senior yearling, he won first in his class at the Kansas City Royal and International Livestock show.

In addition to an excellent herd of purebred Shorthorns, the Northwest Station is developing a stud of purebred Percheron horses. The station stallion, Minnesota Carnot, was foaled at University Farm in April 1933. He is a half brother to the grand champion mare at the recent state fair.

Two outstanding Holstein sires are in service in the station dairy herd. The dam of the senior sire, Minnehaha

Burke Sir DeKol, made a state record as a five-year-old of 21,528 pounds milk and 705.6 pounds fat. Many of his daughters have averaged 100 pounds more fat than their dams. The junior herd sire, Governor Banostine Matador, was bred at the Northwest Station. His dam made a junior three-year-old record of 18,940 pounds milk and 653 pounds fat.

The Northwest Station also maintains excellent purebred hogs and sheep and one of the highest producing flocks of White Leghorns in the Northwest.

FACULTY PRESENT EXCELLENT PROGRAM

A delightful program of music and readings was presented in the school auditorium Sunday evening, October 5, by members of the Music and English faculty. Miss Grace Mary Warne, instructor in violin, opened the program with "Vermeland" and "Entr'acte" followed by a reading, "Pharaoh's Daughter" by Miss Dorothy Smith, coach of dramatics. Miss Marian Nelson, newly appointed instructor in piano, presented "Ballade in G Minor" in a most artistic manner. The second reading of the evening was presented by Carl H. Ritzman, debate coach, who read "The Hour-Glass". The program closed with two vocal solos by Miss Katherine Hennig, instructor in voice, who presented "Ave Maria" and "Panis Angelicus." Many visitors joined with students and faculty in the initial Sunday evening program of the year.

STUDENTS HOLD POW WOW AND FROLIC

The first social events of the year were held Wednesday, October 2, when the boys staged their annual Pow Wow and the girls entertained with a Frolic. Due to the large enrolment, the boys were unable to meet in the dormitory parlors as in former years and consequently met in the school gymnasium.

Burnett Bergeson, Twin Valley, veteran school debater, presided as chairman. The program opened with community singing led by J. W. Mlinar and accompanied by R. S. Dunham. Speakers included Noel Hanson, Detroit Lakes, president of the Y. M. C. A., and captain of the 1935 football team; Carl H. Ritzman, debate coach; Elmer Ross, Fisher, basketball captain; Coach R. J. Christgau; E. R. Clark, coach of grain judging team; O. M. Kiser, livestock judging coach; T. M. McCall, faculty adviser of the "A" club, and Superintendent A. A. Dowell. Outstanding among the special numbers of the evening were the piano selections by R. S. Dunham, guitar duet by Duane Moen, Gary, and Alton Arness of Eldred, "Sambo's Dance" by A. M. Foker, and an Indian Pow Wow by Harold Sanden of Beaulieu, Earl Lindberg of Beltrami, and Clifford Sauer of Glyndon Cheers were led by Martin Chilson, Dalton, and Werner Weindorf, Jordan, following which the students executed a snake dance across the campus to serenade the girls in Robertson Hall.

Miss Retta Bede supervised the girls' program which included community singing led by Miss Katherine Hennig,

accompanied by Miss Marian Nelson, the introduction of new students together with games and a general mixer. With over ninety girls housed in Robertson Hall, the parlors were filled to overflowing.

HOME COMING

PLANS COMPLETE

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Sale of Tickets: T. M. McCall, A. M. Foker, C. H. Ritzman, Fae Hughbanks, Elsie Kingston and Lydia Dahlen. **Publicity:** J. W. Mlinar. **Assembly Program:** R. S. Dunham, J. W. Mlinar, Dorothy Smith, Katherine Hennig, and Grace Warne. **Cheers and Songs:** Katherine Hennig, Elsie Kingston, C. H. Ritzman, and J. W. Mlinar. **Dance:** A. M. Foker, Grace Warne, and Marian Nelson. **Party:** C. H. Ritzman, F. B. Lippitt and A. M. Pilkey. **Banquet:** E. R. Clark, Retta Bede, and O. M. Kiser.

PERSONALS

Lloyd Ross, '31, was instantly killed when he was struck by a car Saturday evening, September 7, at St. Hilaire. Lloyd has been in charge of the poultry department on the Blackmoor farms near St. Hilaire for the past year. He is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Ross, two sisters and three brothers, all of Alvarado.

Orville Erickson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ole Erickson of Hawley, died Saturday, October 12, following a lingering illness. Orville graduated from the Northwest School in 1933.

Pearl Hanson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Hanson of Thief River Falls, was struck by a car and instantly killed Monday night, October 14. Pearl, who graduated from the Northwest School in 1934, was also prominent in 4-H club work, having won many county and state honors. She is survived by her parents, a brother and three sisters.

Betty Gloria, five-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Lovaas, '15, died at her home in Oklee Monday, September 2. She leaves her parents and a brother Sammy to mourn her loss.

Recent campus visitors include Ellen Ahlm Ferguson, '20, of Washington, D. C.; Eddie Myers, '32, enroute to his home at Warroad from California; Dayton Hanson, '34, Silver Creek, and James Skaurud, '25, of Twin Valley; O. C. Peterson, University inventory clerk; Dr. F. A. Krantz, potato specialist from University Farm, and A. G. Tolaas, state potato inspector.

Phinney Stenborg, '26, has been selected as one of the three members of the Minnesota Dairy Cattle judging team which took part in the national dairy judging contest at St. Louis October 12-18. The

team also participated in the Dairy Cattle congress at Waterloo earlier in the fall.

Among Valley rural school teachers are listed the following Northwest School students and graduates: G. Helen Gullingsrud, '29, near Shelly; Irene Bakke, '30, and Ruth Hamre, '28, near Gary; Helen Degerness, '31, and Norah Hamre, '30, near Fertile; Lawrence Simonson, '29-31, McIntosh; Wallace Abbott, '32, Angus; Ruth Soltis, '27, Fisher; C. Marian Valor, '28-31, Climax; Arlene Hill, '31, Brooks, and Adele Raymond, '23, near Crookston.

Marriages

Cora Walters, '25, to Albert Fylling at the United Lutheran church, Crookston, Saturday evening, August 31. Mr. and Mrs. Fylling are at home at 509 Pleasant avenue, Crookston.

Luella Emmerich to Grant Washburn, '32, on Wednesday, September 4. Mr. and Mrs. Washburn are living at 202½ Lincoln avenue, Crookston.

Milly Rybak, '34, to Willard Bean of Aurora, Illinois, on September 12.

Katherine Osterloh, '23-24, to McKinley Menefee at Crookston, on September 1. Mr. and Mrs. Menefee will be at home on their farm near Aurelia, Iowa, after Nov. 1.

Agnes Bakken, '26-27, to Clarence Bakke at Maplebay on September 15. They will make their home in the Chase block at Crookston.

Donna Christianson to Earl Ellinger, '29, at the United Lutheran church on Friday morning, October 11. The Ellingers will be at home to their friends on their farm near Crookston.

Helen Sanders to Frank W. Buckley, '14-16, at Crookston on September 17.

Doris Dilly and Melvin Cordes, '30-31, on Sunday afternoon, October 6, at Henning.

Verna Isaacson to Erwin Wiebe, '25-26, of Ottetail.

Ferne Peterson to L. Melroy Aase, '25-28, of Gatzke.

Belle Rasmussen to Robert Reed, '26-28, at Chisholm.

Ruth Miska to Ronald Fraser, '20-23, of Grand Rapids.

Births

To Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Abbott, '32, of Mentor, a daughter, Joan Madonna, on September 22.

To Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Lerud, '24-25, of Beaverton, Oregon, a daughter, Marilyn Beth, on September 16.

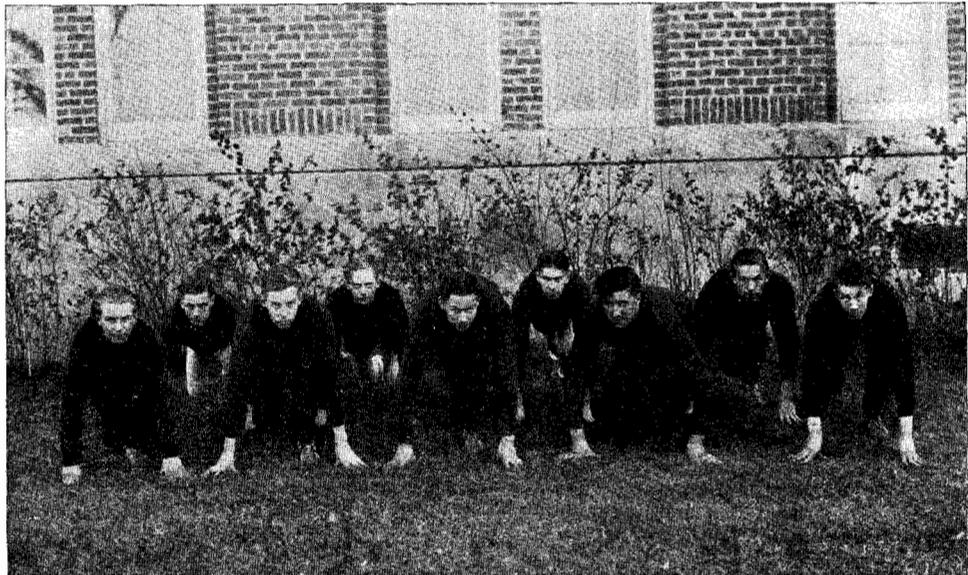
To Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Lindquist, '28, of Wylie a daughter on Sunday, September 8.

To Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Patten (Alice Parnow, '26) of Thief River Falls, a son on Friday, September 6.

To Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Schroeder, '31, of Fergus Falls, a son on September 1.

To Mr. and Mrs. Grant Hermanson (Hannah Degerness, '27) of Gary, a son during August.

Changes in Addresses: Mr. and Mrs. Earl Luchau, '26, to Ada; Irvin Fingalson, '21-22, to Detroit Lakes; Lloyd Weaver, '29, 71 N. Greenwood, Pasadena, Cal.; Mr. and Mrs. Walter Anderson (Gladyce Christopherson, '22 and '23), Virginia; Helen Gibbons, '24, 623 8th Ave. S.E., Minneapolis; Mr. and Mrs. Joe Torkelson (Inga Folvick) '20 and '22, Oslo; Wm. Thorkelson, '13, Fertile; Mrs. Emery Lillemo (Lillian Bakken, '28) Erskine; Loring Wheeler, '21, 382 E. Delmar, Pasadena; Mrs. Donald Lyford (Laura Gerber) 145 W. 11th Ave., Columbus, Ohio; Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Hanson (Edna Ross) '30 and '29, Warren; Mrs. Erling Anderson (Ann Thoreson, '31) 612½ 1st Ave. No., East Grand Forks; Ivan Suhomel, '27, 1229 8th Ave., San Diego, Cal.; Ole Quern, '08-10, Oslo; Theodore Peterson, '19, Scotts stores, Devils Lake, N. D.; George Swanson, '09-10, Wylie; George Berggren, '28, Asst. County Agricultural agent, Grand Rapids.



A feature of the Home Coming Celebration will be the Cross County Meet between the Northwest School and St. Paul Aggies