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## Successful Home Coming Celebration

The annual Home Coming celebration held on the Northwest School campus Saturday, October 26, was attended by the largest number of graduates and former students ever assembled for this annual event. With ideal weather and excellent roads, visitors came for miles to participate in the annual celebration which opened with a special assembly during the forenoon and closed with an alumni banquet and dance and party in the evening.

The assembly proved to be a most enjoyable affair with many special features drawing prolonged applause from students and guests. The high light of the program was the specialty number presented by students in costume accompanied by Miss Marian Nelson and R. S. Dunham in a piano duo. The program opened with selections by the school orchestra under the direction of Miss Nelson. Representatives of the Northwest School, Grand Rapids and St. Paul Schools of Agriculture also appeared on the program. The main feature of the Home Coming day program was the annual football clash with the Grand Rapids Aggies. For the second consecutive year, a Grand Rapids team triumphed over a Northwest team. The score of the 1935 game was Grand Rapids 20, Crookston 6.

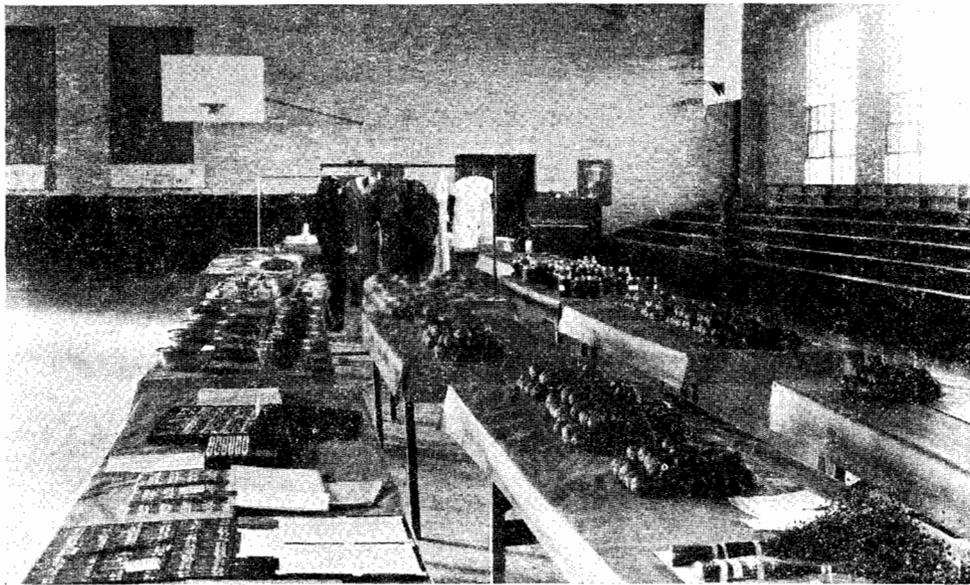
The alumni banquet which was also attended by an unusually large number of former students proved to be a most enjoyable affair. The impromptu speaking program included brief addresses by Professor C. L. Cole, coach, and Charles McManus, captain of the Grand Rapids football team; Professor John-

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## NORTHWEST SCHOOL TREES PLANTED THROUGHOUT VALLEY

The tree planting program adopted by Northwest School students last spring was apparently the little ripple required to start a great wave of tree planting throughout the Minnesota Red River Valley. At that time every student in school and each member of the School and Station staff signed a pledge to plant one or more Northwest School trees during the spring.

The American White elm (*Ulmus Americana*) was selected as the official school tree; however, students unable to secure the White elm were permitted to use Green ash, Chinese elm, or other



"Parents were keenly interested in the Home Project Exhibits"

available species. It was further suggested that the official tree should be planted on the front lawn and that the location should be in harmony with the general plan of farmstead beautification. The Northwest School agreed to furnish one stamped metal label to each person having a living tree the following October.

According to T. M. McCall, station horticulturist, a total of 1392 trees were planted by the 168 persons who had reported on the project by November 1. All but twelve of this group reported living trees at the close of the season. Many found it almost as easy to plant several trees as to plant the one school tree. For example, 53 persons planted two or more trees each,

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## Nearly Four Hundred Parents Visit School

Parents took possession of the Northwest School campus on Saturday, November 2, when nearly four hundred fathers and mothers from Wadena, Otter Tail and Wilkin counties on the south, north to Kittson, Roseau and Lake of the Woods on the Canadian border took part in the annual Parents' Day program. The importance of the day is evidenced by the steady increase in number of parents in attendance during recent years.

The forenoon was devoted to a visitation of classes, while all parents were guests of the student body at the special Parents' Day dinner in the school dining hall at noon.

An attractive program presented by the student body featured the afternoon session. This program included selections by the school orchestra under the direction of Miss Marian Nelson, followed by the address of welcome by James Weckwerth, senior,

Hazel; the style show presented by seventy girls under the direction of Miss Elsie Kingston and Miss Retta Bede of the Home Economics staff; selections by the boys' glee club, girls' glee club and mixed chorus, all under the direction of Miss Katherine Hennig, accompanied by Miss Marian Nelson; an address on pure seed production by Melvin Pearson, advanced, Hallock; a summary of the Northwest School tree planting project by Cora Dalager, Junior, Pelican Rapids, and a one-act play "Station YYY" by Booth Tarkington presented under the direction of Miss Dorothy Smith. Members of the cast included Ruth Lerud and Leland Hanson of Twin Valley, Noel Hanson, Detroit Lakes; Alfred Olson,

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## MANY SECOND GENERATION STUDENTS

The roster of second generation Northwest School students continues to increase with each passing year. This fall a total of seventeen young men and women are following in the footsteps of their fathers and mothers who attended the young School of Agriculture about two decades ago. Their presence indicates the high esteem in which the school is held by former graduates, who recognized the practical nature of the class and laboratory work offered and appreciated the homelike atmosphere that prevails about the campus.

Second generation students in attendance this fall include: Alton Arness, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Arness (1916) of Fisher; Arlo and Elmore Bergh, sons of Mr. and Mrs. John Bergh '10-12 of Hallock; Willard Clementson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Clementson '13-14 of Fosston; James and Kenneth Halliday, sons of Mr. and Mrs. V. L. Halliday (Ida Fossbakken '08-10) of Fosston; Marlys Hanson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry P. Hanson (Lily Berg) '08-10 of Silver Creek; Phyllis Henre, daughter of Mrs. Bertha Bioin Henre '14 of Crookston; Belva Holm, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Holm (Christine Thoreson '08-09) of Climax; Oliver and Gudrun Landsverk, son and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arne Landsverk '08-09 of Fosston; William A. Lindberg, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. William A. Lindberg (Helga Lindfors), both of the class of '12, of Warren; Norma Morgan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Morgan (Irene Slyter '07-08) of Crookston; Alfred Olson, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Olson '07-08 of Beltrami; Elfy Riopelle, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Riopelle (Belle Bergeron T.T. 1916) of Argyle; Marvel Soltvedt, son of Mr. and Mrs. Eric Soltvedt (Agnes Johnson) '16-17 and '15-16 of Oslo, and Raymond Sorvig, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Sorvig (Lilly Hallstrom '09-10) of Wylie.

## SUCCESSFUL HOME COMING CELEBRATION

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son and Captain Victor Dose of the St. Paul cross country team, and Coach R. J. Christgau and Captain Noel Hanson representing the Aggie football team, and Harry Coulter, captain of the Northwest School cross country squad. Other speakers included T. M. McCall, chairman of the athletic committee, Mrs. Elizabeth Erickson Ryden '32, Hallock; Emer Anderson '25, Clearbrook, and Edwin Myers '32, Warroad.

The feature of the evening program was the presentation of the 1934 class memorial by Agatha Olson of Beltrami who made the presentation on behalf of her classmates. This memorial consists of a beautiful silver plaque which is to be awarded each year to the member of the Advanced class who has the highest scholastic four-year average. The recipient last year was Lester Lerud of Twin Valley. The memorial was accepted on behalf of the school by Superintendent A. A. Dowell who served as chairman of the meeting.

The happy Home Comers, together with students and faculty, filled the spacious Physical Education dance floor to capacity while an additional 130 students attended the party in the party room of the dining hall.

## EXCELLENT HOME PROJECT SHOW

The climax of a successful season of home project work occurred Saturday, November 2, when the Fifteenth Annual Home Project Exhibit was held in the school gymnasium. Fifty-two girls showed entries in sewing, canning, baking, and other household arts, while forty-two boys exhibited potatoes, pure seed grain, tractor and horse labor records, insect collections, rocks and minerals, as evidence of their achievement in production and investigation during the summer months.

House dresses made by the girls who had completed the first course in sewing last spring were on display and were featured in a style parade at the auditorium as a part of the afternoon program. Last year's junior class showed silk and wool dresses while the upper classes exhibited hemstitching, embroidery and thrift projects. Thirty-two girls baked bread for exhibit, fourteen made cakes, and ten baked pies for the occasion.

A new feature of boys' work this year included collections of rocks and minerals gathered and identified by soils students. Several of these collections contained over one hundred specimens each. A collection of moths, bees, flies and other insects by a biology student, attracted much interest, as did ten samples of Thatcher wheat grown in the pure seed projects. Five standard varieties of potatoes were represented in the entries of twelve students in potato improvement. A student from Ottetail county made the first exhibit of hybrid corn.

Miss Mildred Schenck, assistant state club leader and former home economics instructor at the Northwest School, judged the girls' work. Carl Ash, Polk county agricultural agent, made the awards in agricultural projects. E. R. Clark, R. J. Christgau, and Miss Retta Bede, home project supervisors, had charge of the exhibits.

Two silver trophies will be awarded for home project work in home economics and agriculture respectively, and will be presented at the awards assembly in December. The students' written records and home work as observed by the home project supervisors, as well as the exhibits, will be considered in making these final awards.

Winners in the various divisions of

the fifteenth annual home project show were announced as follows:

### Home Economics

**Quick Bread:** Gladys Tangen, Menahga, 1st; Marie Bakely, Fisher, 2nd; Geline Tveiten, Trail, 3rd; Bernadette Jeffrey, East Grand Forks, 4th; Ivy McVeety, East Grand Forks, 5th. **Yeast Bread:** Myra Hoiseth, Crookston, 1st; Leona Kellerman, Roseau, 2nd; Delene Hegreberg, Ada, 3rd; Helen Kellerman, Roseau, 4th; Gladys Parduhn, Warroad, 5th. **Cake:** Ruth Lerud, Twin Valley, 1st; Marian Kramer, Crookston, 2nd; Gladys Parduhn, 3rd; Janet Krogstad, Fertile, 4th; Grace Olson, Halstad, 5th. **Drop Cookies:** Bernadette Jeffrey, 1st; Geline Tveiten, 2nd; Martha Rasmussen, Ada, 3rd; Alta Swenson, Fertile, 4th; Myrtle Nisbet, East Grand Forks, 5th. **Roll'd Cookies:** Helen Johansen, Pitt, 1st; Effie Stonehouse, Oklee, 2nd; Virginia Watt, Bagley, 3rd; Gladys Parduhn, 4th; Orda Slettvedt, Oklee, 5th.

**Canning Fruits and Vegetables:** Betty McVeety, East Grand Forks, 1st; Margaret Moe, Lancaster, 2nd; Lola Hartman, Mentor, 3rd; Evelyn LaRiviere, Crookston, 4th; Solveig Moe, East Grand Forks, 5th. **Preserving:** Myrtle Nisbet, 1st; Laura Hanson, Thief River Falls, 2nd; Margaret Moe, 3rd; Solveig Moe, 4th; Alvina Urbaniak, Argyle, 5th. **Pies:** Lucille Hedlund, Gully, 1st; Helen Kellerman, 2nd; Myra Hoiseth, 3rd; Solveig Moe, 4th; Gladys Parduhn, 5th.

**Made-Over Dress:** Myrtle Nisbet, 1st; Belva Holm, Climax, 2nd; Lola Hartman, 3rd. **Cotton Wash Dress and Lingerie:** Marie Blakely, Fisher, 1st; Gladys Worman, Crookston, 2nd; Cora Dalager, Pelican Rapids, 3rd; Grace Olson, 4th; Ivy McVeety, 5th. **Silk Dress:** Irene Tasa, Trail, 1st; Ruth Lerud, 2nd; Belva Holm, 3rd; Myrtle Nisbet, 4th; Martha Rasmussen, 5th. **Wool Dress:** Evelyn LaRiviere, 1st; Marlys Hanson, Silver Creek, 2nd; Marie Youmans, Crookston, 3rd; Anna Hofstad, Oklee, 4th; Solveig Moe, 5th. **Hemstitching:** Delene Hegreberg, 1st; Gladys Tangen, Menahga, 2nd; Dorothy Evans, Middle River, 3rd; Patricia Durbahn, Angus, 4th; Lola Hartman, 5th. **Embroidery:** Olive Staen, Halstad, 1st; Martha Rasmussen, 2nd; Alta Torkelson, Crookston, 3rd; Alvina Urbaniak, 4th; Laura Hanson, 5th. **Thrift:** Marlys Hanson, 1st; Marie Youmans, 2nd; Arvilla Sovick, Clearbrook, 3rd.

Winners in the **Agricultural Projects** included:

**Irish Cobbler potatoes:** Morris Hanson, Trail, 1st; Chester Ingebretson, Ulen, 2nd; Kenneth Balstad, Fosston, 3rd; Oliver Landsverk, Fosston, 4th; Martin Hanson, Thief River Falls, 5th. **Warbas:** Arlo Bergh, Hallock, 1st; Noel Oistad, Shelly, 2nd. **Early Ohios:** Axel Rynning, Kennedy, 1st; Dale Bloomquist, Drayton, N. D., 2nd; LeRoy Peterson, Thief River Falls, 3rd.

**Corn:** Milford Nelson, Fergus Falls, 1st. **Barley:** Harry Coulter, East Grand Forks, 1st. **Wheat:** Woodrow Evans, Gully, 1st; Verne Dahlgren, Kennedy, 2nd; Marvel Soltvedt, Oslo, 3rd; Donald Gandrud, Callaway, 4th; Marshall Morberg, Oslo, 5th. **Rocks and Minerals:** Noel Hanson, Detroit Lakes, 1st; Carlos Grove, Roosevelt, 2nd; Harold

Sanden, Beaulieu, 3rd; Martin Chilson, Dalton, 4th; Wallace Austin, Barnesville, 5th.

### FOOTBALL SEASON CLOSED WITH GAME AT MORRIS

Old Man Jinx camped on the trail of the Northwest School Aggies throughout the 1935 football season, which ended with a total of four defeats and one tie game. Throughout the entire schedule, the Maroon and Gold eleven played a much better game than their season's record would indicate. With only four lettermen available from last year's team, the task of molding a winning combination was a gigantic one.

In their first game of the season played against the Grand Forks High reserves on October 5, the Northwest team surprised rooters with a fine exhibition after only four days of practice. The score in this encounter was 13-13 and the superstitious fans claimed that the Jinx began his reign with this game. Injuries among the regulars handicapped the team in its preparation for the next game which was played against the Park River Aggies on October 12. In this encounter the two teams battled to a scoreless tie during the first half, but in the second half, Park River scored two touchdowns, thus defeating the Aggies 12-0. On October 18 the team journeyed to Mahanomen where the strong Mahanomen High school triumphed by a 13-6 score. A minor injury to Gilmore Alseth, star punter and passer on the team, was further aggravated in this game with the result that he was forced to discontinue play until the closing minutes of the last game of the season.

In their Home Coming game, October 26, the Northwest team suffered a 20-6 defeat at the hands of the Grand Rapids Aggies and as a result failed to regain possession of the Little Brown Jug that was lost one year ago. The final game of the season was played at Morris on November 11, and in the two-week interlude the Northwest team found it impossible to engage in practices due to a heavy snowfall that blanketed this area after October 30. This game was played as a part of the Home Coming feature on the Morris campus and resulted in a 34-0 defeat for the Northwest team. By virtue of their victory, the Morris Aggies regained possession of Ossie, the wooden pig which is a trophy between the two schools and which had been in possession of the Northwest School continuously since 1930.

Although the season's play resulted in four defeats and one tie game, prospects for the 1936 season are considered much brighter because of experience gained by members of the squad who will be back in school at the opening of the fall term next year. Coach Christgau has discovered much promising material that will add much to the strength of the 1936 team.

### WINTER SHOWS DATES ANNOUNCED

Preliminary arrangements are now being made for the annual Northwest School Farmers' Week and Red River Valley Winter Shows which will be held February 3 to 7. Cooperating organizations are preparing premium lists for the various departments, while a general committee is working on a varied educational program.

Last year nearly twelve thousand persons from all parts of the Northwest attended the silver anniversary celebration which was featured by an historical pageant presented by a combined cast of over 250 persons from thirteen counties. An added feature of the anniversary program was the recognition of one leading livestock and one dairy cattle breeder from each of the Valley counties.

Activities of the week will be coordinated by the Winter Shows Board of Managers, which is composed of representatives of the various cooperating organizations. Superintendent A. A. Dowell is president of the board, while John Saugstad is business manager. Other members of the board include: C. M. Pesek, secretary of the Red River Valley Dairymen's association; R. S. Dunham, secretary, Red River Valley Crops and Soils association; F. A. Green, Stephen, vice president, Red River Valley Livestock association; H. A. Pflughoft, Boys' and Girls' 4-H club leader; C. L. McNelly, St. Paul, assistant county agent leader; E. W. Spring, secretary, Minnesota Red River Valley Development association, and representative of the Crookston Association of Public Affairs, and Harold Thomforde, secretary, Northern Minnesota Poultry association.

### GOVERNOR INVITED TO EXHIBIT PRIZE HOG AT VALLEY SHOW

Governor Floyd B. Olson has been invited by Congressman R. T. Buckler to exhibit his prize Iowa hog at the Red River Valley Winter Shows February 3 to 7. The now famous hog was presented to Governor Olson by Governor Herring of Iowa as a result of the defeat of the Hawkeyes by the Golden Gopher football team at Iowa City November 9. Congressman Buckler's invitation was extended to the Governor in a telegram which read as follows:

"Note your football bet with Governor Herring of Iowa on last Saturday's game which resulted in defeat for Iowa's Hawkeyes by Minnesota's Gophers Stop When and if Iowa's Governor Herring delivers prize hog suggest you ship it to Red River Valley Livestock Breeders' association at Crookston for fattening prior to exhibition Red River Valley Winter Shows, February 3 to 7, in competition with prize Minnesota hog Stop Polk county home of Widseth, famous Gopher tackle, who played his first football as fullback for Northwest School of Agriculture at Crookston Stop Residents this area anxious to tackle Herring's hog with Red River Valley porker."

### NORTHWEST SCHOOL TREES PLANTED

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while three planted sizeable windbreaks. Burnett Bergeson, Twin Valley, led with 600 trees, followed by Glenn Ellinger, Crookston, with 200 trees, and Irene Holst, Thief River Falls, with 112 trees and shrubs.

The Northwest School tree planting project was only the beginning of a Valleywide tree planting program. Many parents and students have had their attention called to the value of trees for windbreak as well as home beautification purposes. The official school trees will be living monuments to the memory of those who set them out and cared for them during the early period of growth.

### WIDSETH IN LINE FOR ALL-AMERICA HONORS

Edwin Widseth '32, McIntosh, who will be remembered by readers of the Northwest Monthly for his brilliant play on the Aggie football squad during the four-year period 1929 to 1932, is continuing his remarkable career at the University of Minnesota. Last year he was the only Sophomore to win a regular berth on a team that won the football championship of the nation. He was credited with being largely responsible for the defeat of the Pittsburgh team, thus insuring the national 1934 championship.

Edwin is now playing his second year of Big Ten football and is measuring up to the high expectations of his friends by attracting national attention. For example, in the November 7 issue of the Minneapolis Tribune, George Barton, sports editor, commented on Widseth's performance as follows:

#### "Presenting a Great Tackle"

"When the time comes for the football authorities to make their All-America selections they are certain to give due consideration to Ed Widseth of Minnesota in naming their tackles.

"Although handicapped by a leg injury since early in the season, Widseth has turned in a stellar performance every Saturday afternoon just as he did in eight games in 1934. Football critics of the middle west and east who saw Widseth and Phil Bengtson in action in 1934, rated them among the best tackles in the nation, but passed up Widseth for seniors on other teams, figuring it would be time enough to pick Ed in his junior or senior year, while Bengtson was sacrificed because he happened to be a teammate of too many players of All-America ability.

"Widseth, a giant of a fellow, yet exceptionally fast for a man of his bulk, a sterling competitor, smart and alert, is an ideal tackle. When aroused, he rips holes single-handed in an opposing line big enough for an army truck to barge through.

"On defense, he seems impregnable as the Rock of Gibraltar. Few indeed are the gains made through his position in two years of playing. Every time he bangs into an opposing player, he takes a lot out of the other fellow, all of

which explains why rival coaches make frequent changes in tackles facing Widseth. And, after a halfback is stopped a few times by the blond Minnesota giant, the ball carrier endeavors to avoid him like a burglar avoiding a policeman.

"Widseth, paired with Dick Smith, gives Minnesota the two best tackles in the Western conference, and most likely all other points of the football realm. A gridiron critic would make no mistake in selecting both for his All-America eleven."

#### NEARLY FOUR HUNDRED PARENTS VISIT SCHOOL

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Beltrami; Laura Hanson, Thief River Falls; Alta Torkelson, Crookston; Chester Ingebretson, Ulen; Virginia Bede of Pine City, and Harold Sanden, Beau-lieu, together with Stage Managers Martin Chilson of Dalton and Fred Cook of Faunce.

The pure seed project made a strong appeal to the assembled parents as it centered around the experience of the speaker who purchased 80 pounds of Thatcher wheat at the station for \$2 in the spring of 1934 and seventeen months later harvested over 420 bushels of seed worth at least \$1.50 per bushel direct from the machine. Many other students have financed their entire school expense through projects carried on under the supervision of school and station specialists.

The Northwest School tree planting project was likewise of unusual interest to both fathers and mothers. Last spring every student in school signed a pledge to plant an official Northwest School tree on the home farm or home property. Hundreds of trees were, therefore, planted throughout the Valley counties. Metal tags have been provided so that each official Northwest School tree now bears a tag with the name of the school and the year planted. This project will not only improve the appearance of the home, but be a lasting memorial to students and parents who took part in the planting.

Following the special program, a general reception was held in the physical education building where home project exhibits were on display throughout the day. Following the reception, coffee was served by Miss Retta Bede and her staff. The girls' home project exhibits were judged by Miss Mildred Schenck, state 4-H club agent, and former home economics instructor at the Northwest School, while the boys' exhibits were judged by County Agent Carl G. Ash. A large number of parents remained for the evening party which was held in

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#### AGGIE BOARD ANNOUNCED

The 1936 Aggie Board began work on the forthcoming school annual immediately after the opening of the fall term. With a much increased school enrollment and a class of 75 seniors, the Board is very optimistic over the prospect of publishing an outstanding book this year. The preliminary meetings have been devoted to the selection of a suitable theme and arranging for group pictures of the various school activities. The Board is also concentrating on a number of original and novel features for the book.

Members of the 1936 Aggie Board include: James Weckwerth, Hazel, editor-in-chief; Roland Wentzel, Fisher, advertising manager; Harold Nabben, Goodridge, Alfred Olson of Beltrami, and Martin Hanson of Thief River Falls, assistant advertising managers; Axel Rynning, Kennedy, business manager; Edgar Ramberg, Pitt, assistant business manager; Martin Chilson, Dalton, sales manager; Philip Hegreberg, Ada, assistant sales manager; Anne Hofstad, Oklee, secretary; Chester Ingebretson, Ulen, treasurer. Associate editors are Ruth Lerud, Twin Valley, senior section; Martha Rasmussen, Ada, art; Betty McVeety, East Grand Forks, faculty; Tilford Strand, Twin Valley, athletics, and Fred Cook, Faunce, photo-

graphs. Professor and Mrs. R. J. Christgau are class advisers.

## PERSONALS

Professor J. B. Fitch, Chief of the Dairy department, University Farm, visited the school and station during the last week in October. This was Professor Fitch's first trip into the Red River Valley since assuming his new duties as successor to the late Dr. C. H. Eckles. Following his visit on the campus, Professor Fitch attended the Red River Valley Dairymen's convention at Moorhead where he delivered one of the principal addresses.

Doctors R. G. Hinckley, M. J. Nydahl, and Thomas Bond of the University Student Health department took charge of the physical examinations of all students in attendance this fall. Due to the increased enrollment, three days were required to complete the work. Examinations were given at the student health service the third week in October.

Recent visitors at the home of Superintendent and Mrs. A. A. Dowell were Mrs. Dowell's mother and sister, Mrs. G. W. Dyer and Miss Ruth Dyer of Nevada, Iowa.

Donna Coss, Sp. '33-34, and James Casmev were married Thursday evening, October 24, in the First Presbyterian church, Crookston. Mr. and Mrs. Casmev are now at home to their friends in the Fournet block, Crookston.

Irene Schell '28 and Elmer Evans were united in marriage Saturday morning, November 2. They will make their home near Malung.

Alice Mae Burk '29-30 and Albert Peterson were married Thursday, October 31, at the Erskine Lutheran parsonage.

Ineclif Swanson '31 is associated with the Ellingson Funeral service at Warren.



Members of School and Station Staff Planting Official Northwest School Tree, May, 1935.