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## Silver Anniversary Outstanding Success

Reflecting the advance toward prosperity made by many counties of the Red River Valley during the past year, the Silver Anniversary celebration of the Northwest School Farmers' Week and Red River Valley Winter Shows was the most successful ever held from the standpoint of valley-wide cooperation, attendance and general interest combined.

Favored by mild weather and clear roads, nearly twelve thousand people attended the shows and meetings during the course of the week. The management and exhibitors alike were unusually well pleased with the outcome. Many of the exhibitors have spoken ahead for space at the 1936 shows, which will be held February 3 to 7 next year, according to an announcement by the Winter Shows Board of Managers.

New and outstanding among the events of the week was the recognition of the 27 constructive dairy and general livestock breeders from thirteen Red River Valley counties who have contributed greatly to the development of the livestock industry of this region. A second event of unusual importance was the presentation of a spectacular and highly educational pageant depicting the history and development of the Red River Valley. This pageant was made possible through the cooperation of commercial clubs, county commissioners and other organizations in the various Red River Valley counties, who financed the county production. The success of the pageant was also due in large measure to the cooperation of about 250 people who constituted the county casts.

## Leading Breeders Honored

The 27 honor livestock breeders, all breeders of purebred livestock, were selected by their fellow breeders on a county-wide basis, one general livestock breeder and one dairy cattle breeder being chosen in almost every Red River Valley county. This plan was departed



Northwest School Championship Livestock Judging Team  
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from in the case of three counties where only dairy cattle breeders were selected and in two unusually large counties where additional selections in both classes were permitted.

These men were honored at a special banquet held on Wednesday of Winter  
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## Northwest School Wins Championships

Championship honors in the School of Agriculture livestock and crops judging contests were awarded to teams representing the Northwest School. This double victory was the second of its kind ever won by a single school in the ten years since these contests were first initiated. Members of the Northwest School championship livestock judging team included Torleif Boe, McIntosh; Edward Sargent, Crookston, and Lester Lerud, Twin Valley. Boe's individual score was the highest in the entire contest. The team was coached by O. M. Kiser, Northwest School animal husbandman who was also coach of the winning team in the previous contest.

Second place was won by the North Central School of Agriculture, Grand Rapids; third, West Central School of Agriculture, Morris; fourth, Walsh County Agricultural school, Park River, North Dakota; fifth, Central School of Agriculture, St. Paul; and sixth, South Dakota School of Agriculture, Brookings.

Members of the Northwest School championship crops judging team were Earl Lindberg, Beltrami; Noel Hanson, Detroit Lakes, and Harry Tangen, Menahga. The team was coached by E. R. Clark, pure seed specialist and assistant agronomist. Second place was won by the Walsh County Agricultural school; third, North Central school; fourth, West Central school, and fifth, South Dakota School of Agriculture.

Numerous other judging contests were held during the week. The Park Rapids high school team for the eighth successive time was declared the champion  
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### ANNOUNCES HONOR ROLL

Students whose names appeared on the honor roll at the close of the fall term have been announced by Registrar J. W. Mlinar as follows:

**Advanced**—Dorothy Worman and Lois Sargent of Crookston; Margaret and Lester Lerud of Twin Valley; William Sitko, Ada, and Torleif Boe, McIntosh.

**Seniors**—Morris Engelstad, Thief River Falls; Ebba Maattala, Oklee; Noel Hanson, Detroit Lakes, and Harlan Pester, Crookston.

**Juniors**—Marshall Evans, Middle River; Anne Hofstad, Oklee; Harold Naben Goodridge; Betty McVeety, East Grand Forks; Ruth Lerud and Leland Hanson of Twin Valley; Martha Rasmussen, Ada; Axel Rynning, Kennedy; Belva Holm, Climax; John Stanko, Blackduck; Grant Bothum, Karlstad, and Marlys Hanson, Fertile.

**Freshmen**—Gladys and Esther Worman, Crookston; Dorothy Evans, Middle River; Raymond Higgin, Bronson; Lois Haug, Oslo; Woodrow Evans, Fosston; Cora Dalager, Pelican Rapids, and Ivy McVeety, East Grand Forks.

**Special**—Gladys Lindholm, Baudette. Names appearing on the high scholarship list included:

**Advanced**—Helen Carlson, Halstad; Raymond Mykleby and Wilbur Peterson, Eldred; Harry Tangen, Menahga; Agatha Olson, Beltrami; Gladys Quantock, Argyle; Donald Anderson, Climax; Glenn Ellinger and Edson Washburn of Crookston.

**Seniors**—James Burns and David Anderson of Crookston; Burnet Bergeson, Twin Valley; Marie Johansen, Pitt; Olaf Dahlen, Erie; Earl Lindberg, Beltrami; Donald Gandrud, Callaway; Harold Sanden, Beaulieu; Melvin Pearson, Hallock; Laura Hanson, Thief River Falls; Clifford Sauer, Glyndon; Glenn Tasa and Gladys Rindahl, Trail, and Joyce Starnes, Halma.

**Juniors**—Gladys Gustafson, Trail; Myrtle Nisbet and Solveig Moe, East Grand Forks; James Weckwerth, Hazel; Margaret Moe, Lancaster; Hilbert Thompson, Fergus Falls; Fred Cook, Faunce; Edgar Ramberg, Pitt; Rosella Ecklund, Hallock; LeRoy Peterson, Thief River Falls; Walter Peterson, Oklee.

**Freshmen**—Patricia Durbahn, Angus; Delene Hegreberg, Ada; Clifford Stolan, Fosston; Hugh Hoard, Graceton; Margery Claussen, Fergus Falls; Lucille Hedlund, Gully; Werner Weindorf, Red Lake; Clinton Johnson, Viking, and Effie Stoneouse, Oklee.

**Special**—Henry Hendricks, Fertile; Thomas O'Brien, Hampden, N. Dak.; Phillip Seeger, Mahnomon; Emery Cameron, Hallock, and Glenn Walker, Clearbrook.

### SILVER ANNIVERSARY OUTSTANDING SUCCESS

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Shows Week. The list includes the names of many of the valley's foremost agricultural leaders—officers of creamery, general livestock and dairy associations, and of the Red River Valley Winter Shows, which are generally recognized as a potent force in the valley's agricultural development.

The recognition ceremony included the citation of their contribution to the cause of better livestock production, after which A. A. Dowell, president of the Winter Shows Board of Managers, presented each of the 27 breeders with suitably engraved bronze plaques donated by the Red River Valley Livestock and Dairymen's associations. Following the presentation L. Jensen, Clearbrook, responded on behalf of the breeders. Later in the evening, the group was introduced at a mass meeting in the Crookston armory.

The list of breeders receiving recognition, together with the kind of livestock they breed, follows: Jack Shannon, Callaway, Guernseys; Sam Anderson, Detroit Lakes, Aberdeen Angus; Ernest F. Krabbenhoft, Sabin, Holsteins; E. D. Grant, Glyndon, Shorthorns; L. Jensen, Clearbrook, Guernseys; William W. Sugden, Hallock, Holsteins; George A. Lindgren, Hallock, Shorthorns; John Maxwell, Waubun, Guernseys; C. L. Spaulding, formerly of Warren, now of Minneapolis, Holsteins; L. Lamberson, Warren, Polled Shorthorns and Poland China Hogs; E. E. Carman, Ada, Holsteins; C. J. Lofgren, Ada, Aberdeen Angus; Fred Mattson, New York Mills, Holsteins; Walter E. Johnson, New York Mills, Shorthorns; A. R. Knutson, Pelican Rapids, Holsteins; Albert Hexum, Carlisle, Shorthorns; Peter Engelstad, Thief River Falls, Guernseys; Balstad Brothers, Fosston, Herefords; Fossbakken Brothers, Fosston, Holsteins; M. L. Enright, East Grand Forks, Holsteins; P. M. Finkenbinder, Crookston, Chester White Hogs and Milking Shorthorn Cattle; Ferment Desrosier, Red Lake Falls, Holsteins; Fred Purath, Red Lake Falls, Aberdeen Angus; A. M. Landby, Warroad, Guernseys; Jalmer Nord, Wannaska, Shropshire sheep; F. E. Murphy, Femco Farms, Breckenridge, Holsteins, and C. C. Dibley, Wolverton, Shorthorns, Poland China hogs and Light Brahma poultry.

At a special meeting of the group, L. Jensen was elected president of the "Honor Breeder" group, with C. J. Lofgren vice president, and Peter Engelstad, secretary-treasurer.

#### Pageant Creates Widespread Interest

The pageant depicting the history and development of the Red River Valley was the most amazing demonstration of regional cooperation that has ever been witnessed in northwestern Minnesota. Each of the thirteen Valley counties appointed a local committee, county director and county cast and presented

one scene portraying an important historical event within the county or the social or agricultural and industrial development of the Red River Valley. This cooperative undertaking brought into play town, village and farm people from each county of the northwest, thus serving as a fitting climax to the silver anniversary of the establishment of the Northwest School Farmers' Week and Red River Valley Winter Shows. Approximately eleven hundred school children, together with many adults, witnessed the afternoon rehearsal, while several hundred were unable to gain admittance for the evening performance.

Directors of the thirteen county casts were guests of the Red River Valley Winter Shows board of directors at a luncheon Thursday noon, and for dinner the 250 cast members were guests of the Crookston Association of Public Affairs.

The pageant was directed by Mrs. E. F. Wright, chairman; Mesdames C. Merriam Stephens, Andrea Stephens Espe, L. L. Landberg and C. D. Mitchell, and A. M. Foker, J. M. Chapman, Elwood Mills, Junius Holte and Dr. T. L. Stickney. Mr. T. W. Thorson served as music director with Mrs. E. W. Eagle accompanist, while Joseph Linster filled the role of narrator.

The pageant opened with the Mahnomon county scene, "The War Dance" presented by twelve Mahnomon county Indians brought here under the direction of Mrs. H. P. Phillips, director, of Mahnomon. The Mahnomon Commercial club and the board of county commissioners sponsored this scene.

"The Legend of Gull Rock" was depicted in the Roseau county scene, directed by Miss Carol Hagen of Roseau, with Charles Christianson, Miss Thora Hegstad, John Jenson, Archie Lee, Kenneth Johnson, Roseau; M. Jones, Warroad, and Sheldon Clay, Greenbush, as members of the cast. The legend is over two hundred years old. The scene was sponsored by the Roseau Commercial club.

Directed by Miss Myrtle Glasser of Breckenridge, Wilkin county's scene portrayed the coming of the first white settlers to that county and the hardships of early pioneer days. The scene was based on an actual incident occurring in January and February, 1857, and was sponsored by the Breckenridge Commercial club. Members of the cast included Carl Erdman, Mr. Schwartzrock, Fred Hanson, Dean Johnson, Russell Heideman, John Kalosh, Charles Davis, Ellen Peterson, Gretchen Headley, Mrs. Charles Davis, Charles Holmgren and the 4-H club livestock judging team, all of Breckenridge.

The story of the "Old Crossing Treaty of 1863" was told in Red Lake county's scene directed by Superintendent J. A. Hughes of Red Lake Falls. The cast included Earl McFarland, Charles E. Boughton, Jr., Carl Kankel, Bert Pinsonneault, Clayte Paul, Alfred Emard, and a group of ten other Red Lake Falls persons as Indian warriors, chiefs and cavalrymen. The Red Lake Falls business men sponsored this scene.

Two years after the Sioux massacre of 1862, Chauncey Sylvestre and Lewis

Whiting signed a treaty with the Sioux that has never been broken. This was the basis for the Otter Tail county scene presented under the direction of Neota Silvers and Edson Ellingson of Fergus Falls. Lester Whiting, son of Lewis Whiting, played the role of his father in this scene depicting the early white settlement in Otter Tail county. Other members of the cast included Edson Ellingson, Julian Ree and Arndt Anderson of Fergus Falls, and three Mahnomen county Indians. This scene was sponsored by the Fergus Falls Civic and Commerce association.

For forty years prior to 1910 lumbering was the leading industry in much of this territory. Sawmills were operated at Thief River Falls, Crookston, Bemidji and East Grand Forks. The logging industry was reviewed in Clearwater county's scene, directed by Mrs. George Ericson of Bagley, with Kenneth Farr, Robert Davids, Reverend O. I. Rossing, Leslie Brustad, George Roisum, Howard Balk, Milo Anderson and Hiram Sorenson, all of Bagley, in the cast. The Clearwater county committee sponsored this scene.

The Hudson's Bay company of Winnipeg prepared the script for Kittson county's scene depicting the operations of this far-flung company over a period of 200 years. The scene closed with the singing of voyageurs, men who formed a music of their own on the long canoe trips. Directed by Professor E. B. Hersheth of Kennedy, the cast included Herman Johnson, Floyd Reck, E. L. Berg, Glendon Johnson and M. E. Johnson, Kennedy, and Lowell Ryden, Robert Nygaard of Hallock. The Hallock Civic club and the Kittson county commissioners cooperated as sponsors of the Kittson county scene.

The Barnesville Dust Raisers of Clay county presented "The Gayeties of 1880," depicting the Red River Valley jig characteristic of the 70's, and the square dances and quadrilles typical of the 80's. Floyd McDunn of Barnesville directed the cast which was composed of Harry Garrison, Paul Meyers, Tom Nitzkorski, Claude Miller, and Mesdames Claude Miller, E. F. McDunn, Frank Hilgers and Leo Motschenbacher, dancers; Frank Nosal, Niles Motschenbacher and Bennie Stetz, orchestra, with Leo Motschenbacher calling the dances. The Barnesville Commercial club sponsored this scene.

"Fisher's Landing and the Coming of the Railroad" was Marshall county's scene, directed by Mrs. J. H. Rosendahl of Warren. Fred Kurz played the role of James J. Hill, with Clarence Dahlquist as Lord Mt. Stephen. Other members of the cast included Elmer Rosendahl, Mrs. D. O. Cheney, Harris Rosendahl and Chris Husted, with the ox-cart driver and travelers, all of Warren. The Boxville Farmers' club of Warren developed this scene which featured the use of one of the famous Red River Valley ox-carts made available through the courtesy of the Great Northern Railway company.

In all pioneer communities, the first permanent organization was the church and Pennington county, under the sponsorship of the Thief River Falls Commercial club, depicted the part which the early church played in pioneer life.

Professor Arnold E. Carlson of Thief River Falls served as director of this attractive scene, assisted by a cast composed of Arthur Leiran, Mrs. Anna Anderson, Mrs. Henry Oen, Anna Hagerne, Vernon Malberg, Mrs. Edwin Hanson, Mrs. Louisa Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. Freeman Allen, Severin Barstad, Mr. and Mrs. V. C. Noper, Eunice Thorson, Charles Joyce, Arnold Gunderson, Gustave Gunderson, Mr. and Mrs. Owen Weckwerth, Tillie Gunderson, Madeline Gunderson, Bernice Woolson, Master Dennis Hanson, Vivian Engelstad, Norma Toomey, Alice, Helen and Violet Anderson, all of Thief River Falls.

Paul Rogen of Twin Valley assisted by Edith Johnson of Ada directed Norman county's scene on Red River Valley industries which sprang from the valley's fertile soil. Appropriate music added much to the scene which covered such valley enterprises as dairying, agriculture and industry. Members of the cast included Paul Rogen; John Sulerud, Halstad; Mesdames A. Nelson, Jarl Sjoldal, A. G. Lindstrand and F. F. Zimmerman, and Miss Esther Halvorson, Oscar Norby, Kenneth Jerdee, Walter Drengson, Harold Austinson and Esther Halvorson, all of Ada. The Norman county scene was sponsored by the Ada Community club.

Becker county's scene was devoted to "Recreation in the Red River Valley," thus emphasizing the recreational facilities of considerable areas of the valley region. Mrs. W. A. Nebelung of Detroit Lakes directed the scene which showed both summer and winter recreations in the valley. Mrs. Nebelung was assisted by Mrs. H. N. Jensen and Mrs. R. A. Sinclair of Detroit Lakes. The scene was sponsored by the agricultural committee of the Civic and Commerce association of Detroit Lakes.

Polk county's scene was devoted to recounting the valley's place in defense of the nation. It reviewed the part which the valley has played in wars from the day of the Fort Pembina soldier through the great World war. Taking part in the Polk county scene, which was directed by Mrs. E. F. Wright, were J. O. Sargent, one of the few living Civil war veterans in the county; R. H. McFarlin, Lowell Francis, Bert Spence, John Heldstab, R. C. Saugstad, Robert McWaters, Eugene Rauenbuehler, William Farley, J. W. Kohler, Phillip Thomas and William Eickhof, all of Crookston; Clarence Ofstedal, Arthur Peterson, Carl Knutson and Martin K. Nelson, of Fertile; Mesdames T. L. Stickney, A. R. MacKinnon, W. I. Leguee, J. G. Schmidt, Deane Wiley, W. E. Rowe, N. A. Thorson and L. W. Anderson, all of Crookston, and Mrs. Gunder Dale of Climax, sister of Nels T. Wold.

The closing scene was devoted to the crowning of the Queen of the Red River Valley in a scene presented by the Northwest School under the direction of D. C. McGenty, assisted by Misses Dorothy Smith and Grace Warne. Miss Agatha Olson of Beltrami, second generation Northwest School student, and a member of the advanced class, was elected the week before the presentation of the pageant by secret ballot of the entire Northwest School student body. The selection was not made pub-

lic until the day of the pageant. Miss Olson was attended by a group of Northwest School students including Helen Carlson and Olive Steen of Halstad; Esther Haugo, Mahnomen; Evelyn Vilven and Lois Sargent of Crookston; Joyce Stannes, Halma; Laura Hanson and Irene Holst, Thief River Falls. Other members of the cast were Evelyn LaRiviere, Crookston; Melvin Pearson, Hallock; John Stanko, Blackduck; Torleif Boe, McIntosh; Marie Johansen, Pitt; Delene and Phillip Hegreberg, Ada; Werner Weindorf, Red Lake; Bernadette Jeffery, East Grand Forks, and Marshall Morberg, Oslo.

As a result of the widespread interest aroused by the pageant, a committee representing county historical societies of this region was selected to organize a valley-wide historical society. Members of this committee included A. A. Dowell, Northwest School, chairman; together with H. C. Nordlie, Moorhead, president of the Clay county historical society and E. E. Billberg, Roseau, president of the Roseau county historical society. As an initial step, this committee will work with local groups in the interest of organizing county historical associations.

#### Singers Present Program

Thirteen community choral groups, having a total membership of 140 singers, including eleven member choruses of the Northwestern Minnesota Singers' association and the Hallock and Halstad male quartets, took part in the song fest the closing evening of Winter Shows Week. The chorus was directed by T. W. Thorson and was accompanied by the festival orchestra and Mrs. Mark Hegg, pianist. One of the features of the evening was a vocal solo by Tony Helm, Fertile, a 22-year old artist with an unusually promising bass voice. During the concert diamond medals for meritorious service were presented by the Singers' association to O. J. Haugen, Fertile; E. C. Hopkins, Shelly; Nels Messelt, Winger, and Thomas Vollom, Erskine.

#### NORTHWEST SCHOOL WINS CHAMPIONSHIPS

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pion in the general livestock judging contest for northern Minnesota high schools. The Fosston high school team ranked second; Bagley, third; Gilbert, fourth; Bemidji, fifth; Barnesville, sixth; Grand Rapids, seventh, and Big Fork, eighth.

Refusing to be outdone by the high school boys of their county seat town, the Hubbard County 4-H club team won first place in the general livestock judging contest for 4-H club members. Second place was awarded to the Polk County 4-H club team; third, Clay county; fourth, Wilkin county, and fifth, Beltrami county.

In the general livestock judging contest for farmers' clubs, the Beltrami Boosters of Polk county won the championship with the Flom Farm Bureau unit, Norman county, second. In the dairy cattle judging, however, this order was reversed, with the Flom Farm Bureau unit winning first and the Beltrami Boosters second. In each case the championship teams were presented

with silver trophies. James Christensen of the Flom Farm Bureau unit was declared the highest scoring individual in the dairy cattle judging contest and was awarded a special loving cup.

### SENIOR CLASS ANNOUNCES PLAY

Members of the senior class will present "Smilin' Through," a three-act comedy by Allan Langdon Martin, as the annual senior presentation in the school auditorium Tuesday evening, February 26, under the direction of Miss Dorothy Smith, head of the English department and coach of dramatics. Rehearsals for the production have been going on daily for several weeks. This sensational stage piece is a fantastic comedy-drama in which Jane Cowl, prominent American actress, scored such a big success on Broadway for several seasons. The play has proven a big box office hit in the movies.

The play deals with a tragedy of fifty years ago when a rejected suitor shoots the woman he pretends to love on the night of her wedding. As the years pass by, a boy and girl of the younger generation of these families fall in love. How the spirit of the slain girl comes "Smilin' Through" to help the young lovers makes up the main theme and one of the thrilling high-lights of this sensational comedy-drama. It has in it all the romance and fantasy of the powerful love drama and all the glittering humor of the rollicking comedy piece. Its outstanding success in all sections of the country, as well as in New York and Chicago and abroad, assure its success and prove that it is one of the outstanding stage pieces of recent generations.

The cast as selected by Director Dorothy Smith is as follows: Joyce Starnes, Halma, as Mooneya Clare, and Laura Hanson, Thief River Falls, as Kathleen Dunganon, will play the leading feminine roles. Noel Hanson of Detroit Lakes as John Carteret and David Anderson of Crookston as Kenneth Wayne, will play the leading male roles. Others in the cast are Harold Sanden, Beaulieu; Donald Gandrud, Callaway; William Munby, Breckenridge; Burnet Bergeson, Twin Valley; Irene Holst, Thief River Falls; Ebba Maattala, Oklee; Harry Fink, Crookston; Earl Lindberg, Beltrami; Melvin Pearson, Hallock; Marie Johansen, Pitt, and Alvina Urbaniak, Argyle.

### DEBATERS ENTER FINAL CONTESTS

On Saturday evening, March 9, the final conference debates among the University Agricultural schools will be held here and at Morris. The Northwest affirmative team will meet the St. Paul negative representatives here. The Crookston negative speakers will travel to Morris.

The debaters have been working diligently the last few weeks to prepare

### BASKETBALL SEASON DRAWING TO CLOSE

Two more basketball games remain on the Northwest School schedule for the current season and both contests are against agricultural school conference opponents. The Northwest Aggies will meet the Grand Rapids Aggies on the Northwest School gym Saturday, February 23, while the final game of the season will be played against the Morris Aggies at Morris Saturday, March 2. Victories in the remaining games will give the Northwest team an even split in the Ag School conference contests. The Northwest School team was defeated by the St. Paul team in the Central School gym Saturday, February 2, by a 27-20 score and lost their second conference game when the Park River Aggies eked out a 32-28 victory, Saturday, February 16. The Northwest School team has shown improvement with each game and the games against the traditional rivals, Grand Rapids and Morris, promise to be exciting.

Members of the advanced class who will be closing their athletic careers at the Northwest School in the Morris game are Captain Stanley Alseth, Ralph Sheldon, Richard Johanson and Paul Billberg.



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themselves for the final meets. Both the affirmative and negative cases have been presented to the students at assembly and the teams have been holding practice debates regularly.

Members of the affirmative team are Esther Haugo, Mahnomen; Francis Nelson Hendrum; Burnet Bergeson, Twin Valley, and Selmer Johnson, Crookston. Defending the negative case are William Sitko, Ada; Axel Rynning, Kennedy, and Morris Engelstad, Thief River Falls. Coach D. C. McGenty is hopeful of repeating last year's victories over both of the opposing teams.

## Personals

Ole A. Flaatt, '16, of Fisher, vice president of the Minnesota Farm Bureau federation, attended the annual meeting of the American Farm bureau in Nashville, Tennessee early in December.

Mr. and Mrs. Mike Bertsch (Anna Dale '19-20) of Fargo are the parents of a daughter, Yvonne Ann, born December 3.

Dan Bergeron, '23-24, of Argyle has taken the agency for Dodge and Plymouth cars.

Recent campus visitors include Jean Nisbet, '33 of East Grand Forks; Glenn Bloomquist, '31, of Drayton, N. Dak.; Reynold Johnson, '32, of Kennedy; Marvin Hagen, '32, of Underwood; August Thorkelson, '28 of Gatzke; George Roisum, '28, Bagley; Herman Skyberg, '16, Fisher; Joseph Brunelle, '20, Crookston; Roy Younggren, '17-19, Northcote; Leo Maattala, '31, Oklee, and Clayton Walker, '18-20, of Red Lake Falls.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Krohn, '26-27, of Viking are the parents of a daughter born January 12.