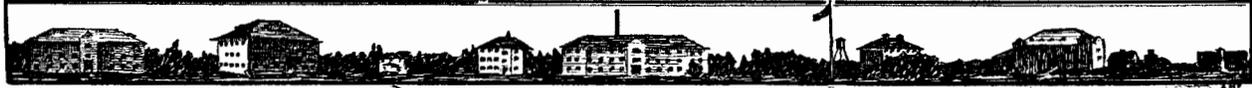


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4-H Club Short Course, June 17-22, 1935

A wide variety of educational and recreational activities, including leadership training, project instruction and recreation will feature the 4-H club week to be held at the Northwest School June 17 to 22. Because of the rapid increase in attendance during recent years, it has been found necessary to hold two short courses instead of one as in former years. Consequently, club members from West Polk, East Polk, Norman, Clay, Becker, East Otter Tail, West Otter Tail and Roseau will be in attendance June 17, 18 and 19, and those from Pennington, Marshall, Kittson, Clearwater, Mah-nomen, Red Lake and Lake of the Woods on June 20, 21 and 22.

H. A. Pflughoeft, district club leader, states that a worthwhile program for adult and junior leaders from northwestern Minnesota counties will also be held during the week. Instructors and speakers have been selected with a view to providing each leader with information that will be of value in connection with the many club projects.

Club members interested in livestock will receive special instruction in feeding, care, management and judging.

A dairy and general livestock judging contest will be held at the close of the session. Crops work will include potatoes, corn and truck crops. Special classes also will be conducted for training in crops judging preparatory for the final contest. Field trips are also being planned to assist in the study of crops and livestock.

Instruction in Home Economics will cover many projects including clothing, foods, canning and room furnishing. In addition, other helpful subjects will be discussed, such as dining room etiquette, arrangement of flowers in the

home, first aid demonstrations and music appreciation.

The "better groomed girl" contest will again be held. Each county may enter two girls: one 15 years or under, and the other 16 years or over. The conservation of wild life, which proved to be of unusual interest as a 4-H club activity last year, will again be featured. Bird study will receive special attention.

A well balanced athletic program has been planned so that every boy and

WOMEN'S CAMP PLANS COMPLETE

The Tenth Annual Women's camp will open Monday evening, June 10, and continue through Thursday noon, June 13. Many former campers have already made room reservations, while numerous requests for information from prospective members indicate growing interest in the camp idea. Registrar J. W. Mlinar anticipates one of the best attended meetings in recent years.

In arranging the program, every effort has been made to insure a happy combination of educational, inspirational and recreational features. There will be many discussions dealing with home work and home interests. The recreational program will not only emphasize the importance of games in home and community life, but also the need for rest and recreation.

Northwest School staff members who will assist with the program include Superintendent A. A. Dowell, Miss Retta Bede, E. R. Clark, R. J. Christga, R. S. Dunham, A. M. Foker, O. M.

Kiser, J. W. Mlinar and A. M. Pilkey. The station staff will be assisted by a number of guest speakers, including Miss Julia O. Newton, state home demonstration agent; D. W. Prideaux, illuminating engineer, General Electric company, and Miss Niel Hansen, Home Service department, General Mills, Inc. Mrs. E. E. Green, Crookston, is scheduled to give the "Thought for the Day" at the opening session, with Mrs. Owen Weckwerth, Hazel; Mrs. R. H. McDonald, Goodridge; Mrs. E. W. Eagle, Crookston, and Mrs. A. A. Dowell ap-

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(Reprinted from The Farmer, St. Paul)

Red River Valley "Queen"—Agatha Olson—and Attendants.
Northwest School Scene, Red River Valley Historical Pageant, Winter Shows, 1935.

girl will be able to participate. Beginning at three o'clock on the opening day and continuing through the second and third afternoons, entries from the various counties will compete for championship honors. The tournament will consist of kittenball, volleyball, basketball, horse shoe, kick ball, swimming and track events. A trophy will be awarded the winners.

Many outside instructors and demonstrators have been engaged to assist with the activities of the week. These include A. J. Kittleson, Amy Wessel

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STATION STAFF

PLANT TREES

All members of the station staff have completed their part of the Northwest School tree planting project as outlined during the closing week of the winter term. The record at the school is, therefore, one hundred per cent, and from the reports of the home project supervisors, it is evident that the entire student body will equal or at least closely approach this record at their homes scattered throughout the Red River valley.

Superintendent A. A. Dowell took part in the planting of an official Northwest School elm near the sunken garden, and also planted a tree in the lawn area in front of the superintendent's cottage. T. M. McCall planted a Northwest School elm on the campus near the Home Economics building where he roomed when he first joined the staff in 1911. R. S. Dunham, E. R. Clark, O. M. Kiser, A. M. Foker, R. J. Christgau and H. A. Pflughoeft all planted trees near their residences on Cottage row. J. W. Mlinar planted his Northwest School tree adjacent to the sunken garden where it will be near his residence in Stephens Hall. A. M. Pilkey has completed an extensive planting project on his home grounds in the city of Crookston.

Misses Kate Bedard and Marie O'Connell planted elms on the boulevard south of the animal products building, while Mrs. Vivian Schmit, and Misses Margaret Fything and Wilma Coss planted trees on their home grounds in Crookston. George Hillmon, A. J. Anderson, A. J. Sunderland, Juel Torvi, George Stensrud, Martin Rud, Mary Thompson, Laura Hanson and Virginia Watt planted trees in the area between the dining hall, four-family apartment house and Hill building. Alfred Lund planted his Northwest School tree on the boulevard near the dairy room. Noel Hanson, Olaf Dahlen, Earl Lindberg, Lloyd Hovelson, Martin Chilson, Gilmore Alseth, Clifford Trangsrud, Virgil Brown, Raymond Higgin, Alvah Rowley and John Grove have all planted trees in appropriate places about the campus and farm buildings. Raymond Mykleby and Ralph Brandt report the planting of official trees at their homes at Climax and Gonvick.

AGGIE BOARD ANNOUNCED

Announcement of the selection of the 1936 Red River Aggie board was made by Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Christgau,

advisers of the Junior class, following the final class meeting of the year. Appointees to the board are as follows: editor-in-chief, James Weckwerth, Hazel; business manager, Grant Bothum, Karlstad; assistant business manager, Edgar Ramberg, Pitt; advertising manager, Roland Wentzel, Fisher; assistant advertising manager, Axel Rynning, Kennedy; subscription manager, Martin Chilson, Crookston; assistant subscription manager, Philip Hegreberg, Ada; secretary, Ann Hofstad, Oklee. Associate editors include the following: Senior section, Ruth Lerud, Twin Valley; art section, Martha Rasmussen, Ada; faculty section, Betty McVeety, East Grand Forks; athletics, Tilford Strand, Ada; snapshots, Fred Cook, Faunce.

Plans are already under way for the organization of the 1936 yearbook. The advisers and the board are considering several themes and are collecting snapshots and other materials which promise to make the 1936 edition one of the finest to be published by a Senior class.

SPECIAL NOTICE

The recent legislature adopted a plan to aid farm boys and girls desiring to attend the Minnesota Schools of Agriculture. Rural school eighth grade graduates under twenty-one years of age should write the Northwest School of Agriculture for additional information.

4-H CLUB SHORT COURSE

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and Mildred Schenck, state club agents; C. L. McNelly, county agent leader; Parker Anderson, extension forester; H. G. Zavoral, extension animal husbandman; Gladys Haney and Elma Shoals, Teachers' college, Bemidji; and County Agents R. M. Douglass, J. A. Salisbury, Carl Ash, Rudolph Stolen, Clement Chase, A. W. Aamodt, George Landsverk, C. M. Kelehan, John Grathwol, R. A. Reiersen, Howard Balk, John Jensen and Wm. Grusendorf. Members of the Northwest School staff who will assist District Club Leader H. A. Pflughoeft include Superintendent A. A. Dowell, R. J. Christgau, E. R. Clark, R. S. Dunham, A. M. Foker, O. M. Kiser, J. W. Mlinar, A. M. Pilkey and Miss Retta Bede.

The total cost of board, room and entertainment will be \$1.25 for the three-day session. Girls and boys twelve years old or over and who are 4-H club members are eligible to attend. All students are expected to bring their own bedding, blankets, sheets and pillows.

AGRICULTURAL SCHOOLS HOLD CONFERENCE

Representatives of the four Minnesota Schools of Agriculture attended a special conference at University Farm, St. Paul, on May 16 and 17. The inter-school meeting was devoted largely to a discussion of extra curricular activities and matters pertaining to the administration of the various departments. Much was accomplished with respect to rules and regulations govern-

ing eligibility for participation in athletics, judging events and other school contests. In some cases committees were appointed to give the matter more careful consideration. Members of the staff who attended the two-day conference included Superintendent A. A. Dowell and Professors T. M. McCall, R. S. Dunham, E. R. Clark, R. J. Christgau and J. W. Mlinar.

ALUMNI PLAN

SUMMER REUNION

"See you the last Saturday in June!" With these few words, graduates of the Northwest School bid their classmates farewell at the close of commencement week. The "last Saturday in June" has become an event not only among recent graduates but also among alumni of earlier years. It has become the date of the Alumni Summer Reunion. An increasing circle of alumni, former students and friends has been returning each year, thus taking advantage of the opportunity to renew school friendships and to review school and campus experiences.

Preparations for the annual summer gathering have been under way for some time, although complete announcements have been reserved for the June issue of the Northwest Monthly. The annual basketball game between alumni and students will be one of the features of the afternoon program. This will be followed by the faculty-alumni kittenball game, which has also become an annual event. The alumni dance, which serves as a fitting climax to the day's activities, will attract alumni over a wide area.

The annual business meeting of the Alumni association and the meeting of the "A" club will also be held during the day.

The 1935 reunion will be the occasion for special reunions of the classes of 1910, 1915, 1920, 1925 and 1930. Many members of these classes are planning to attend. For the class of 1935 this will be their first meeting, hence a perfect attendance is desired.

Officers of the Alumni association, who will be in charge of the day's program include: John Gronner, '22, Underwood, president; Paul Engelstad, '16, Thief River Falls, vice president; Dr. Harry Hedin, '11, East Grand Forks, secretary, and Archie Lee, '23, Roseau, treasurer.

HOME PROJECT WORK

UNDER WAY

Vacation time for Northwest School students does not mean that studies are to be discontinued. By means of home projects, they simply transfer their classroom activities to the field, the shop, or the home, where the instructions received during the winter are put into actual practice. According to Home Project Leader E. R. Clark, 110 boys and 65 girls are registered for home project work this year. Two new projects have been added to the list of regular agricultural and home economics activities; namely, insect collection and rocks and minerals collection. The insect project, under the direction of T. M. McCall, involves the collection,

mounting and identification of insects found in this territory. Rock and mineral collection includes collection and identification of rocks and minerals of this section, and is being sponsored by R. S. Dunham.

In addition to the regular projects, all Northwest School students have agreed to plant an elm tree somewhere about the home grounds, this tree to be designated as the Northwest School Memorial Elm. This project is being sponsored by the class of 1934. Former students and alumni who are interested in joining this project are asked to communicate with the Northwest School for further information and instruction.

MISS HENNIG HONORED

Early in the month the Minnesota Daily, University of Minnesota student publication, carried a feature article



Miss Hennig

announcing the return of Miss Katherine Hennig to Northrup Memorial auditorium on May 10, at which time she carried the title role of the "Erl King's Daughter" which was presented at the close of the state high school music contest. Two years ago as a senior in the college of music, Miss Hennig appeared in the title role of "Madame Butterfly." The recent program, therefore, was in the nature of a homecoming celebration for Miss Hennig, who has served as voice instructor at the Northwest School since graduating from the University of Minnesota, college of music, in 1933.

CALIFORNIA ALUMNI

HOLDS REUNION

Early days at the Northwest School were recalled by Southern California alumni when they met for the first California alumni reunion in Brookside Park, Pasadena, April 28. The occasion was in the nature of a community picnic in honor of Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Selvig, who made their home at Santa Monica during the past winter.

According to Thorval Tunheim, '16, the usual sunny California weather added much to the pleasure of the gathering. Following the picnic dinner beneath the palms, a brief speaking program was enjoyed. Speakers included Mr. Selvig, Mrs. Selvig and E. W. Avery, former school debate coach. It is expected that another reunion will be held in the fall after the Selvigs return west from their summer home at Cass Lake.

The following alumni, former students and friends were in attendance: Mollie Fosbakken, '09, Community hospital, Redlands; Mr. and Mrs. Thorval Tunheim, Pasadena; Maja Peterson, '17, Los Angeles; Herbert Berndt, '18-19, Burbank; Mr. and Mrs. Roy Melick (Florence Dougherty) '21, Los Angeles; Harry Melick, '21, Los Angeles; Osmond Paulsrud, '22, Los Angeles; Ethel Harris, '28, Pasadena; Mrs. Lloyd

Weaver (Lloyd '29), Pasadena, and George Selvig, Santa Monica.

WOMEN'S CAMP

PLANS COMPLETE

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pearing on the program during the week.

The total expense for board, room and entertainment, beginning with dinner Monday evening, and continuing through Thursday noon, will be \$3.00.

The following officers were elected at the 1934 camp: Mrs. A. Lindstrom, Waubun, president; Mrs. Jay Payne, Goodridge, vice president; Mrs. Paul Hansen, of Crookston, secretary; Mrs. Emma Wright, Middle River, treasurer, and Mrs. Gus Gustafson, Crookston, sergeant-at-arms.

The camp provides women of northwestern Minnesota the opportunity of enjoying a four-day vacation among ideal surroundings and combines with the vacation idea an educational program that has proven to be most helpful and valuable to homemakers. Prospective campers are urged to make room reservations as early as possible.

STATION ANNOUNCES

ANNUAL CROPS DAY

The Annual Crops and Soils day at the Northwest Experiment Station has been scheduled for Monday, July 15, according to R. S. Dunham, station agronomist. The inspection of field plots during the growing season has been an annual event for many years. Since 1924 the Red River Valley Crops and Soils association has made this day the occasion for their annual summer meeting. Farm clubs and other community groups interested in the experimental work in crops have also chosen Crops and Soils day as an ideal time to visit the school and station, thus combining the inspection of the plots with a community picnic and outing.

Preliminary plans include a short speaking program, while most of the afternoon will be devoted to studying the several hundred experimental plots. Of special importance this year will be the work with pasture crops, the trials of farmers' lots of seed flax on wilt-infected soil as begun last year, and deep tilling trials for potatoes and sugar beets.

Officers of the Crops and Soils association include: Herman Skyberg, Fisher, president; Melvin Flaskerud, Foss-ton, vice president; R. S. Dunham, Crookston, secretary, and S. M. Sivertson, Crookston, treasurer, together with the following county directors: John Bergh, Hallock, Kittson county; Tom Reine, Roseau, Roseau county; Carl Hjelle, Newfolden, Marshall; Chas. Lindquist, Wylie, Pennington; Geo. H. Orr, Red Lake Falls, Red Lake; J. Al Anderson, Gonvick, Clearwater; Alfred Lindem, Fisher, West Polk; O. J. Ramse, McIntosh, East Polk; Wm. Frederickson, Perley, Norman; Henry T. Johnson, Audubon, Becker; Theo. Mellum, Ulen, Clay; Wm. Friederichs, Fox-home, Wilkin; Julian Halvorson, Fergus Falls, West Otter Tail, and W. H. Frey, Perham, East Otter Tail.

ADVANCED CLASS WINS

ANNUAL FIELD MEET

To the class of 1934 goes the honor of being the first Advanced class in the history of the school to win an inter-class field meet. It is only in recent years that the Advanced classes have been sufficiently large to participate in this annual feature.

The field meet dates back to 1910 and is not only one of the closing events of the school year, but serves as a fitting climax of work in gymnasium and swimming in the physical education department. The events this year were under the direction of Coach R. J. Christgau and Miss Elsie Kingston. Considerable interest is attached to this event since it is the final inter-class competition of the year and permits practically all students in all classes to participate. Boxing, wrestling, swimming and track events are among the inter-class competitions staged.

Several new records were established as the Advanced walked off with top honors, scoring 116 points. The Juniors with 102 points, scored second but were closely followed by the Seniors, finishing in third place with 100.5 points. The Freshmen trailed with 46.5 points.

In the 100-yard swimming event for boys, Reuben Vig, Crookston, Advanced, established a new record with a mark of 1 minute 12.4 seconds, as compared with the previous record of 1 minute 14.6 seconds, which was made last year by Edgar Ramberg, Pitt, member of the present Junior class. In the 40-yard backstroke, Bert Spence, Crookston, Senior, established a new record of 34 seconds as compared with the previous record of 39 seconds established by Vernon Smolak, '33, in the 1933 meet. The 160-yard relay record of 2 minutes, 16 seconds established by Harold Letnes, Llewellyn Reese, Arthur Sanden and Clarence Weckwerth, representing the class of '33, in the 1932 meet, was broken by the class of '36, Juniors, represented by Harry Coulter, East Grand Forks; Edgar Ramberg; Ray Scarr, Crookston, and Alfred Olson, Beltrami. The new record is 2 minutes, 3 seconds.

Reuben Vig established another record in the pole vaulting event when he cleared the bar at exactly 10 feet, thus topping the previous high mark of 8 ft. 6 in. established in 1934 by Willard Kimmel, '34. Arvid Anderson, Bagley, Senior, broke the record in the shot put event by a throw of 46 feet. The previous record was made in 1934 with a throw of 41 ft. 5 in. by Noel Hanson, Detroit Lakes. A new quarter mile record was established by Clifford Homstad, Hallock, Senior, with a run of 1 minute 19.4 seconds. The previous record in this event was held by William Johnston, '33, in the 1934 meet with 1 minute 19.7 seconds. Harry Coulter, East Grand Forks, Junior, established a new half mile record of 2 minutes 59.7 seconds. The previous record was 3 minutes made by Llewellyn Reese in the 1933 meet.

In the girls' division, a record of long standing was broken in the high kick event when Margaret Lerud, Twin Valley, Advanced, established a mark of 6 ft. 11.5 in. The previous record of

6 ft. 10 in. was held by Rose Kozojed, '26, in the 1926 meet.

A record held jointly by the three Naplin sisters of Wylie in the high jump event was shattered this year by Fern Field, Stephen, Advanced. In 1929 Alice Naplin, '29, scored a record of 3 ft. 11 in. This record was tied by her sister Helen, '31, in 1930, and again by another sister Rose, '33, in 1933. The new record established by Fern Field was 4 ft. 3 in.

The swimming events were held Thursday and Friday, March 21 and 22. The Advanced class captured honors in both boys' and girls' swimming events and maintained the lead throughout the numerous track events which were held the following day.

McCALL URGES CIVIC BEAUTIFICATION

Cities and towns throughout the Red River Valley are being urged by T. M. McCall, Northwest School and Station horticulturist, to formulate definite long time civic beautification programs with a view not only of obtaining the greatest returns from temporary relief labor, but to insure maximum beautification results. Such projects may include street tree planting and maintenance, improvement of parks and water fronts.

Many of the fast growing trees, such as box elder, cottonwood and willow, which were used as street trees in the original planting of town sites, are now past maturity and should be replaced with more permanent species. These should include the American elm, green ash, hackberry, basswood or tree type Chinese elm. Evergreens do not make desirable street trees. Since but few cities have ordinances regarding species to use, it is highly desirable for property owners to cooperate with city officials.

Permanent trees should have the right of way, which means that it may be necessary to move pole lines, or if this is not possible, only medium height trees, such as Mountain ash, should be planted. Street trees should be allowed to develop their full form and should not be dehorned or topped to accommodate telephone lines. The chief pruning necessary for street trees consists of starting a central leader and then cutting off low branches which interfere with traffic. According to Professor McCall, permanent trees of the larger growing species should be spaced from thirty to forty feet apart in the line of row, while smaller trees, such as Mountain ash and Chinese elm, may be planted from 25 to 30 feet apart.

Donald McCall '31, won third prize in the John S. Pillsbury Oratorical contest at the University of Minnesota this spring. Last year as a sophomore he won first prize in a contest open to representatives of the Freshman and Sophomore classes.

PERSONALS

Superintendent A. A. Dowell appeared as one of the principal speakers on the Southern Minnesota County Agent conference held at University Farm May 16, and also at the Northern Minnesota County Agent conference held at Bemidji May 21. He discussed the report on "Direct Marketing of Hogs" recently published by the Bureau of Agricultural Economics, Washington, D. C. Dr. Dowell took charge of the study for the bureau during the latter part of 1933 and 1934.

Recent campus visitors include A. J. Kittleson of St. Paul; Allan Hoff, '31, Fergus Falls; Howard Balk, '24, Bagley; Ann Brandli, '31, Warroad; Torleif Boe, '34, St. Paul; Harold Cordes, '29, Henning; Marie Blakely, Fisher; Stanley Swenson, Kennedy, and Maynard Colebank of Erskine.

Officers of the newly organized Norman County 4-H Club federation include Lester Lerud, '34, president; Roy Boman, '31, vice president; Nora Hamre, '30, song leader, and Burnett Bergeson, '35, cheer leader.

Lloyd Ross, '31, is managing the poultry division for the Blackmoor farms near St. Hilaire, while Orbin Thompson, '35, is developing a poultry division for the Ole Flaatt ('16) farms near East Grand Forks.

Mr. and Mrs. Hilmer Carlson, '18-20, of Frazee are the parents of a son born April 19.

Kittson county students who took part in a home talent play "The Old Fashioned Mother," presented at Northcote the latter part of April, include Frances McKibbin, '32; Rishton Bedard, '31; Marvin Bedard; Howard Dunn, '30-31; Roy Younggren, '17-'19; Delbert Gustafson, '33, and Linden Gustafson, '30.

Changes in addresses follow: Leonard Wiberg, '20, to 6238 South Park, Chicago; Harold Banks, '30, Loma Linda, California; William Johnston, '34, Hallock; Oscar Lee, '13, Cambridge; Willard Kimmel, '34, 3462 Ave. D., Council Bluffs, Iowa; Treola Jechort, '34, Owatonna; Eddie Myers, '32, 965 Mariposa Ave., Los Angeles; Roy Rynning, '32-33; CCC camp, Bena; Arthur Anderson, '32-34, Rt. 2, Trail; Ingolf Swanson, '31, Kressec Apts., Minneapolis, and V. C. Kallal, Soil Erosion service, Greenville, Illinois.

Mrs. Victor Johnson (Klaire Edgar, '23) was a campus caller April 29. Mr. and Mrs. Johnson left May 9 with the Wisconsin Alaskan delegation of 67 families. Klaire plans to teach school in Alaska and will also act as reporter for the Milwaukee Sentinel. Their address will be Palmer, Alaska.

Ed Widseth, '32, star tackle on the 1934 National Football Championship team, is now starring as pitcher on the University of Minnesota baseball team.

Edson Washburn, '34, served as "Mayor for a Day" when Boy Scouts acted as city officials of Crookston on May 11.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Lee, '28-29 of Pencer are the parents of a daughter, Darline Fern, born March 24.

Mrs. Roy Spangrud of Kennedy passed away May 17 at the Warren hospital. She is survived by her husband (Roy '19-20) and two small children.

Carl Tiedje of Ulen; Gerald Yonke, St. Hilaire, and Glenn Tasa of Trail will receive free trips to the 1935 Minnesota State Fair for outstanding club work during the past year.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Lee, '18, of St. Paul are the parents of a daughter born April 14.

Mr. and Mrs. Olaf Stenborg, '27, of Clearbrook announce the arrival of a son on May 12.

Lenus Landby, '12, is president of the Roseau County Farm bureau.



State Champion Debate Squad