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The Northwest School - Offers Vocational Training To the Young Men and Women of Northwestern Minnesota

Fall Term Opens September 28

Based upon the number of letters that have been received throughout the summer and upon the number of parents and students who call at the office each day, it is evident that the campus will be a busy place on registration day, Monday, September 23. Home project leaders E. R. Clark and R. J. Christgau and Registrar J. W. Mlinar also report more general interest in the vocational work offered by the Northwest School than ever before.

Although the prolonged drouth will prevent many worthy young men and women from attending this year, attendance is expected to approach last year's all-time record. All dormitory and class and laboratory buildings will consequently be taxed to capacity.

State Aid Appreciated
Parents greatly appreciate the amendment to the state aid law which was passed by the 1935 State Legislature. As a result of this law, any boy or girl under 21 years of age, who has successfully completed the eighth grade but has not completed high school, and who lives in an organized rural school district that does not offer accredited high school instruction, may attend the Northwest School with all necessary tuition and laboratory and equipment fees paid from state funds. The only expense to students who qualify for this aid is for board and room, which amount to

\$19 each four weeks. All students are, however, required to make the usual \$5 breakage deposit. This is refunded at the close of the year providing there has been no loss of books or damage to school property.

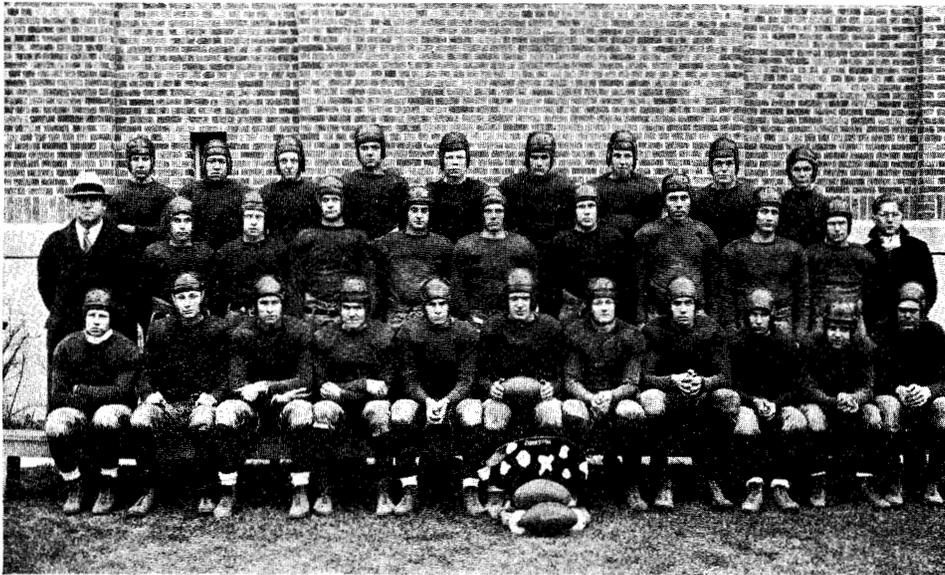
Business Training Department Enlarged

To meet an urgent demand that has been evident for some time, the business training department is being enlarged this year. As stated in a special article, which appears in this issue of the Northwest Monthly, new courses

Football Schedule Announced

Approximately 50 candidates for places on the 1936 football squad are expected to report to Coach R. J. Christgau at the first organized practice which will be held on the opening day of school, Monday, September 23. The call to letter men and last year's reserves, as well as all candidates, to start conditioning for the football season has already been issued by Coach Christgau.

Seven lettermen from the 1935 team are expected to be on hand for the opening session. Headed by Captain Roland Wentzel, Fisher, lettermen who will report for duty include Tilford Strand, Ada; Morris Dahl, Kennedy; Ray Higgin, Bronson; Victor Hodgson, Crookston; Ray Oen, Thief River Falls; and Gilmore Alseth, Willmar. Captain Wentzel, Strand, Hodgson, and Oen are linemen, while Dahl,



The 1935 Aggie Football Squad. Coach Christgau has arranged an attractive schedule of games for the coming season

will be given and additional equipment purchased.

Who May Come

Students who have completed the eighth grade are eligible to attend the Northwest School. Those who have not completed their eighth grade work may come if they are sixteen years of age or over. Students from other schools above the eighth grade are ad-

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Higgin, and Alseth performed in the backfield last year.

Among candidates for places on the team are several new students who are expected to make a strong fight for regular positions on the first string eleven. Coach Christgau expects a spirited fight among all candidates for regular positions on the team. The 1936 football schedule is as follows:

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BUSINESS TRAINING DEPARTMENT ENLARGED

Plans are underway to expand the work of the Business Training Department during the coming school year. Additional courses will be offered and equipment purchased for use in a new course dealing with office management. In addition to the work in office management, the new courses will include advanced typewriting and shorthand, commercial law, and business English.

For the first time, Junior students will be permitted to elect typing alone, instead of both typing and shorthand as in former years.



Miss Hughbanks

This will enable farm boys and girls to become sufficiently proficient in the use of the typewriter to write their own business letters. Students who wish to prepare themselves for office assistants will be permitted to carry the regular commercial courses, while those who have completed

high school will be permitted to register for the new courses so that they will be qualified to serve as office assistants in farm cooperative organizations, county agent, and similar business offices.

Miss Fae Hughbanks, a graduate of the Minneapolis Business College, will direct the work in the business department.

ROSEAU ALUMNI HOLD PICNIC

A most successful alumni picnic was held by the Roseau County Alumni Association on Sunday, August 23. The picnic was held at the Warroad Community park and included, besides the picnic lunch, a program, and a business meeting at which officers were elected for the ensuing year.

Miss Anne Brandli, Warroad, class of '31, as president of the Roseau County alumni group, presided at the business session and program. Officers elected for the ensuing year were Selvin Erickson, Fox, president; Mrs. Rueben Halverson (Hazel Stephenson, '29), vice president; and Eddie Myers, Warroad, '32, secretary-treasurer.

The program included addresses by

Professors R. S. Dunham and E. R. Clark, and Registrar J. W. Mlinar, and readings by Ruth Ellen Lindamood and James Lindamood.

The following alumni, students, and friends were in attendance: Ann Brandli, Archie Lee, John Kappes, Keith Harris, Ann Rosen, Lenus Landby, James Brown, August Lund, Victor Lund, Agnes Lund, Lenore Landby, Ruth Landby, Edward, Charles and Mabel Brandli, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Brandli, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Aasland, Arthur and Harold Aasland, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Myers, Rudy Berger, Paul and Elwood Billberg, Russell Aasland, Selvin Erickson, Gordon Sillerud, George Berggren, Udell and Yvonne Magnusson, Vernon Magnusson, M. B. Magnusson, James Magnusson, David Davis, Ruth Ellen Lindamood, James Lindamood, Mrs. Edith Sanders, Mrs. A. Brown, Richard and Chester Brown, Ilyne Holmes and Bessie Brown.

COMING EVENTS

September 28—Registration
September 29—Fall term opens
October 24—Home Coming—
Morris Aggies, here
October 31—Parents' Day
November 26—Thanksgiving Day
December 18—Fall Term Ends

THE NORTHWEST SCHOOL OFFERS VOCATIONAL TRAINING

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mitted and their credits applied on the regular course.

What to Bring

Each student should come provided with sheets, blankets, quilts, one bedspread, one pillow, three pillow cases, necessary toilet articles, and at least two pairs of pajamas and one pair of house slippers. Gymnasium suits and shoes may be purchased at the school.

When to Come

Students should reach the campus Monday, September 28. The dormitories and dining hall will be opened that day and the first meal served in the dining hall at noon.

FORMER SUPERINTENDENT PRESENTS GIFTS

Forty books and several pamphlets and pictures have been presented to the Northwest School Library by former Superintendent C. G. Selvig. Included among the books is a set entitled "The Writings of George Washington", which was published by the George Washington Bicentennial Commission. Several reference works in psychology, zoology, and agriculture are among the gifts, together with a series of the Minnesota Gopher, the annual publication of the University of Minnesota.

A beautiful picture entitled "A Read-

ing from Homer" has been hung above the fireplace in the library, while several other pictures have been distributed in the agronomy office in Hill building. The Northwest School appreciates greatly the gifts presented by Mr. Selvig, and the new additions add much to the appearance of the library.

MUSIC WORK STRESSED

Students attending the Northwest School of Agriculture will be offered unusual opportunities in the study of music during the coming school year, with three instructors in charge of the work in piano, voice, violin, choruses and orchestra.



Miss Nelson

Carlyle Scott.

The work in voice will be presented by Miss Katherine Hennig who will also have charge of the glee clubs and choruses. As an undergraduate student at the University of Minnesota,



Miss Hennig

Miss Hennig appeared in leading roles in numerous operatic productions including "Madam Butterfly", "LaBoheme", and "Aida". She joined the Northwest School staff in the fall of 1933.

Private lessons in violin will again be offered by Miss Grace Warne, who has completed ten years of efficient service at the Northwest school. According to Miss Warne, the violin is one of the most difficult instruments to master, but it has always been a favorite with many people due to the close resemblance of the varied tones to the human voice. Miss Warne continued her graduate study at the University of Minnesota throughout the summer months.



Miss Warne

Last year 96 students registered for private lessons in piano, 26 in voice, and 22 in violin, or a total of 144 pupils. Many other students took part in the girls' glee club, boys' glee club, mixed chorus, and orchestra.

Two new upright pianos, a Steinway and a Mason and Hamlin, were purchased during the summer to insure



Class in Typewriting—Business Training Department

sufficient practice pianos for students registered for special work in this department.

POTATO SPECIALISTS VISIT STATION

A group of potato breeders engaged in a nation wide program of potato breeding, visited the Northwest School and Station on August 28th. The potato breeding program is being carried on through the cooperation of the United States Department of Agriculture and the Experiment Stations located in the surplus potato producing states. The Minnesota Experiment Station through its department of Horticulture and Vegetable Crops section has done much of the pioneer work in scientific potato breeding and has several important variety productions to its credit, with many other valuable selections in the testing plots. The Warba, a very prolific early potato is the best known of the Minnesota productions. The Warba potato has proved popular as an early market variety for the Middle States and as a main crop variety in the Canadian provinces.

The potato breeders' tour covered the week of August 24 to 29, and started at Iowa State College, Ames, Iowa, and finished at North Dakota Experiment Station, Fargo, with 4 days in Minnesota.

The phases of the breeding program of greatest interest to the potato men at the Northwest School and Station were the spindle tuber and seedling test plots.

All new variety selections are subjected to the leading potato diseases, selections showing resistance or im-

munity to diseases such as spindle tuber, mosaics, and scab are given further testing, or are used as parents in further crosses. The various trials were explained by T. M. McCall, Station Horticulturist.

The personnel of the tour included horticulturists, geneticists and pathologists from the United States Department of Agriculture and the State Experiment Stations.

The following experimentalists visited the Northwest Station: Dr. F. A. Krantz, J. G. Leach, A. G. Tolaas, and Phores Decker from University Farm, St. Paul; Prof. C. L. Fitch, C. S. Reddy, Iowa State College, Ames, Iowa; Prof. H. A. Grove, W. E. Brentzel, North Dakota Agricultural College; Prof. E. J. Wheeler, Michigan Agricultural College, East Lansing, Michigan; Dr. E. V.

Hordenberg, W. E. Livermore, Cornell University, Ithaca, N. Y.; Dr. J. C. Miller, Louisiana State College; Drs. W. E. Edmundson, and W. P. Raleigh, Greeley, Colo.

VALLEY DAIRY- MEN ANNUENCE CONVENTION

Members of the Red River Valley Dairymen's Association will hold their annual convention at Crookston, October 14 and 15. This organization has the distinction of being the oldest agricultural association in the Red River Valley, having been organized in 1903, at the suggestion of T. A. Hovestad, who was the first superintendent of the Northwest Experiment Station.

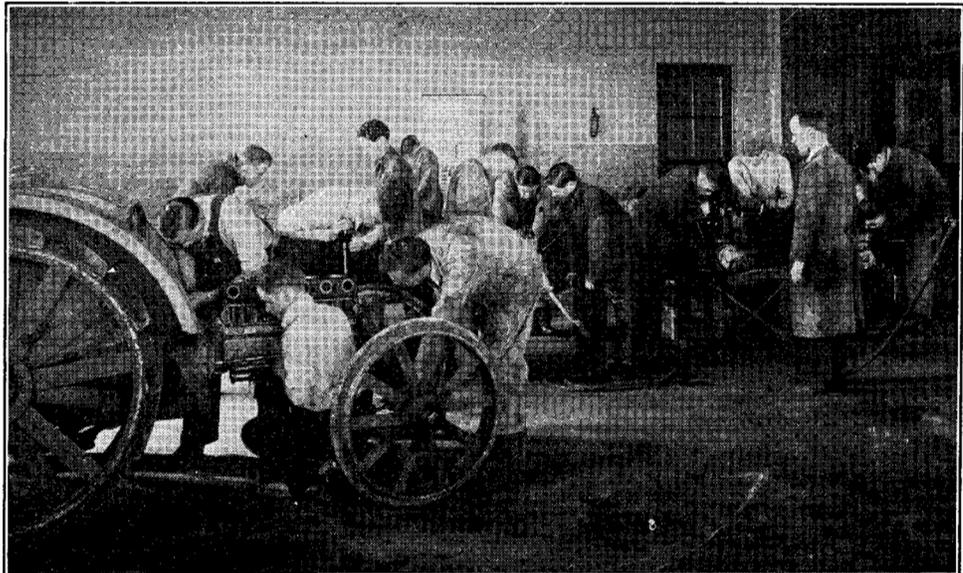
The two day session will open with a banquet and informal program Wednesday evening, October 14, and continue throughout the following day. Over one thousand dairymen and creamery operators are expected to attend.

Officers of the organization include: Dr. A. A. Dowell, president; Stuart McLeod, Thief River Falls, first vice-president; Walter Johnson, New York Mills, second vice-president; C. M. Pesek, Crookston, secretary; and O. O. Heggeness, Detroit Lakes, treasurer.

FOOTBALL SCHEDULE ANNOUNCED

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Saturday, October 3, Grand Forks High Reserves, here; Saturday, October 10, Park River Aggies, there; Saturday, October 17, Grand Rapids Aggies, there; Saturday, October 24, Morris Aggies, here (Home Coming); Friday, October 30, Mahnommen High, here.



Class in Tractors and Motors. A Diesel Caterpillar Tractor has been added to the equipment in this department

E. W. AVERY DIES IN CALIFORNIA

Mr. E. W. Avery, a member of the Northwest School faculty from 1922 to 1930, died in Los Angeles, California, August 5. While employed at the school, Mr. Avery served as debate coach and instructor of advanced subjects. His interest in his students and in the work of the school endeared him to students and faculty alike.



E. W. Avery

Thorval Tunheim, '16, member of the staff of the Pasadena Star-News, paid Mr. Avery a tribute at the funeral on behalf of faculty, students, and Northwest School friends.

Mr. Avery is survived by his son Ivan H. Avery of Los Angeles; wife, Mrs. Bertha Grant Avery; two sisters, Mrs. C. R. Weeks, Port Huron, Michigan, and Mrs. W. E. Dunham, Burley, Idaho; and two brothers, W. L. Avery, Los Angeles, and Frank Avery, Jerome, Idaho.

PERSONALS

Stella Carlson, '25, Hallock, left Saturday, August 22, for China, where she will do missionary work. Miss Carlson trained at the Deaconess Institute at Omaha, Nebraska, and later served as Parish worker in the Augustana Lutheran Church and the Calvary Lutheran Church of Minneapolis.

Kenneth Halvorson, '25, Gary, has been elected superintendent of the Middle River school for the coming year.

Melvin Flaskerud, '27, Fosston, who is well known for the certified and registered seed grown on his farm, was elected president of the Red River Valley Crops and Soils association at the meeting held at the Northwest School July 13.

Pearl Henry, '32, completed her training at St. Luke's Hospital, Fargo, on August 11, and is now employed as nurse at the Mandan Hospital, Mandan, North Dakota.

Elmer Hedstrand, '27, East Grand Forks is an agricultural manager of the Resettlement Administration and makes his home at Burlington, North Dakota.

Superintendent A. A. Dowell delivered the principal address at the Fosston fair Sunday afternoon, August 30.

Word has been received at the Northwest School from Dr. Andrew Boss, former vice director of the Experiment

Station, University Farm, St. Paul, stating that he has completed a tour of Western European countries and is now visiting livestock markets and inspecting typical farms in England and Scotland. He expects to return to the United States within the next few weeks.

Miss Retta Bede returned to the campus September first. She has spent the past month at her home in Duluth.

Superintendent A. A. Dowell and Professor R. S. Dunham served as judges at the Minnesota State Fair September 5-12.

Professor W. H. Peters, Professor L. M. Winters, and Dr. R. T. Clark of the Animal Husbandry Department, University Farm, St. Paul, called at the Northwest School August 26 to inspect the station herds and flocks and consult with station officials regarding the livestock research program. At the present time, emphasis is being placed on breeding trials with hogs, sheep, dairy cattle, and poultry.

Northwest School and Station visitors during the month of August and first part of September were: Ernest Newhouse, '28, St. Paul; Lawrence Newhouse, '30, St. Paul, Emory KenKnight, '31, Clearbrook; Glenn Tasa, '36, Trail; Clarence Gladen, '22-23, LaPorte; Mr. and Mrs. Knute Bjorka of Washington, D. C.; Mr. H. C. M. Case of the Agricultural Economics Department, University of Illinois; Arthur Sandall, '28, Syre; Helen Gibbons, '24, Crookston; Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Selvig.

Professor and Mrs. T. M. McCall and children Barbara and Robert, returned to the campus August 29 after a two weeks' trip to Yellowstone National Park, Glacier National Park, and the Black Hills.

Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Selvig were campus visitors during the first week in September. During the early fall they will leave their summer home at Cass Lake for Washington, D. C., for a visit with their daughters Helen and Margaret and son George.

Helen Gibbons, '24, will be in charge of remedial reading in the Minneapolis Public Schools during the coming school year.

MARRIAGES

Miss Fern Field, '35, Stephens, to Mr. Arthur E. Christopher of Emerald, North Dakota, on Sunday, August 30, at Stephens. They will make their home at Grand Forks, North Dakota.

Miss Alvina McKibbin, '31-33, Lancaster, to Mr. Hjalmar Mattson of Bronson, on Saturday, August 15. They will make their home at Bronson.

Miss Evelyn M. Funnell to Llewellyn Reese, '33, on Thursday, August 17, at Grand Rapids. Following a two weeks' honeymoon in the West, Mr. and Mrs. Reese returned to the Northwest School campus where Llewellyn is employed as herdsman in the Animal Husbandry Department.

Miss Beatrice Leitch, '31, Underwood, to William A. Schwam of Fergus Falls, on June 28. They will make their home at Littlefork, Minnesota.

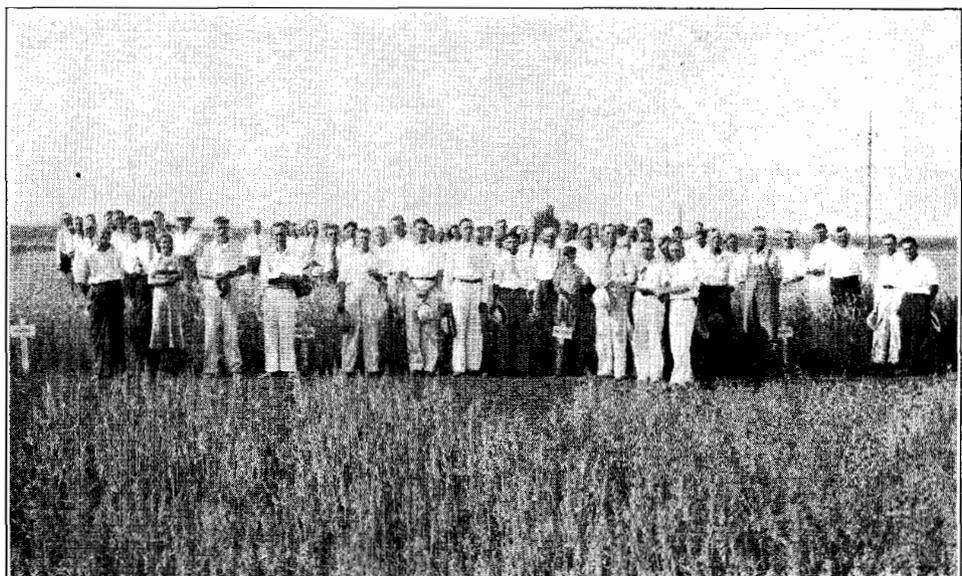
Miss Sophie L. Johnson, Flom, to Edgar L. Grendahl, '30, Gary, on Sunday, June 21, at Flom.

Miss Rhoda Salverson, Ada, to Harris Henderson, Sp. 1929-30, Halstad, on Monday, July 27, at Longmount, Colorado.

Miss Evelyn Kiecker to Bertrand Thompson, '28-30, McIntosh, on Wednesday, July 15, at McIntosh.

ADDRESS CHANGES: Elmer Hedstrand, Burlington, North Dakota; Pearl Henry, c-o Mandan Hospital, Mandan, North Dakota; Clarence Peterson, 615-4th St. South, Moorhead; Lawrence Newhouse, 763 Dayton Avenue, St. Paul; Ernest Newhouse, c-o Premier Vacuum Dept., Schuneman and Manhamer, St. Paul.

FOR SALE—The Station has a number of purebred Holstein and Shorthorn bull calves and Shropshire rams for sale. Write Department of Animal Husbandry, N. W. School, Crookston.



Visitors inspecting station plots—Crops and Soils Day July 13, 1936