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4-H CLUB WEEK, JUNE 1-6, 1936

1000 Club Members and Leaders Will Attend

Many educational opportunities will be offered club members during 4-H Club Week, which will be held at the Northwest School June 1-6. According to District Club Leader H. A. Pflughoeft, special emphasis will be placed on leadership training and project instruction.

State Club Leader T. A. Erickson will be in charge of the conferences for adult and junior leaders. Mr. Erickson will emphasize the training of leaders for local clubs. Two new district contests, crops and poultry judging, will be held for the first time this year and each county qualifying may send a team of three members. Winning teams in both contests will represent the district in the state contest, which will be held during State Fair week.

Livestock club members will have the opportunity of taking part in dairy and general livestock judging and attractive silver cups will be awarded the winning teams. District one-act play and music contests will also be held during the week. Winners in these divisions will likewise be entitled to enter the state contest. Two girls from each county may enter the Better Groomed Girl contest, one for girls fifteen years or under and the other for girls sixteen years or over.

Several counties are planning to send their winning Safety demonstrators. The object of this project is to help prevent accidents in the home and the community. Six counties have already entered demonstration teams for district honors in the project based upon

the use of galvanized material for building purposes. This project is sponsored by the American Zinc Institute, and the winning team will be awarded a trip to the 1936 Minnesota State Fair. The Red River Valley Dairymen's Association is sponsoring special Cream Grading demonstrations to be held at all Red River Valley county fairs during the summer.

The recreational program which will be presented under the direction of Coach R. J. Christgau will include: kitenball, volleyball, basketball, kickball,

WOMEN'S CAMP

June 8-11

The month of June brings to the Northwest School each year several events of importance and interest to farmers, homemakers, and young people of Northwestern Minnesota. The 4-H Club Week, the Women's Camp, and the Northwest School Alumni Reunion have developed into annual summer features.

The Women's Camp has proved to be very popular, as evidenced by records

of the past ten years. The 1936 Camp, scheduled for June 8-11, will be the eleventh annual, and a record-breaking enrollment is anticipated. Advance inquiries and requests for rooms indicate that many former campers will again be enrolled. A large freshman or first year group is also expected. The respite from daily home chores has been greatly appreciated by the many who have attended in former years.

Combining educational features with recreation and entertainment, the Northwest School Women's Camps provide homemakers of Northwestern Minnesota with a vacation among the ideal surroundings of the school campus. In planning the program for the 1936 Camp, suggestions of former campers have been solicited. These, combined with the committee recommendations made at the conclusion of the 1935 Camp, will be incorporated in the program, which will be announced in

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GIRLS' GLEE CLUB—NORTHWEST SCHOOL, 1936

Students are encouraged to take part in one or more of the various musical organizations.

horseshoe, swimming and track events.

The Northwest School faculty, assisted by county agents and county club leaders, will be in charge of the classroom instruction. Special lectures and demonstrations will be given by Mildred Schenck, state club agent; H. G. Zavoral, livestock specialist; Wm. F. Munch, state game warden, and others.

Club members from the following counties will attend June 1-2-3: West Polk, East Polk, Mahnomen, Becker, Norman, Clay, East Ottertail and West

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JUNIORS ANNOUNCE 1937 AGGIE BOARD

Members of the Class of 1937 are already laying plans for the publication of the school annual next spring. This responsibility will, of course, rest largely upon the shoulders of the Aggie Board and class advisers, but all members of the class are expected to play a part in assembling and organizing material for the various sections.

Woodrow Evans, Gully, has been announced as editor-in-chief of the 1937 Aggie, with Dorothy Evans, Middle River, as associate editor; Effie Stoneouse, Oklee, senior section; Werner Weindorf, Jordan, athletics; Dorothy Abbott, Mentor, organizations; Cora Dalager, Pelican Rapids, faculty; Delene Hegreberg, Ada, art; Clinton Johnson, Viking, photography; Lynn Lokken, Shelly, features; Leona and Helen Kellerman, Roseau, typists; Lois Haug, Oslo, business manager; Clifford Stolan, Fosston, assistant business manager; Marlan Augustine, Thief River Falls, advertising manager, and Grace Olson, Halstad, co-advertising manager.

Miss Katherine Hennig and Mr. C. H. Ritzman are advisers of the Class of 1937.

ALUMNI REUNION

"No matter how far you stray,
Come back on Alumni Day;
Ta ra ra boom de ay."

"Renew school friendships—re-live school experiences—attend the 1936 Reunion"—that is the slogan adopted by officers of the Northwest School Alumni Association for making Saturday, June 27, a memorable day for the hundreds of Northwest School Alumni and students who each year attend this important event.

The annual Alumni Reunion held each year on the last Saturday in June is an outstanding and unique event. Approximately 500 alumni and students are present to take advantage of this opportunity to renew school friendships and re-live school experiences. From all points in Minnesota and western North Dakota the roads lead to the "A. C. Campus" on Saturday, June 27. During the past few years, alumni now residing in Wisconsin, Illinois, Michigan and California have arranged summer trips and vacations to bring them back home on this particular day. "The last Saturday in June" is not

merely a date; it is a tradition of long standing.

Plans for the day include the following annual and traditional events: student-alumni baseball game, annual business session of the general alumni association, faculty-alumni kittenball game, alumni and student dance.

County and special committees appointed by the officers of the Alumni Association are now at work preparing for the day's program. Announcement of the various committees will be made in the June issue of the Northwest Monthly.

The 1936 Reunion will be the occasion for special reunions of the classes of 1911, 1916, 1921, 1926, 1931.

Officers of the Alumni Association are: Harvey Johnson, '29, Hawley, president; Paul Engelstad, '16, Crookston, vice president; Evelyn Bierbaum, '29, Warren, secretary; Archie Lee, '23, Roseau, treasurer. The president and secretary elected in 1935 hold office for another year, while the terms of the vice president and treasurer expire in 1936.

A very large attendance is anticipated—"See you the last Saturday in June?"—"Certainly! for this is not a meeting but an 'event'."

ADVANCED DAY

Wearing the traditional green ties and ribbons, the members of the Advanced class made a picturesque entrance into the dining hall for the early morning breakfast on March 17, the day set aside for the Advanced Day celebration. Specially arranged and decorated tables completed the preliminaries for the colorful event. At the regular morning assembly, the members of the Advanced class marched in single file formation into the auditorium to the strains of "The Minnesota Rouser."

The formal program was in the nature of a cavalcade of scenes from dramatic productions in which various members of the class had taken part. Morris Maruska, Angus, was master of ceremonies. Opening the cavalcade was Harlan Pester, Crookston, in his interpretation of Old Ronx from "Pharaoh's Daughter." To the music of "Smilin' Through," Laura Hanson, Thief River Falls, Noel Hanson, Detroit Lakes, and Burnett Bergeson, Twin Valley, took their respective parts in the play of "Smilin' Through," the climax of activities during the senior year.

The music of "Pomp and Circumstance" announced the coming of King Burnett Bergeson and Queen Olive Steen, Halstad, who had previously been elected by the class. The King called all his loyal noblemen to his side, and in a very stirring and fitting manner concluded the program with a farewell speech to his classmates, schoolmates, and the faculty. The audience sang the "Valley Aggie" while the class of 1935 passed in review. Other events of the Advanced Class Day included a sunlight dance in the parlor of Senior hall. At the evening dinner in the dining hall, Burnett Bergeson, president of the class, presented the

advanced class symbol to Roland Wentzel, Fisher, senior president, with instructions to continue the advanced class traditions. Superintendent and Mrs. A. A. Dowell were guests of the class at the dinner at which time Dr. Dowell congratulated the advanced class on the fine program, and urged underclassmen to a continuation of Northwest School traditions.

DUNHAM ANNOUNCES CROPS PROGRAM

Crops and Soils Day at the Northwest Experiment Station will be held Monday, July 13. The annual meeting of the Red River Valley Crops and Soils association will be held at this time and the program presented under its auspices. The afternoon will be devoted to a discussion of crops and soils problems and inspection of experimental plots.

It has been suggested that all formal talks should be omitted this year and the whole afternoon spent on the plots. It has also been suggested that county agents of this district come in two or three days early to become thoroughly familiar with the experiments under way and assist in explaining them. Professor Dunham, secretary of the Red River Valley Crops and Soils Association, would appreciate comments on this idea and any other suggestions concerning the program.

Work with forage crops is rapidly increasing and a large number of the plots are now devoted to pasture and hay investigations. Two new Canadian wheat varieties, Renown and Apex, have been included in the variety trials this year. An increase field of Rusota oats has been planted and also one of the S. D. 165 hull-less oats. Extensive trials with sweet clover for soil improvement will demonstrate the effect on wheat, oats, barley, and flax of handling sweet clover in a variety of ways.

MRS. VIVIAN SCHMIT MOVES TO HALLOCK

Mrs. Vivian Schmit, secretary to the superintendent for the past ten years, resigned her position April 30, and has moved to Hallock where her husband was recently appointed Kittson County Highway engineer. Her loyalty and cooperation in all matters pertaining to the School and Station contributed much to the efficiency of the office force. Likewise, her work in connection with the Red River Valley Winter Shows and other regional organizations has been greatly appreciated by a wide circle of friends. Members of the staff, together with a host of present and former students, join in wishing Mr. and Mrs. Schmit much happiness in their new work.

Miss Margaret Fyling has been named to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mrs. Schmit, while Miss Wilma Coss has been placed in charge of the library office. The vacancy in the general office has been filled by the appointment of Miss Evelyn N.

Kroog, Sp. '34. Miss Kroog is a sister of Mrs. Norris M. Johnson (Esther Kroog) former secretary to the superintendent.

CONCERT RECITAL

APPRECIATED

The annual concert recital which was presented Wednesday evening, March 25, by students in piano, voice, and violin under the direction of the Misses Katherine Hennig, Marian Nelson, and Grace Mary Warne, served as a fitting climax to the work of the music department during the past year. Professor R. S. Dunham presided over the program which opened with a piano solo "Dance of the Wood Sprites" by Mildred Mykleby of Climax.

Other piano numbers included "Album Leaf" by Virginia Bede, Pine City; "Minuet in G" by Morris Maruska, Angus; "Sonatina, Op. 36, No. 2," Margaret Anne Clark; "Fifth Nocturne" by Margaret Dowell; "Valse," Beth Kiser; "Rustle of Spring," Evelyn Ramstad; "Valse Op. 64, No. 2," Margaret Dunham; "Prelude C Sharp Minor", Hannah Dowell, and "Menuet" by Barbara McCall.

Vocal solos were presented as follows: "By the Bend of the River" by Cora Dalager, Pelican Rapids; "A Brown Bird Singing" by Alta Torkelson, Crookston; "On the Road to Mandalay" by Harold Nabben, Goodridge; "Just a Wearyin' for You" by Ann Vanderveen, Crookston, and "Japanese Love Song" by Grace Olson, Halstad.

Violin selections included "Spring Song" by Lynn Lokken, Shelly; "Salut d'Amour" by Robert Nelson, Fergus Falls; and "Adoration" by Robert McCall. According to Registrar J. W. Mlinar, 120 students registered for private lessons in music during the past term, thus establishing a new record at the Northwest School.

VALLEY DAIRYMEN OFFER HERD MANAGEMENT AWARDS

One of the important features of the required course of study at the Northwest School is the Home Project work. Each student is required to undertake some special project in which he or she can put into practice on the home farm for a period of six months, the principles that have been learned in school.

Guided by the Home Project supervisors through regular visits and correspondence, these projects become a very effective means of teaching desirable farm and home practices.

One of the most interesting of the many livestock projects conducted in this manner is the Dairy Herd Management project, in which the students keep accurate records of the dairy herd on his home farm. This involves feeding management and testing to determine the returns from each cow in the herd. During the past four years, special encouragement has been given to this project by the Red River Valley Dairymen's Association, principally through the offering of prizes to students who submit the best records. Originally these prizes took the form of scholarships to be awarded to the

first and second place winners. In 1935 an attractive plaque was awarded to the winner, Ray Carlson of Middle River. This plaque was presented at the Winter Shows on behalf of the Dairymen's association by Superintendent A. A. Dowell.

For 1936, the association announces the offer of a large plaque upon which the name of the winner is to be engraved each year. This plaque is to be kept in the library at the Northwest School, while two additional plaques will be presented to and become the permanent property of the first and second place winners. The 1936 competition for these awards promises to be exceptionally keen, with a much larger enrollment than in previous years. The contest will close October 1st, and the winners will be announced following Home Project Day in November, at which time the records will be submitted and judged.

All home project work will be supervised by E. R. Clark, R. J. Christgau, and Retta Bede of the Northwest School staff.

4-H CLUB WEEK

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Ottertail. Club members from Marshall, Kittson, Roseau, Lake of the Woods, Pennington, Clearwater and Red Lake counties will attend June 4-5-6. By holding two sessions during the week it will be possible to offer better dormitory and dining hall accommodations as well as to insure more efficient instruction in the various courses.

Who May Come

Girls and boys twelve years old or over and who are 4-H club members may come. Adult and junior leaders are also urged to attend as a special program will be conducted by able instructors.

When to Come

Everyone should plan to come early enough on the first day to register before three o'clock and to be ready at that time for other activities. Supper will be the first meal served in the dining hall; hence, those who come in the forenoon should bring a picnic lunch. The Short Course will close at 3:30 p. m. on the third day.

What to Bring

Each club member and leader should bring his or her own bedding, two blankets, sheets and pillow, together with soap, towels, comb, etc. Tennis shoes and musical instruments will also add to the interest of the week.

Cost

The total cost of board, room, and entertainment will be \$1.25. Room reservations should be sent to the county club leader or county agent not later than May 26.

PROJECT NEWS

AIDS SUMMER WORK

For the third consecutive season the Project News, a mimeographed monthly publication, is being mailed to all students registered for summer home project work. Offering not only timely

hints and suggestions in connection with the various home projects, but also giving sidelights on campus, faculty, and student activities, the Project News has proven a helpful and entertaining publication. Former students and graduates not enrolled for project work this summer have requested copies of this publication.

The April issue each year is mailed to all students enrolled during the previous school year. Beginning with the May issue, however, and continuing through September, the Project News is mailed only to students enrolled in project work.

Registrar J. W. Mlinar is again serving as editor of the Project News. He will be assisted by Miss Retta Bede while members of the faculty will prepare articles dealing with the various phases of home project work.

SENIORS WIN FIELD MEET

Scoring 125 points in all events while their nearest rival garnered 107 points, the Seniors captured the 1936 field meet held Saturday, March 21. The Juniors took second, the Freshmen with 94 points finished third, and the Advanced with 78 points ended in fourth place.

In scoring their 125 points, the Seniors finished ahead of the other classes in the girls' swimming events and in the boxing and wrestling for boys. They were tied by the Freshmen in the boys' swimming events and finished second in the track events in the boys' and girls' divisions. Their consistent work in finishing first or second in all the events gained them top honors when the total points were tallied.

The 1936 field meet proved to be one of the most interesting ever held at the school. The large enrollment was a factor in the many entries and the keen competition between the classes.

The field meet is one of the oldest events at the Northwest School, dating back to 1910. The 1936 meet was the twenty-seventh annual, and a check-back reveals that the senior classes of the past have been victorious in a majority of the contests. The class of 1936 is the fifteenth Senior class to win this event. The Juniors have been victorious eight times, the Freshmen three times, and the Advanced class, once.

FOOTBALL SCHEDULE ANNOUNCED

Five football games, three at home and two on foreign fields, appear on the completed 1936 football schedule announced recently by Coach R. J. Christgau. The season opens Saturday, October 3.

The schedule is as follows: October 3, Grand Forks Central High Reserves, here; October 9, Park River Aggies, there; October 17, Grand Rapids Aggies, there; October 24 (Home Coming) Morris Aggies, here; October 30, Mah-nomen High, here.

WOMEN'S CAMP

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the June issue of the Northwest Monthly.

Camp officers elected in 1935 who are assisting with the preparations for the eleventh annual session are: Mrs. G. K. Hovie, Thief River Falls, president; Mrs. C. H. Roholt, Mayville, North Dakota, vice president; Mrs. E. E. Green, Crookston secretary; Mrs. Emma Wright, Middle River, treasurer; Mrs. Gus Gustafson, Crookston, sergeant-at-arms.

The total expense for board, room, and entertainment, beginning with the first meal to be served Monday evening, June 8, and continuing through Thursday noon, June 11, will be three dollars.

Northwest School staff members who will appear on the program are: Dr. A. A. Dowell, superintendent; Miss Retta Bede, R. J. Christgau, R. S. Dunham, A. M. Foker, O. M. Kiser, T. M. McCall, J. W. Mlinar, and A. M. Pilkey.

Prospective campers are urged to write the Northwest School as early as possible and make room reservations for the three-day session.

FOR SALE

The Northwest Experiment Station has a number of registered Holstein bull calves for sale at reasonable prices. These calves were bred at the Station and hence, are from high producing accredited stock.

PERSONALS

Arnie Solem, '24, recently returned from a three months trip to Europe where he made a study of unemployment and social insurance for the National Re-employment Division. While abroad he visited England, Norway, Sweden, Germany, France and Denmark. Mr. Solem is assistant state director of the Re-employment Service.

Miles Nelson (Sp. 31-32) was named captain of the 1936 Bemidji State Teachers College football team at a dinner given by the College faculty in honor of letter winners of the past year.

Many Northwest School alumni attended the "Ag" Fraternity Founders Day Fete at University Farm April 22. The guest list included: Edwin Widseth, '32, Phinney Stenborg, '26, William Sitko, '33, Allan Hoff, '31, Lester Lerud, '34, Margaret Lerud, '34, Martin Odland, '29, Ebenhard Gandrud, '24, George Berggren, '28, and Randolph Ostlie, '27.

Edwin Widseth '32, co-captain of the 1936 Golden Gophers, and a star on the University baseball team, has had an unusually busy spring quarter. At the opening of the

baseball season he accompanied the team on a trip to the sunny south. More recently, in addition to his baseball activities, he has been asked to speak at numerous meetings and to participate in other college events.

Martin Odland '29, has been appointed assistant County Agent of Ramsey County, with headquarters in St. Paul.

Word has been received of the marriage on April 14 of Miss Ruth Sheldon, former school nurse, to Mr. Matt Flensburg. Mr. and Mrs. Flensburg will be at home at Dillingham, Alaska, after July 1.

Carl Widseth '26, was a campus caller during the month of April. Carl is regional supervisor of education for CCC camps in Minnesota and North Dakota, with headquarters in St. Paul.

Allan Hoff, '31, played the leading role in "Dover Road," which was presented May 1-2 in the University Farm auditorium under the joint sponsorship of Punchinello, dramatic organization on the Farm campus, and the agricultural faculty Women's Club.

Anetia Bruss '36, Roseau, has been elected president of the girls' division of the Roseau 4-H Club.

Northwest School alumni took an active part in the Ag-Royal Livestock Show held at the University Farm May 16. Phinney Stenborg '26, served as superintendent of the dairy cattle division while Allan Hoff '31, served on the publicity committee.

A number of Northwest School students will attend the Farm Boys' Camp which will be held during the week of the Minnesota State Fair. Marlan Augustine, Holt, will be one of the two representatives from Marshall County; Edmund Rydeen, Clearbrook, Clearwater County; and Lowell Lindberg, Spruce, Roseau County.

During the month of May, Professor T. M. McCall addressed the 4-H Club meeting at East Grand Forks and also assisted the Clearbrook Cooperative

Creamery in its creamery beautification project.

Mr. and Mrs. Ebenhard Gandrud (Ebenhard '24) were campus visitors May 11. Ebenhard is employed as County Agricultural Agent at Pipestone.

District Club Leader H. A. Pflughoeft and Miss Retta Bede assisted with the Red Lake County 4-H Club rally held at Plummer May 18.

Professor E. R. Clark and A. M. Pilkey were in charge of the 4-H Club district crops and poultry judging work held on the campus early in May.

Ida Erickson and Joe Viker '26-27 of Fertile were married Wednesday, March 18.

Alpha Hanstad '34-35 and Alvin Gjestrum of Climax were married during the early winter.

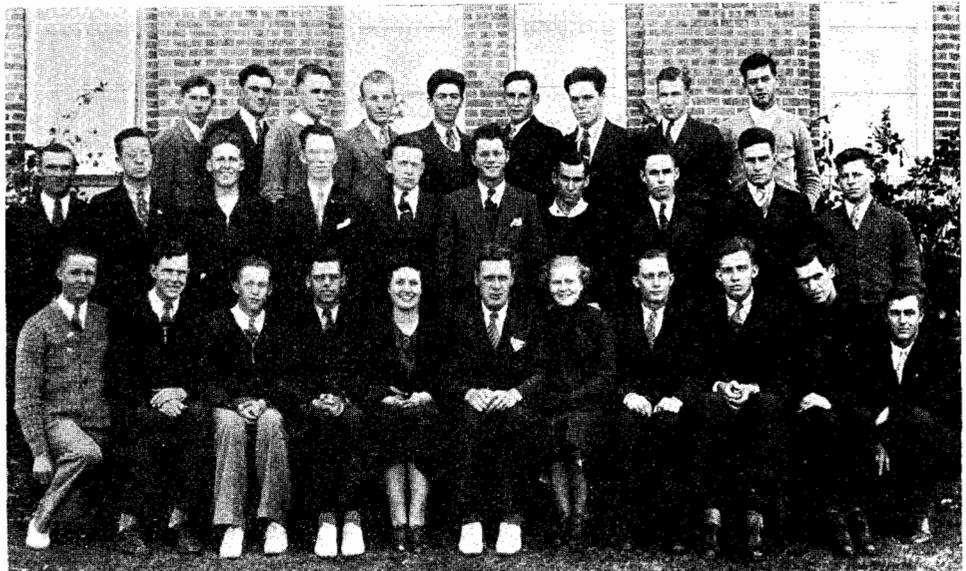
Evelyn Bierbaum, '29, was recently appointed 4-H club leader in Marshall county for the summer months.

Superintendent A. A. Dowell attended the Mid-West Economics association conference in Des Moines, Iowa, April 8 to 10, where he presented a paper on "The Farmers' Interest in Foreign Trade." The latter part of March, Superintendent Dowell was guest speaker at the annual banquet of the Beta Gamma Sigma honorary scholarship fraternity in commerce of the University of North Dakota.

Professor R. S. Dunham and Superintendent A. A. Dowell appeared on the Polk County Farmers' Institute program held at Fertile April 2 and 3.

Kermit Greenley, '32, will act as assistant corn breeder for the Minnesota Valley Canning company at Le Sueur during the summer months.

A new Scandinavian dialect comedy act, "Hilda and Helga," may be heard over WCCO on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Miss Anne Simley, former Northwest School instructor, and now a member of Hamline University staff, takes the part of "Hilda."



BOYS' GLEE CLUB—NORTHWEST SCHOOL, 1936
Students may register for private lessons in voice, piano, or violin.