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MOST SUCCESSFUL SCHOOL YEAR

Will Close With the Commencement Week Program, March 20-25, 1937

The presentation of diplomas to 113 graduates on Thursday evening, March 25, will bring to a close the most successful year in the history of the Northwest School. A new attendance record of 401 students was established this year, as compared with the previous record of 394 reported by Registrar J. W. Mlinar for the year 1935-36. One addition was made to the teaching staff to relieve excessive teaching schedules and to permit advanced work in the business training department. Scholarship was maintained on a high plane, even under the serious handicap of lack of adequate dormitory and classroom facilities. Marked interest was also shown in all major inter-class and interschool activities.

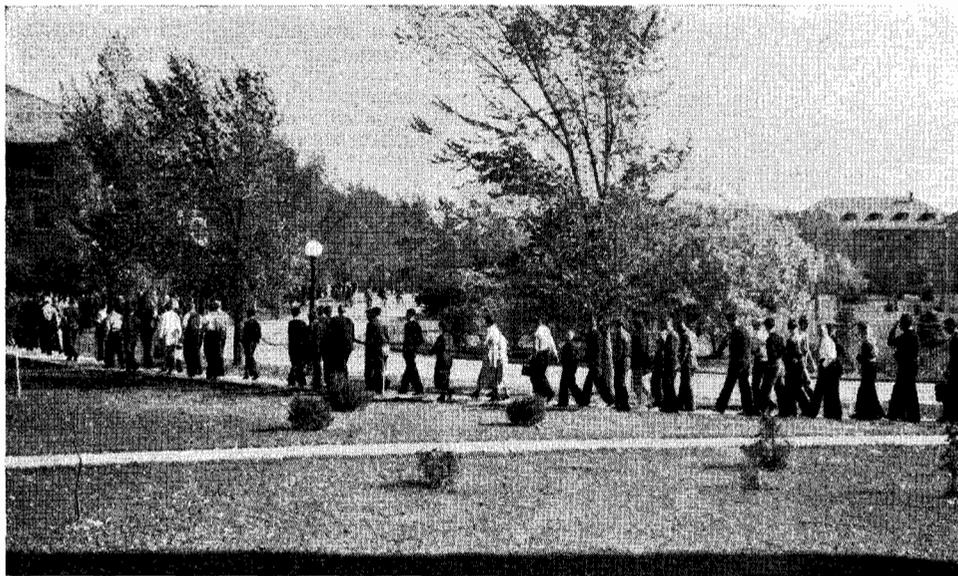
This record of achievement was made possible as a result of the keen interest each member of the staff evidenced, not only in the work of his or her particular department, but in the welfare of each individual student. Furthermore, the student body as a whole gave evidence of a desire to make the best possible use of the time they were privileged to spend in school.

A total of seventy-three students are listed as members of the Senior Class, while forty Advanced will receive the fourth-year certificate. This new group of graduates will bring the total number of diplomas, issued since the school first opened its doors in 1906, to 1680. Of this number, slightly over fifty-sev-

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HONORS BANQUET ENJOYABLE AFFAIR

Thirty-two students attended the tenth annual Honors Banquet, which was held in the popular Aggie Inn of the school dining hall, Wednesday, March 10. The new wall hangings, draperies, indirect lighting effects, covered chairs, and attractive tables, flanked by a bank of flowers and shrubbery, made an appropriate setting for the occasion. Miss Fanny Lippitt, and her dining hall staff, had arranged an ex-



Dinner Time 1936-37

cellent menu in which a maroon and gold color scheme predominated. The color scheme was likewise carried out in the table decorations, which included maroon and gold tapers and individual place cards in the form of miniature maroon and gold penants.

The informal program of music and brief talks was arranged by Registrar J. W. Mlinar. T. M. McCall, faculty member of the "A" organization, presided as toastmaster in his usual efficient manner. Responses were given

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Urgent School And Station Needs

Due to the steady growth in enrollment during recent years, the Northwest School is in urgent need of a new girls' dormitory. The last of the three dormitories, of which there are two for boys and one for girls, was erected in 1914 when the enrollment averaged slightly over 200 boys and girls. These dormitories were equipped to accommodate 250 students. With an enroll-

ment of over 400 students the past two years, overcrowding has become a serious problem.

During the past year, three girls were housed in all of the regular two-student rooms in the one girls' dormitory, Robertson Hall. In addition to the overcrowding in this building, it was necessary to fill one floor of the Health Service building, all of the Home Practice quarters,

and additional rooms in the Dining Hall.

Classroom facilities have likewise been taxed far beyond normal capacity. The result has been reduced efficiency on the part of both students and faculty. To relieve this situation, school officials have recommended the erection of one new combination girls' dormitory and classroom building. The first floor would be used temporarily for classroom purposes, while the upper floors would be arranged for perm-

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MID-TERM HONOR ROLL

Thirty-four students, including thirteen girls and twenty-one boys, earned Honor Roll averages for the first six weeks of the Winter term, while sixty students, including twenty-two girls and thirty-eight boys, gained High Scholarship rating. To win a place on the Honor Roll, a student must earn an average of 2.5-3.0 in all subjects. High Scholarship rating is given to students earning an average of 2.0-2.5. In computing the averages, the grade of C is evaluated as one point; B, two points; and A, three points.

Dorothy Setterholm, Baudette, a Junior; Dorothy and Marshall Evans, Middle River, Seniors. and James Weckwerth, Hazel, Advanced, earned perfect averages of 3.0, receiving the grade of A in all subjects.

According to Registrar J. W. Mlinar, the following students earned places on the Honor Roll and High Scholarship list at the close of the first six weeks of the winter term:

Honor Roll

FRESHMEN: Dorothy Hanson, Trail; Julian Erlandson, Fergus Falls; Harlan Ellinger, Crookston; Dorothy Larson, Argyle; Bette Haug, Oslo; Esther McFarlane, Oslo; Perry Nabben, Thief River Falls. **JUNIORS:** Dorothy Setterholm, Baudette; Wilson Radway, Roosevelt; Arthur Gordon, Oklee; Clarence Klug, Barnesville. Edna Hoppe, Crookston; Eleanor Weber, Crookston; Albert Adler, Waubun; Donald Handegard, Dale; Vernon Roe, Crookston; Arnold Grove, Roosevelt; Dana Edgar, Warren. **Elmer Moe, Lancaster; Faith Thieling, Grygla. SENIORS:** Dorothy Evans, Middle River; Marshall Evans, Middle River; Cora Dalager, Pelican Rapids; Marvin Nabben, Thief River Falls; Merle Halvorson, Hallock; Patricia Durbahn, Angus; Raymond Carlson, Middle River; Ivy McVeety, East Grand Forks; Marlan Augustine, Thief River Falls; Effie Stoneuse, Oklee. **ADVANCED:** James Weckwerth, Hazel; Edgar Ramberg, Pitt; Axel Rynning, Kennedy; Fred Cook, Faunce.

High Scholarship

FRESHMEN: Audrey Anderson, Stephen; Ralph Hvidsten, Stephen; Mabel Brandli, Warroad; Gerhard Gandrud, Detroit Lakes; Chester Wood, Thief River Falls; Chester Anderson, Drayton, N. D.; Allan Flaten, Terrace; Talbert Koppang, Climax; Katherine Viker, Evelyn Brandt, Gonvick; Elwood Gustafson, Crookston; Ray Hanson, Rochert; LeRoy Larson, East Grand Forks; Kenneth Newhouse, Crookston;

Nalton Bucholz, Naytahwaush; Warren Johnson, Kennedy; Ernest Peterson, Williams. **JUNIORS:** Katherine Molaček, Bemidji; Elmore Bergh, Hallock; Kermit Trangsrud, Badger; Vera Johnson, Milaca; Ferdinand Mandt, Oklee; Helen Hemmestvedt, Goodridge; Wilford Peterson, Bronson; Robert Nelson, Fergus Falls; Mildred Mykleby, Eldred; Daniel Wavra, Tabor; Lawrence Anderson, Argyle; Oray Tangen, Menahga; Grace Johnson, Thief River Falls. **SENIORS:** Woodrow Evans, Gully; Roy Carlson, Middle River; Ruthellen Lindamood, Warroad; Alton Arness, Fisher; Leona Kellerman, Roseau; Clinton Klementson, Ulen; Truman Hemmestvedt, Goodridge; Delene Hegreberg, Ada; Harry Solberg, Erie; Clifford Stolan, Fosston; Morris Dahl, Kennedy; Lois Haug, Oslo; Duane Moen, Gary; Eugene Prestegaard, Erie; Clinton Johnson, Viking; Orda Slettvedt, Oklee; Clifford Trangsrud, Badger; Helen Kellerman, Roseau; Chester Tandberg, Newfolden. **ADVANCED:** Harold Nabben, Goodridge; Ruth Lerud, Twin Valley; Harold Sanden, Beaulieu; Irene Tasa, Trail; Mavis Glass, Mentor. **SPECIAL:** Patricia Hoven, Crookston; Nora Howard, Goodridge; Melvin Haugen, Badger; Arnhild Rise, Saum; Glenn Webber, Baudette; Marlys Hov, Crookston.

VARIETY NIGHT POPULAR

The annual Variety Night was held in the school auditorium Saturday evening, January 30. Fourteen acts were presented. As in the past, the entire entertainment was strictly a student production. Faculty assistance was withheld in order to measure the depth of student ingenuity and ability. That there was plenty of both was evident by the applause and laughter of the audience.

Cash prizes were awarded the best acts in each of the following groups: In group for individuals, Leona Shimek, East Grand Forks, won first prize for her act entitled Cowboy Sweetheart. Mavis Glass, Mentor, a tap-dancer, won second, and Marlan Augustine, Thief River Falls, playing the accordion, won third. Among the acts with two or three performers, the team of Harold Sanden, Beaulieu, and Alfred Olson, Beltrami, took first prize. Their act was a ventriloquist stunt in which Sanden was the ventriloquist and Olson hidden behind a davenport was the dummy's voice. Second place went to Verne Dahlgren, Kennedy, and Lloyal Harris, Wadena, for Modern Melodies, and third to Delsie Filipi, Angus; Dorothy Setterholm, Baudette; and Eleanor Weber, Crookston, for School Daze. Among the larger groups, the Waltz Kings, including Clayton Isaacson, Mahnomen; Stanley Swenson, Kennedy; and Marlan Augustine, Thief River Falls, persuaded the judges with their tantalizing music that they deserved top money. In second place was a group of girls, Dorothy Abbott, Mentor; Irene Tasa, Trail; Bernadette Jeffrey, East Grand Forks; Myrtle Nisbet, East Grand Forks; Ivy and Betty McVeety, East Grand Forks; Janet Krogstad, Fertile; Loraine Flora, New York Mills; Lucille Hedlund, Gully; and Alta Torkelson, Crookston, who disclosed what goes on

in the girls' dormitory in an act entitled Robertson Hall Bookworms. In third place was found The Happy Homemakers including Myra Hoiseth, Crookston; Lois and Betty Haug, Oslo; Phyllis Johnson, Baudette; and Leona Kellerman, Roseau.

MOST SUCCESSFUL

SCHOOL YEAR

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en per cent have graduated since Dr. A. A. Dowell took charge of the School and Station in 1927.

Commencement week activities will open with the interclass field meet Saturday, March 20. The Baccalaureate exercises will be held in the school auditorium Sunday evening, March 21, with the Reverend Abner S. Haugen, pastor of the Federated Lutheran Congregation, Crookston, scheduled to deliver the address of the evening.

The declamatory contest, with representatives from each of the four classes competing for special prizes in the oratorical, dramatic, humorous, and extemporaneous speaking contests, will be held Monday evening, March 22. The following evening, members of the Senior Class together with the Senior and Junior class advisers, will be guests of Superintendent and Mrs. A. A. Dowell at their home on the campus.

Wednesday evening, March 24, has been designated Music Recital night. Pupils in voice, piano, and violin will be presented under the direction of the Misses Katherine Hennig, Marian Nelson, and Grace Mary Warne of the music faculty.

Thursday, March 25, will be Commencement Day with the Senior Class exercises scheduled for the afternoon and the Commencement exercises in the evening. The Reverend Roy E. Olson, Minneapolis, general chaplain of the Prison Missions of the Federated Lutheran Church of America, will deliver the Commencement address. His subject will be "Youth At the Crossroads." Following the presentation of diplomas and scholarship awards by Superintendent A. A. Dowell, the program will close with the commencement pledge by members of the graduating classes.

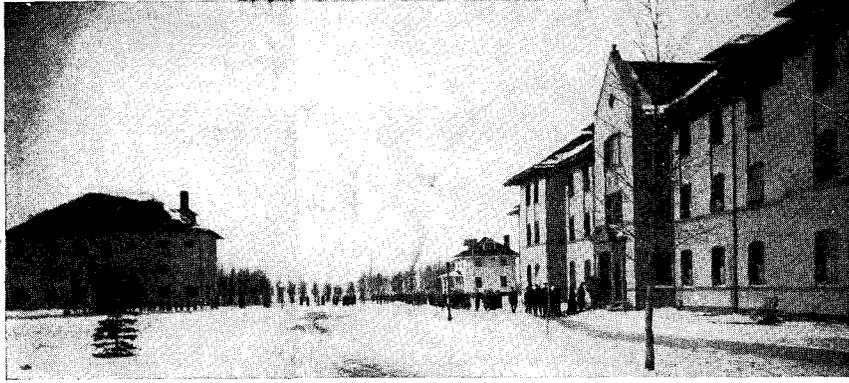
SENIORS PRESENT

"IF I WERE KING"

One of the most colorful stage productions ever presented at the Northwest School was offered to a capacity audience Tuesday, March 2, when a cast of forty-five seniors enacted "If I were King," under the direction of Miss Dorothy Smith, dramatics coach at the school.

Rich and elaborate costumes of the silks and velvets of royalty, and effective scenery lent authenticity to the background against which the story, taking place during the reign of Louis XI, was presented. Costumes had been supplied through the courtesy of the University of Minnesota singers.

Large delegations of parents were present for the performance. Towns represented were: Bronson, Angus, Lancaster, Hallock, Gary, Middle Riv-



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er, Thief River Falls, Newfolden, Fosston, Badger, Shelly, Goodridge, East Grand Forks, Warroad, Oklee, Erie, Red Lake Falls, Oslo and Crookston.

Principal roles in the play were carried by Raymond Higgin of Bronson as Francois Villon; Merle Halvorsen, Lancaster, as Louis XI, and Patricia Durbahn, Angus, as Katherine de Vaucelles. The large cast, announced in the last issue of the Northwest Monthly, gave evidence of thorough coaching in its several weeks of intensive rehearsals and the play was presented in a most effective manner.

A large production staff, appointed by Miss Smith and the Senior advisers, Miss Katherine Hennig and Mr. D. C. Streeter, assisted with the presentation of the play.

The production staff included: Marvin Nabben, Goodridge, Stage Manager; Assistant Stage Managers: Stanley Swenson, Kennedy; Clifford Trangsrud, Badger; Raymond and Roy Carlson, Middle River; John Patenaude, Red Lake Falls. Electricians: Werner Weindorf, Jordan; Alton Arness, Eldred. Construction Crew: John Rader, Warroad; Morris Dahl, Kennedy; Oliver Haugen, St. Hilaire; Udell Magnusson, Badger. Costume Mistresses: Lois Haug, Oslo; Leona Kellerman, Roseau; Jean Barrett, East Grand Forks; Myra Hoiseth, Crookston; Alta Swenson, Fertile; Orda Sledtvedt, Oklee; Phyllis Johnson, Baudette. Properties: Dorothy Evans, Middle River; Ivy McVeety, East Grand Forks; Lucille Hedlund, Gully. Prompter: Delene Hegreberg, Ada. Ticket Sales: Clinton Johnson, Viking; Eugene Prestegaard, Erie; Elaine Johnston, Angus; Verne Dahlgren, Kennedy; Helen Kellerman, Roseau; Gladys Tangen, Menahga; Warren Wardell, Crookston; Lynn Lokken, Shelly; Marvel Soltvedt, Oslo. House Managers: Clinton Johnson, Viking; Arnold Larson, Oslo.

CLASS BASKETBALL

SEASON CLOSURES

Upon completion of the twelve-game schedule of interclass basketball contests, the Junior boys and the Senior girls were declared champions for the current season. Both teams finished their respective schedules with a record of five victories and one defeat.

In the boys' division, the Senior boys,

with a record of four victories and two defeats, ranked second, while the Advanced finished third. Throughout the entire season the contests in the boys' division were most interesting and hard fought. Not until the final game was the championship decided. In the season's finale, the Juniors and Seniors entered the contest tied for first place with the Seniors favored to win by a narrow margin. However, the Juniors surprised the spectators by completely subduing the third year team by a count of 35-15 and thereby gained the championship honors.

The twelve games in the girls' division likewise proved to be a close contest between the Junior and Senior teams. In the season's finale, however, the Senior girls emerged victorious by a 14-6 count. Junior girls finished in second place; the Advanced third, and the Freshmen fourth. By annexing the championship this year, the present Senior girls' team captured honors for the second consecutive season as they won similar honors last year as Juniors.

The champions in both divisions will be awarded silver trophies and numerals by Miss Elsie Kingston, in charge of girls' physical education work, and Coach R. J. Christgau, boys' physical education director. The awards will be made at the annual Awards Assembly, Saturday, March 20.

HONORS BANQUET

ENJOYABLE AFFAIR

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by Superintendent A. A. Dowell; O. M. Kiser, coach of the livestock judging team; E. R. Clark, coach of the crops judging team; R. J. Christgau, coach of football, basketball, and cross-country teams; W. D. Rusk, assistant athletic coach; D. C. Streeter, debate coach; Roland Wentzel, Fisher, captain of the 1936 football team; Joseph Widseth, McIntosh, basketball captain; Harry Coulter, East Grand Forks, cross-country captain; Axel Rynning, Kennedy, debate. Richard Radway, Roosevelt, livestock judging; Morris Hanson, Trail, crops judging; and Ruth Lerud, Twin Valley, pepster.

Special music was rendered by the Misses Katherine Hennig, Marian Nelson, Grace Mary Warne, and Lois

Lohn, all members of the school faculty.

Honor guests included the following: FOOTBALL: Roland Wentzel; Victor Hodgson, Crookston; Raymond Higgin, Bronson; Richard Radway, Roosevelt; Morris Dahl, Kennedy; Woodrow Evans, Gully; Loyal Harris, Wadena. Clifford Trangsrud, Badger; Ray Carlson and Roy Carlson, Middle River; John Rader, Warroad; Chan Freiji, Crookston; Philip Hegreberg, Ada; Joseph Widseth; Truman Hemmestvedt, Goodridge; and Jack Ferrier, Pitt. BASKETBALL: Joseph Widseth; Morris Dahl; Woodrow Evans; Philip Hegreberg; James Lenes, Fosston; and Chan Freiji. CROSS-COUNTRY: Harry Coulter; Glenn Brandt, Gonvick; Leonard Anda, Perley; Harold Anderson, Mahnomen; Clarence Klug, Barnesville, and Werner Weindorf, Jordan. PEPSTER: Ruth Lerud. DEBATE: Axel Rynning, Marvin Nabben, Thief River Falls; Duane Moen, Gary; and James Weckwerth, Hazel. LIVESTOCK JUDGING: Richard Radway, Roosevelt; Otto Haugen, Hillsboro, N. D.; and Leland Hanson, Twin Valley. FARM CROPS JUDGING: Morris Hanson, Raymond Higgin, and Wilson Radway, Roosevelt.

DEBATERS TIE FOR CHAMPIONSHIP

The Northwest School affirmative debate team defeated the Central School of Agriculture negative team from St. Paul in the Northwest School auditorium Monday evening, March 8, by a two to one decision. Members of the winning team were James Weckwerth, Hazel, and Duane Moen, Gary.

The following evening, the Northwest School negative team met the Morris affirmative at Morris. In this encounter, the affirmative team won by a vote of two to one. Members of the Northwest School negative team were Axel Rynning, Kennedy, and Marvin Nabben, Goodridge.

Upon returning from Morris, Coach D. C. Streeter said that in each of the interschool triangular debates, the affirmative teams triumphed over the negative. Consequently, each school won one debate and lost one, resulting in a three-cornered tie for the championship.

The question for debate this year was: "Resolved, That public utilities should be governmentally owned and operated."

ADVANCED SPONSOR

NORTHWEST SCHOOL TREE PLANTING PROJECT

The third annual Northwest School tree planting project was officially launched by the Advanced Class at a special assembly held Saturday, March 6. James Weckwerth, Hazel, member of the Advanced class, explained the project to the student body and urged each student to plant at least one official Northwest School tree on the home grounds this year. Warren Wardell, Crookston, Senior, and Myrtle Hanson, Twin Valley, Junior, summarized their experiences in connection with the tree planting project last year.

Henry Becker, Mahnomen, Junior, followed with a tree pruning demonstration, while Professor T. M. McCall reviewed briefly the history of the project and announced the number of trees that have been planted by Northwest School students during the three years the project has been underway. A feature of the program was a vocal solo "Trees" by Joyce Kilmer, sung by Miss Katherine Hennig, voice instructor.

**PRINTERS RUSH
SCHOOL ANNUAL**

The 1937 Red River Aggie has been printed and is now in the hands of the binders, according to Woodrow Evans, Aggie Editor. Copies should, therefore, be available for general distribution by March 18.

The past few weeks have been unusually busy ones for members of the Aggie Board. By February 26, the original copy was pronounced ready for the printers. Proof reading was the next item of business. Just now all members of the class are eagerly awaiting the first look at the finished product. The only word about the quality of the 1937 edition that has been heard about the campus so far is that "It is the best ever."

An intensive sales campaign is now under way, and it is the goal of the Aggie Board to place an Aggie in the hands of every student in attendance at the Northwest School during the past year.

Mr. D. C. Streeter and Miss Katherine Hennig, Senior class advisers, are assisting the Aggie Board in the publication of the book.

TWIN CITY ALUMNI MEET

On Wednesday, February 24, the Commodore Hotel in St. Paul was the scene of the annual get-together and supper-dance of Northwest School alumni residing in the Twin Cities. Approximately eighty alumni and former faculty members were present. In charge of the event were Miss Anne Simley, former Northwest School English instructor and now on the staff of Hamline University in St. Paul, and Allan Hoff, '31.

Classes from 1917 to 1936 were represented with Clarence A. Lee of the class of 1917 taking honors as the oldest graduate present.

In addition to the dance, which followed the supper, the entertainment program consisted of some community singing led by Mrs. Roy Hollander, former vocal instructor at the school. Mr. Roy Hollander offered two vocal selections. Miss Constance Lane, former piano instructor, and Miss Mildred Schenck, former Home Economics instructor, were other faculty members present.

**URGENT SCHOOL
AND STATION NEEDS**

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ament dormitory use. The Experiment Station is in very real need of additional land for the

production of feed and forage for the station livestock. Each year, large quantities of feed must be purchased to supplement the limited amount that can be grown on the station farm. In the purchase of both hay and grain, it is not possible to secure feed that is free from weed seeds. Because of the presence of noxious weeds, the manure produced from the purchased grain and hay cannot be spread on the land.

The State Department of Rural Credit has taken title to a farm comprising 227 acres, across the road from the entrance to the School and Station. This land must be sold by the state as the Rural Credit Department is in process of liquidation. It is, therefore, urgent that this land be purchased for the Northwest School and Station at this time.

Northwest School officials are very hopeful that these urgent needs will be met by the State Legislature, through an appropriation that has been requested by the University for the erection of needed buildings and purchase of additional land.

**HOME PROJECT
WORK EXPLAINED**

Nearly three hundred students have enrolled for home projects for the coming summer, following two project study programs held February 20 and 27 during the school assembly hours. Projects in farm accounts, in tree

planting, corn and pure seed production, mineral and rock collection were explained during the first assembly by T. M. McCall, R. S. Dunham, and E. R. Clark. Special emphasis was placed upon the problem of establishing on the home farm, the varieties and cultural practices which have been developed at the school and experiment station.

Students working away from home were encouraged to undertake collection projects and continue their study of plants, seeds, rocks and minerals, and insects by collecting materials on field trips.

Livestock, poultry, and agricultural engineering projects were discussed at the second assembly Saturday, February 27, by R. J. Christgau, A. M. Pilkey, and A. M. Foker. J. W. Mlinar outlined the requirements in home project work for graduation and for college entrance. Miss Bede explained the procedure in carrying on home economics projects and plans for the annual exhibit and style show next fall.

Group and individual conferences with instructors will be held for all home project students during the remainder of the winter term and students will start their projects immediately upon their return home March 26. Every project will be visited from time to time during the summer by home project supervisors, E. R. Clark, and R. J. Christgau.

Words by Anne Simley Music by Rose Polski

THE VALLEY AGGIE

fast
slow

On our Ag-gies cheer. Oh... Ag-gies cheer, let's boost for our A-
foot-ball team we... say LEHS GO! We're proud of you to-

C. day, With its vine clad walls and its dear old halls we're as
We... know you'll fight with... all your might and...

happ- y as cad HOO- With... friends so true, and a
we'll all shout RAY! Just watch us roar when you

will to do for our A. C. to we stand... So
make a score we're with you to the end... So

slower

let us sing till the Valley'll ring for the best school in the land...
play the game and win the fame, our... hon- or to the de- fend...

"Valley Aggie", popular Northwest School song, composed in 1928. Words by Miss Anne Simley, music by Mrs. S. A. Anderson (Rose Polski), former staff members.