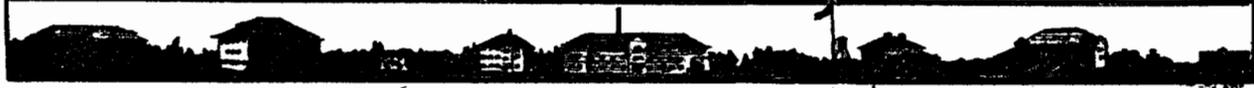


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## Home Project Work Commands Attention

### Alumni Reunion June 19

Saturday, June 19, is the date set for the Northwest School's 1937 Alumni Reunion.

A crowded June schedule of short courses, especially during the last two weeks of the month, necessitates moving the date of the reunion to the third Saturday in June rather than the customary last Saturday.

Every effort is being made to make this year's reunion the finest ever held at the school. Campus faculty members in cooperation with officers of the alumni association and other committees which are announced in this issue, are planning a program for the day that will appeal to all who are present for the festivities. Visitations, special round-ups of classes, movies, kitten ball games, races, contests, the annual business meeting of the alumni, and the evening dance are on the tentative schedule for the day. The annual baseball game between students and graduates will be replaced by a kittenball game. The complete program for the day will be announced in the June issue of the Northwest Monthly. In the meantime, alumni and students are again reminded to hold the date of June 19 open for a return to the campus and a renewal of old acquaintances.

The 1937 reunion is the occasion for special meetings of the classes of 1912, '17, '22, '27, and '32. Special invitations are being issued to the members of

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### HOME PROJECT WORK

Home project work among the students of the Northwest School in the home and on the farm during the vacation period exemplifies the motto "Science with Practice". Free opportunity is given the student to select the project best suited to his conditions; however, course work in the project during the school year is considered a prerequisite in the more advanced subjects. Students are required to have five credit hours of project work for graduation; however, students may



1936 HOME PROJECT WINNERS

Seated: Jean Barrett, Delene Hegreberg, Raymond Higgin, Dorothy Setterholm, Myrtle Hanson, Dana Edgar, Duane Moen, Leland Hanson, Woodrow Evans, Marshall Evans, Marlan Augustine.

be given credit for a total of ten hours project credit. Many students avail themselves of the opportunity of doing more than the required amount of project work.

Pure seed plot projects have through the years been the sources of foundation stock in many of the desirable varieties of grains, such as Thatcher wheat and registered seed potatoes. Cost records in the growing of crops, production of meat and dairy products, tractor operation, horse labor, etc., have given students first hand know-

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### Women's Camp June 14-17

The Women's Camp June 14-17 inaugurates the series of important summer camps and conferences at the Northwest School during the summer months. The popularity of the women's camp is attested to by the large number of former campers "alumni" who return each year. Women throughout the region find it profitable to lay aside family duties for a three-day period to get in touch with other homemakers and get the latest information from specialists on

home management problems. The women attending the camp find it no problem to make provision for the home for the period of their absence.

The instructional work offered is only one phase of camp life as adequate time is given for rest and recreation. The new lawn and parlor games not only provide recreation but demonstrate entertainment which can be utilized in the home and community clubs.

The camp is a self-governing organization. The camp members make recommendations as to the type of program wanted. The women agree to dress sensibly and comfortably whereby they can get the greatest possible enjoyment out of the time spent in camp. The program will be under the direct supervision of Registrar J. W. Mlinar and Miss Retta Bede, home economics specialist. The recreational work will be under the direction of Athletic Director R. J. Christgau. Other resident staff members will assist with the in-

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### 4-H CLUB WEEK

In order to accommodate the large number of boys and girls who have been attending the 4-H Club Week at the Northwest School each year, the policy of dividing the counties into two groups was adopted several years ago and has proven successful. Each group is allotted the same classroom time and subjects and holds the same competitive events. The arrangement has provided satisfactory dormitory, dining hall, classroom, and auditorium accommodations.

For the 1937 4-H club camp, the counties are divided as follows: **June 21, 22, and 23**—East and West Polk, Norman, Kittson, East and West Ottertail, Mahnomen; **June 24, 25, and 26**—Clay, Marshall, Roseau, Pennington, Clearwater, Red Lake, Lake of the Woods, and Becker.

### SWINE AND POULTRY BREEDING PROJECTS

An extensive breeding program with livestock and poultry is underway in Minnesota to isolate superior bloodlines for foundation material in the building up of herds and flocks. The cooperative breeding program at the Northwest School and Station to date is confined to work with swine and poultry. O. M. Kiser, professor of dairy and animal husbandry, in describing the swine breeding program states: "The Northwest Station herd of Poland Chinas is now used as part of an extensive program in swine breeding. This is a regional swine breeding project in which the various Minnesota Experiment Stations are cooperating with the United States Department of Agriculture and ten other midwestern state experiment stations. This is to be a long-time swine breeding program. Line breeding will be the primary feature of the program for the Northwest Experiment Station. An ultimate object of the project will be to select superior strains of Poland China swine."

Extensive repairs will be made to the hog house during the summer months to properly equip the building for the breeding program. Llewellyn Reese is acting herdsman in the swine breeding project.

The cooperative poultry breeding project, under the direction of Professor A. M. Pilkey, has been underway for one year. Ten-year hatchings of second generation brother-sister matings will be reared for further in-breeding trials.

### ALUMNI REUNION JUNE 19

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these classes. The "Northwest Monthly" is proud to list officers and advisers of these special classes during their senior years and to place them on the committee in charge of general arrangements to serve with officers of the Alumni Association. Addresses listed are according to our school records. Persons knowing of changes in address of the alumni listed, please notify the Northwest School.

**CLASS OF 1912:** Advisers: Mr. and Mrs. N. E. Schwartz, Chicago; Ole Torvend, Patterson, Cal., president; Carl Berg, Crookston, vice-president; Lulu Casselman, (Mrs. R. W. MacMurchy), Fertile; secretary-treasurer; Edward Osterloh, Stephen, sergeant-at-arms. **CLASS OF 1917:** Advisers: Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Sewall, Stevens Point, Wis.; Magnus Spjut, Strathcona, president; Martin Sjoberg, Winger, vice-president; Walter Peterson, Lancaster, treasurer; Raymond Anderson, International Falls, secretary; Charles Augsburg, Bagley, sergeant-at-arms. **CLASS OF 1922:** Advisers: Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Clark, Northwest School; Lloyd Ness, Ada, president; Mrs. Lloyd Ness (Neva Gibbons), Ada, vice-president; Mrs. Harry L. Miller (Ila Slyter), Red Lake Falls, secretary; William Johnson, Duluth, treasurer; Louis Emerson, Minneapolis, sergeant-at-arms. **CLASS OF 1927:** Advisers: Mrs. Donald D. Lyford, Columbus, Ohio, and Mr. Delmer H. LaVoi, East Lansing, Michigan; Arnold Aakre, Thief River Falls, president; Carl Widseth, St. Paul, vice-president; Mrs. Grant Hermanson (Hannah Degerness), Gary, secretary; Selmer Harstad, Fertile, treasurer; Randolph Ostlie, St. Paul, sergeant-at-arms. **CLASS OF 1932:** Advisers: Dr. and Mrs. A. A. Dowell, St. Paul; Edwin Widseth, McIntosh, president; Kermit Greenley, Viking, vice-president; Wallace Abbott, Angus, secretary; Alvin Gronner, Underwood, treasurer; Arnold Strand, Twin Valley, sergeant-at-arms.

At the evening dance, recognition will be given to the special classes and awards will be made to alumni in special contests as well as to the most recent newlyweds who will receive the "red oil can". In the past, the evening dances have been exceptionally well attended and graduates and students have comported themselves in a most commendable manner. In accordance with the stand taken by the University of Minnesota, intoxicating liquors are not tolerated and individuals under the influence of intoxicants will be requested to leave the school grounds. The Northwest School is glad that the problem has been practically a minus quantity and it is expected that the good record will continue.

Committees appointed to assist with the day's activities are:

**GENERAL ARRANGEMENTS:** Harvey Johnson, Hawley; Paul Engelstad, Crookston; Evelyn Bierbaum, Wabasha; George Roisum, Bagley.

**PROGRAM:** Orray Tangen, Menahga; Orda Slettvedt, Oklee; Woodrow Evans, Gully; Raymond Higgin, Bronson; Werner Weindorf, Jordan.

**REFRESHMENTS:** Henry Becker,

Mahnomen; Katherine Molacek, Bemidji; Donald Handegaard, Dale; Henry Berquist, Baudette; Orda Slettvedt.

**DANCE AND DECORATIONS:** Raymond Higgin; Arnold Grove, Roosevelt; Ivan Larson, Fertile; Orray Tangen; Werner Weindorf; Henry Becker; Woodrow Evans; Katherine Molacek; Orda Slettvedt; Clarence Klug, Barnesville; Ernest Malmaskog, Ulen; Winston Johnston, Milaca.

**SPORTS:** Woodrow Evans, Gully; Elmer Ross, Fisher; Harry Fink, Crookston; Kenneth Albertson, Crookston; Bert Spence, Crookston; Morris Dahl, Kennedy; Roland Wentzel, Fisher.

**SPECIAL COUNTY COMMITTEES:** **BECKER:** Donald Gandrud, Callaway; Karroll Gandrud, Detroit Lakes; Arthur Paulson, Detroit Lakes; Reuben Anderson, Frazee; Rodney Lindstrom, Lake Park.

**BELTRAMI:** Arthur Hendrickson, Bemidji; Jerome Molacek, Bemidji; Thomas Cain, Ponemah; Arnold Wolden, Saum.

**CLAY:** Wallace Austin, Barnesville; Clifford Sauer, Glyndon; Mrs. Kenneth T. Anderson (Orpha Johnson), Hawley; Harold Nelson, Hawley; Einar Aakre, Moorhead; Hazel Tonsfeldt, Sabin.

**CLEARWATER:** Howard E. Balk, Bagley; Russell, Bagley; Della Strommer, Bagley; Elmer Anderson, Clearbrook; Mrs. Chester Strandlie (Ruby Edeen), Clearbrook; Ben Hurner, Golvick.

**KITTSON:** Kenneth Rice, Bronson; John Anderson, Hallock; Lowell Ryden, Hallock; Paul Sorenson, Hallock; Rosella Ecklund, Hallock; Morris Dahl, Kennedy; Hazel Dahlgren, Kennedy; Wendell Hanson, Kennedy; Frances McKibbin, Lancaster; Margaret Moe, Lancaster; Rishton Bedard, Northcote; William Ash, St. Vincent.

**LAKE OF WOODS:** Mrs. Arthur Erickson (Evelyn Bain), Baudette; Gladys Lindholm, Baudette; Fred Cook, Faunce; Edgar Ramberg, Pitt; Willard Bitzer, Williams.

**MAHNOMEN:** Esther Haugo, Mahnomen; Harold Sanden, Beaulieu; Nils Peterson, Bejou; Walter Dorseth, Waubun.

**MARSHALL:** Llewellyn Larson, Argyle; Gladys Quantock, Argyle; Walter Lunsetter, Gatzke; Norman Thieling, Grygla; Stelaf Anderson, Holt; Marshall Evans, Middle River; John Pearson, Middle River; Peter Tandberg, Newfolden; Lois Haug, Oslo; Clarence Carlson, Stephen; Sophie Hoper, Stephen; Clinton Johnson, Viking; Estelle Filipi, Warren; Arnold L. Hanson, Warren.

**NORMAN:** Philip Hegreberg, Ada; Martha Rasmussen, Ada; Norman Moen, Gary; Alvin Degerness, Gary; Helen Carlson, Halstad; Olive Steen, Halstad; Francis Nelson, Hendrum; Elmer Hess, Lockhart; Kenneth Gaare, Perley; Noel Oistad, Shelly; Ruth Lerud, Twin Valley; Burnet Bergeson, Twin Valley.

**OTTERTAIL:** Arwin Lippert, Bertha; Harold Bendix, Deer Creek; Mervin Hagen; Fergus Falls; Herbert Schroeder, Fergus Falls; Cora Dalager, Pelican Rapids; John Gronner, Underwood;

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## 1936-37 BASKETBALL SQUAD



Top: Virgil Doble, manager.

Standing: Mr. Rusk, ass't coach; W. Weindorf, W. Hanson, N. Oistad, L. Harris, F. Cook, C. Olson, Mr. Christgau, coach.

Seated: J. Lenes, R. Wentzel, M. Dahl, J. Widseth, W. Evans, P. Hegreberg, C. Freije.

## 1937-38 CAPTAIN



Morris Dahl

## SPEECH CONTEST WINNERS

The extemporaneous, oratorical, and declamatory contests were held on Monday, March 22, during Commencement Week.

Marlan Augustine, Thief River Falls, senior, won first place in the extemporaneous speaking contest. He spoke on the subject "Proposed Changes in the Supreme Court". Edgar Ramberg, Pitt, advance, ranked second on "The Next European War". Arthur Gordon, Oklee, junior, was third on "Automobile Fatalities". Julian Erlandson, Fergus Falls, freshman, was fourth on "What Has This State Legislature Accomplished?"

In the oratorical division of the contest, Clinton Klemetson, Ulen, senior, won first place on "This is No Lawyer's Dispute Over Legalisms". Richard Radway, Roosevelt, advanced, won second place on "Reorganization of the Federal Judiciary". Dorothy Setterholm, Baudette, was third with "The Conceits of Science", and Talbert Koppang, Climax, freshman, was fourth on "Higher Public Education".

In the dramatic section, Fred Cook, Faunce, advanced, was awarded first prize on "Journey's End"—Sheriff. Ivy McVeety, East Grand Forks, senior, was second with "Romeo and Juliet" by Shakespeare. Russell Thieling, Grygla, junior, was third on "Julius Caesar"—Shakespeare, and Audrey Anderson, Stephen, freshman, was fourth on "The Death of Tintagilis"—Maeterlinck.

Ruth Lerud, Twin Valley, advanced, was declared the winner of the humorous division. She presented "The Boor" by Tchekoff. Lucille Wollin, Eldred, junior, was second on "The Passing of Chow Chow" by Rice. Ruthellen Lindamood, Warroad, senior, was third with "Pierrot's Mother" by Hughes. Eleanor Johnston, Angus, freshman, was fourth with "Not Quite Such a Goose" by Gale.

## WOMEN'S CAMP JUNE 14-17

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structional work.

The details of the program have not been fully arranged; however, campers will be delighted to learn that Miss Bess M. Rowe of the Farmer's Wife publication, and Mrs. Belle O. Fish of the Extension Division, have accepted invitations to appear on the program. Nationally known demonstrators of food products will be on hand to assist Miss Bede with the work in foods. The three-dollar registration fee for the camp covers the entire cost of board, room, and entertainment. The detailed program of the Women's Camp will appear in the June issue of the Northwest Monthly.

## HOME PROJECT WORK

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ledge of fundamental principles in farm management. Windbreak planting and home grounds beautification projects widely scattered over the Red River Valley counties are a permanent memorial to the students who have been enrolled in those projects. Plant, rock, insect collecting, and identification projects have been the means by which students have become acquainted with one hundred or more kinds of living and inorganic materials found in their localities. Purebred herds, flocks, and expert herdsmen are the products of the livestock summer project work.

The girls have twenty projects in home economics from which their selections can be made. In addition, a few girls enter the gardening and home beautification projects each year. Baking, canning, preserving, dress-making, thrift, and room furnishing projects make it possible for every girl to be enrolled in one or more types of home making work each season. One

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## MORRIS DAHL ELECTED CAPTAIN

Morris Dahl, Kennedy, class '37, was elected by his teammates to be captain of the '37-'38 basketball team. A formal announcement ceremony replacing the traditional passing of the basketball from the retiring captain to the captain-elect was inaugurated this year. A large gold star, emblematic of the captaincy, was passed from the hands of retiring Captain Joe Widseth to Morris Dahl. The ritualistic speech of the retiring captain was passed on to the new captain with the idea of perpetuating this formal announcement of the captaincies of both basketball and football teams.

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George Schultz, Fergus Falls; Halbert Johnson, Underwood.

PENNINGTON: Harry Solberg, Goodridge; Truman Hemmestvedt, Goodridge; James Weckwerth, Hazel; Oliver Haugen, St. Hilaire; Martin Hanson, Thief River Falls; Leroy Peterson, Thief River Falls; Winton Knutson, Thief River Falls.

POLK: Ralph Hamerick, Angus; Agatha Olson, Beltrami; Evinda Koppang, Climax; Evelyn LaRiviere, Crookston; Dr. Harry Hedin, East Grand Forks; Clarence Skaren, East Grand Forks; Luella Wollin, Eldred; Clarence Clementson, Erskine; Loren Parkin, Euclid; Janet Krogstad, Fertile; Frederick Egeland, Fisher; Oliver Landsverk, Fosston; Lucille Hedlund, Gully; Joe Widseth, McIntosh; Mavis Glass, Mentor; Julius Paulsrud, Nielsville; Sanna Hanson, Trail; Bjarne Nornes, Winger.

RED LAKE: Peter Mandt, Oklee; Omer Nettland, Oklee; Mrs. Richard Peterson (Alta Weckwerth), Plummer; John Patenaude, Red Lake Falls; Clifford Lindquist, Wylie.

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## WEATHER AND CROP CONDITIONS

Great interest has been centered on the weather and crop conditions of the Red River Valley. Professor R. S. Dunham, local weather observer at the Northwest School and Station, has prepared the following statement for readers of the "Northwest Monthly":

Wheat seeding was begun on the station farm on April 15 of this year. Only three times during the past fifteen years has seed been sown earlier than this year: April 4, 1924; April 1, 1925; April 12, 1926; April 4, 1928, and April 7, 1931. With only a part of the wheat acreage in, seeding was interrupted by rain and finally by the snow storm of April 23-26. During this period 1.23 inches of precipitation fell at Argyle, 1.31 inches at Crookston, 2.05 inches at Grand Forks, and 1.64 inches at Moorhead.

Total precipitation at Crookston from September 1, 1936 to April 30, 1937 has been 8.36 inches as compared to 5.16 inches for the same period in 1935-36 and 8.33 inches as a 36 year average. The snowfall of the past winter measured 31 inches and contained 3.45 inches of water as compared to 35 inches of snow in 1935-36 and 4.94 inches of water. Soil at the station is moist to a depth of three feet on plowed land and two feet on sod land at this date (April 29). A sample taken three feet deep from plowed land contained 14% water.

For those farmers who must plant wheat late, the rust-resistant varieties are much safer than Marquis, Reward, and other non-resistant kinds. In the eight years that Thatcher has been grown at the Northwest Experiment Station, it has been planted after May first three times. Yields compared to Marquis, Reward, and Hope are as follows:

	1929	1935	1936
Marquis .....	20.5 bushels	5.9	7.8
Reward .....	25.4 bushels	15.9	10.9
Hope .....	26.3 bushels	17.1	9.0
Thatcher .....	33.3 bushels	22.9	10.4

As an average of the entire eight years 1929-36 Thatcher has yielded 25.9 bu.; Hope 21.7 bu.; Reward 21.5; and Marquis 19.9 bu.

Among the oats varieties Anthony, Rusota, Minrus, and Rainbow are safer than Gopher when planted late because of their rust resistance. In 1929 Gopher carried a 40% infection of blackstem rust and yielded 9 bushels less than Anthony. In 1935, yields of Gopher and Anthony were alike and in 1936 no yields of oats varieties were obtained owing to lack of pollination. The difference in maturity between Anthony and Gopher was 8 days in 1929 and 7 days in 1935. As an average of 8 years 1928-35 Anthony has yielded 67.2 bu., and Gopher 62.3 bu.

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ROSEAU: Clifford Trangsrud, Badger; Rudy Berger, Greenbush; Alice Erickson, Pencer; Archie Lee, Roseau; Mrs. Reuben Halvorson (Hazel Stephenson), Roseau; Paul Billberg, Wauaska; Ann Brandli, Warroad; John Rader, Warroad.

## HOME PROJECT WORK

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of the girls in the bread baking project made 1500 loaves of bread and 603 dozen rolls in a period of five months. Only a few girls, however, get the chance to do baking for a boarding club so confine their efforts to home baking.

Project work is not without its compensations, for the girls find that savings made in their sewing work pays them well for their time. Boys in their cost accounting projects are able to find sources of loss and thereby make savings in many departments of farm work. The cash income from projects and prizes to be won are in most instances well worthwhile, but from the standpoint of the school are of only secondary importance. Profits from one or more acres of certified potatoes or seed grain and profits from poultry and livestock projects have in many instances been more than sufficient to cover the entire cost of a year's schooling.

Silver loving cups are awarded annually to the boy and girl doing the most effective project work in their respective projects. Additional recognition, in the form of bronze plaques, is given boys in the tractor and dairy herd management projects. Archie Lee, '23, farm implement dealer of Roseau in cooperation with the International Harvester Company, has given the plaque for the tractor project winner. The Red River Valley Dairymen's Association has given the plaque for the Dairy Herd Management project.

The home project show held annually on Parent's Day, early in November, brings to a culmination the home work of the year. Exhibits of crops, collection, and home economics projects and completed booklets for all other projects are judged and ribbon awards are made.

The cup and plaque winners in 1936 include: Raymond Higgin, Bronson, boys' projects; Dorothy Setterholm, Baudette, girls' projects; Marlan Augustine, Thief River Falls, dairy plaque; and Leland Hanson, Twin Valley, tractor plaque.

The scope and extent of home project work is shown in the 1937 list of selected projects and the percentage of students taking the work. The girls lead with one-hundred per cent enrollment in twenty projects and the boys follow with ninety-five per cent sign-up of 216 boys in twenty-four projects. Boys' projects and the number enrolled in each include: Potatoes—31; pure seed—23, farm accounts—15, windbreak—15, plant identification—15, insect collection—11, home beautification—9, weed eradication—8, fertilizer tests—7, rocks and minerals—7, baby beef—6, gardening—6, corn production—6, weed seed identification—5, building construction—5, alfalfa—4, dairy herd management—3, sheep raising—3, poultry house construction—2, poultry production—1, pork production—1, special agronomy—1, horse labor costs—1.

Professors E. R. Clark, R. J. Christgau, and J. W. Mlinar are field supervisors of project work.

Each student enrolled in project work

## PERSONALS

Margaret Lerud, '34, Twin Valley, a sophomore in the department of home economics, University Farm, St. Paul, has been appointed delegate from the University Farm campus Wesley Foundation to their midwestern conference to be held in Madison, Wisconsin, May 7-9. She is also a member of the Y. W. C. A., the Home Economics association, Wesley Foundation, and the 4-H club. This year she was elected secretary of the Wesley Foundation and is a member of the Y. W. C. A. cabinet.

Loyal Harris, Wadena, won a first prize of \$15 in a county amateur contest conducted by the Wadena Junior Civic and Commerce association at Wadena on April 15. There were twenty-one contestants entered. He sang two songs and was accompanied at the piano by his mother. Loyal will return to the Northwest School as a senior next year.

Dorothy Setterholm, Baudette, was recently elected president of the 4-H club at Baudette. Eugene Storla was elected secretary-treasurer of this club.

Carl Widseth, '27, has been appointed agricultural field representative for the Portland Cement Association in the Minnesota and North Dakota territory. Mr. Widseth and his family will make their home at 2018 Carroll Avenue, St. Paul.

George Ro'sum, '28, Bagley, a student at Hamline University, St. Paul, is a member of the Hamline University first choir and has made several trips with this organization during the school year.

A number of Northwest School alumni who are attending the College of Agriculture, University Farm, St. Paul, will serve on various committees for the Ag Royal Day to be held on the farm campus May 15. Alumni who will act on committees include: Kermit Greenley, Lester Lerud, Edwin Widseth, and Allan Hoff. Lester Lerud will be assistant superintendent in the sheep division of the showmanship contest to be held that day.

Dr. and Mrs. A. A. Dowell and family are now located at 2311 Carter Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota.

Estelle Phillip, '31, Mavie, was married to Mr. Irvin Haughom of Thief River Falls, on January 30. They will make their home at Thief River Falls.

Miss Retta Bede, home economics instructor, returned to the campus Monday, May 3. Miss Bede has spent the past two months at her home in Duluth, Minnesota. She will spend the summer months on the campus to assist with women's camp, alumni reunion, 4-H club week, and other summer activities.

Donald McCall, '31, who will graduate from the University of Minnesota in June, has accepted a part-time position as announcer over station WMIN, Minneapolis.

receives a copy of the "Project News", a mimeographed newspaper of from three to five pages, published each month during the summer.