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Parents' Day—November 4

Northwest School Leads In Enrollment

The Northwest School again leads the Schools of Agriculture in fall enrollment figures. The enrollment figures of October 10 for the schools of agriculture were as follows: Northwest School, Crookston, 411; West Central School, Morris, 323; Central School, University Farm, St. Paul, 295; North Central School, Grand Rapids, 65. The latest figures on enrollment for the Northwest School show 413 registered, with twenty-six additional for the special swimming class. Registrations in the schools of agriculture this year are approximately seven per cent less than one year ago. Dormitories at the Northwest School are filled to capacity. It has been necessary to use the emergency ward in the Home Economics building and a few rooms in the Health Service building for girls. All girls, however, are given comfortable quarters even though the buildings are crowded. Students are submitting to the crowded condition in good spirit with the hopes that a new dormitory can be constructed soon.

An analysis of enrollment figures made by Registrar J. W. Mlinar shows a registration of 271 boys and 142 girls, with the following distribution by classes: freshmen, 93; juniors, 114; seniors, 111; advanced, 64; special, 31; and special swimming class for women, 26.

Each year there is an increasing number of out-of-state students attracted to the Northwest School. There are in attendance now two students from Manitoba, Canada, one from Montana, and three from North Dakota.

Doctors Give Students Health Examinations

The annual physical check-up of students was given by four University of Minnesota doctors in cooperation with the local school physician, Dr. R. O. Sather, and the school nurse Miss Elsa Simonson, on October 26 and 27.

The annual health examination is a service rendered all students at no additional cost above the regular Health Service fee. The susceptibility tests for scarlet fever and diphtheria were given all students; Mantoux tests

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Northwest Aggie Fight Song Accepted

Words and music for a new Aggie Fight Song, composed by Miss Grace Warne, instructor in English and violin, was accepted by Superintendent T. M. McCall for the school at the assembly program held October 23. The name of Grace Mary Warne has been added to the list of school song writers and composers, the first of which was N. E. Schwartz who was followed by Rose Polski Anderson, and Anne Simley. Many of the other school songs, set to



Miss Warne

recognized tunes, were cumulative efforts of both students and faculty through the years. The new "Fight Song" swings from the Minnesota Ski-U-Mah into a good marching tune which has proven very popular with the students. Superintendent McCall expressed appreciation for the song in the following words at the assembly: "It is an honor and a pleasure for me in behalf of the students and faculty of the Northwest School to formally accept this new "Aggie Fight Song." School songs help build traditions and atmosphere distinctive of the school. School songs typify school spirit. Future generations of students may not recognize or remember the composer, but we have the opportunity of seeing and knowing the composer of this song. We realize today that a rich but intangible contribution has been made to the school in the presentation of this song, the value of which will become more apparent through the years to come. We know the value and power of song. We have seen the power of song demonstrated in war and peace time, marching of men. We have seen and experienced the power of song to arouse the higher and finer sensibilities of man. We have seen the power of song on the athletic field when that indefinable something which radiates from the stands spurs the loyal son to give his best for his alma mater. Miss Warne, you have done much to

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Parents' Day Program Complete

The annual Parents' Day will be observed at the Northwest School of Agriculture on Saturday, November 4. More than five hundred parents are expected as dinner guests of the students on that day and an additional two-hundred and fifty parents and members of families will be present for the afternoon program and student summer project show.

A program of class visitation for parents is planned for the morning with special open house in the recently enlarged and remodelled Owen Hall. The five laboratories and three classrooms for agricultural engineering and three classrooms for business training, all located in Owen Hall, have been newly equipped and will be open for inspection on Parents' Day.

Following the dinner hour, a full program has been arranged for the afternoon. Dean W. C. Coffey of the Department of Agriculture, University Farm, St. Paul, will extend greetings to the parents after which an all-student program will be presented. The student program will consist of music numbers by the school band, orchestra, boys' and girls' glee clubs, a summer project demonstration by boys, a style revue by more than one hundred girls, a one-act play, and the showing of the motion picture film "Northwest School Activities" in technicolor.

The visitation of the home project show in the gymnasium and the get-acquainted and coffee hour will conclude the program for the afternoon.

Project Work To Feature Parents' Day Program

Summer project work demonstrations and exhibits will feature the program for Parents' Day on November 4. The project show will be held in the school gymnasium. The exhibits will be judged on Friday evening, November 3, and all projects will be on display throughout the day on Saturday, November 4. Dresses, suits, and other garments made by the girls in summer home project work, together with handwork, baking, and canning will be on display and in competition for rib-

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Football Team Retains North Central Jug Trophy

One-half of the 1939 football season has been completed and the Northwest Aggies have compiled a record of one victory, one tie, and one defeat. Three additional games remain before the curtain is rung down in this major sport.

In the season's opener, the Aggies engaged the Crookston High Pirates in a night game at Highland Park at Crookston. It was the first experience in playing under the arcs for many members of the squad. Through four periods of play, the two teams battled with the Pirates threatening in the first half and the Aggies turning tables in the second half, but when the game ended the score was 0-0. It was the second consecutive year that the two teams have battled to a scoreless tie.

The second game of the season found the Aggies tackling the Moorhead State Teachers College freshmen on the Northwest School gridiron on Saturday, October 14. The frosh from Moorhead not only outweighed the Aggies but showed greater experience. Although the final score was 12-0, statistics reveal that the frosh gained much greater yardage than the score indicated. In this second game of the season the Aggies showed great defensive possibilities.

Homecoming was observed on the Northwest School campus on Saturday, October 21, and a large crowd of graduates was present to see the Aggies crash through for their first victory of the season over their traditional rivals, the maroon and gold team from the North Central School, Grand Rapids. In the middle of the first quarter, the Crookston Aggies began to click and scored their first touchdown after a sensational 55-yard run by the Northwest speed king, Harris Floan. From that point on the game proved to be mostly a Northwest School affair. Harris Floan, sensational Crookston halfback, scored three touchdowns on sensational end runs and Jack Ferrier scored two touchdowns, one being a 96-yard run on a kickoff. Ferrier also intercepted a Grand Rapids pass and ran 35 yards for a touchdown. The sixth Northwest School touchdown was scored by George Henre on a long forward pass. The final score was 43-0 which represents six touchdowns, five points additional after touchdowns, and two points scored on a safety by Grand Rapids.

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"Open House" At Owen Hall, November 4

There will be no formal opening of the enlarged and remodelled Owen building; however, "open house" will be observed on Parents' Day, November 4. The Agricultural Engineering Department will have five laboratories, two classrooms, and a mechanical drawing room open for inspection with all new apparatus in place. The three large commodious rooms used by the business training department for type-writing, shorthand, bookkeeping and advanced business training are now fully equipped for courses in business and will be open for inspection.

While considerable inconvenience was caused classes in agricultural engineering last year because of remodeling operations, the inconveniences are now forgotten in the pleasure of using the new facilities now available.

Owen Hall is now an imposing structure with the main entrance facing west, with stairway and service entrance on the east. The warm, well-lighted and equipped garage in the northwest section of the first floor is commodious enough to house the station cars, school bus, and farm truck. Work space is also available in the garage for servicing cars.

A large and well-equipped store room in the northwest corner of the first floor gives ample space for the storing of all necessary building supplies. A special fire hose room was also constructed on the north side of the building to house the fire hose cart.

A picture of the completed Owen Hall will be featured in an early issue of the Northwest Monthly.

Debate Question For Year Announced

Mr. Edward Wegener, debate coach, prepared the following statement concerning the interschool debate for the year 1939-40: "We are debating this year the topic, 'Resolved: The Federal Government Should Own and Operate the Railroads.'" While at first glance this may not look so exciting as last year's argument over the advisability of an alliance with Great Britain, I believe that there will be many exciting encounters over this question between high school teams.



Mr. Wegener
Debate Coach

We are beginning debate this year shorthanded as far as veteran strength is concerned, Julian Erlandson being the only 1938 squad member back at school. However, from the number of students' inquiries about the question and about the first meeting of the squad, I am confident that the Northwest School will be well represented in the field of debate this year."

Faculty Program Enjoyed

The joint meetings of the Y. M. and Y. W. C. A. of the Northwest School for the current school year were opened with a faculty recital by the music and English departments on Sunday evening, October 8. A number of guests from Crookston and the surrounding territory were in attendance. The program presented by the faculty each year has proved to be an outstanding musical event for the entire district. Music numbers and reading included in the program were: violin solo, "Ciaccone" by Vitolì—Miss Grace Warne; piano solo, "Prelude and Gavotte" from Snite for piano by Grieg—Miss Marian Frykman; reading, "Nightmare for Future Reference" by Steven Vincent Benet—Mr. Edward Wegener; cornet solo, "Cross and Crown" by Colby—Benjamin Bakkegard; vocal solos, "O Rest in the Lord" from Elijah by Mendelssohn, and "Like as the Heart Desireth" by Allitsen—Miss Elvira Bierbauer.

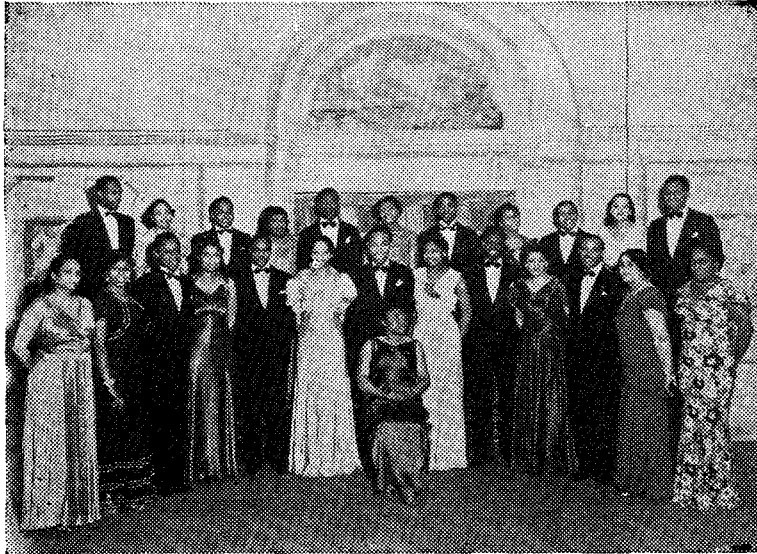
Miss Thorbeck Appointed Acting District 4-H Leader

Miss Ann Thorbeck, home demonstration agent for the Farm Security Administration at Fergus Falls, has been appointed by the University of Minnesota as acting 4-H club leader for the Red River Valley district. Miss Thorbeck will act as district leader of 4-H clubs in the absence of H. A. Pflughoeft who is on sabbatic furlough for the year.

Miss Thorbeck was brought up in Clearwater county and is well acquainted with conditions in the Red River Valley. She has an excellent background of training and 4-H club leadership experience. During the summers of her college course, Miss Thorbeck was county club agent for three years in Wadena county and one year in Todd county. Since her graduation from the University of Minnesota in 1937, Miss Thorbeck has been demonstration agent with the Farm Security Administration office in Ottertail county. She will have her headquarters at the Northwest School of Agriculture at Crookston. The Northwest School is a co-sponsor of boys' and girls' 4-H club work in Northwestern Minnesota.

Miss Manning Appointed Yearbook Counsellor

Miss Martha Manning, instructor in fourth year English, has been appointed by Superintendent T. M. McCall as faculty counsellor for the Red River Aggie, the Senior class yearbook. Miss Manning will fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Miss Dorothy Smith. J. W. Mlinar, Registrar, and Miss Manning, representing respectively the business administration office and Department of English, will represent the faculty on the board of publications of the Red River Aggie.



Pictured above is the famous Eva Jessye negro choir. They appeared in concert at the Northwest School on Tuesday evening, October 24.

Eva Jessye Choir Presents Concert

The concert by the Eva Jessye choir at the Northwest School auditorium on Tuesday evening, October 24, proved to be one of the season's outstanding musical programs for the whole Red River Valley. Delegations from the nearby towns and Crookston, together with Northwest School students, filled the auditorium to capacity.

An enjoyable concert of great folk music was presented by song and dramatization. A well-balanced program of spirituals, work songs and legends, Charleston Street Cries, and selections from Gershwin's "Porgy and Bess" kept the audience in rapt attention for two hours. Robert L. Nolan, accompanist, thrilled the audience with the "Etude for Left Hand" by Chopin.

A new baritone soloist to the group, Lawrence Whesonant, was brought back repeatedly for encores. His interpretation of "Water Boy" and "I Got Plenty of Nothin'" were especially pleasing. Mrs. Eva Jessye interpreted through the songs the true spirit of the negro folk songs.

Classes Organized For Year

Classes at the Northwest School of Agriculture held organization meetings on October 5 and two classes elected faculty advisers. The Senior class elected Miss Grace Warne and R. S. Dunham to act as advisers to fill vacancies caused by the resignations of Miss Caryl Meyer and V. C. Kallal.

The Freshmen elected Miss Martha Manning, instructor in fourth year English, and B. M. Bakkegard, instructor in English and band, as their class advisers. The following class officers were elected: Irene Olson, Halstad, president; Fred Sorenson, Baudette, vice president; Florence Hess, Lockhart, secretary; Alfred Hebert, Argyle, treasurer; and Donald Erickson, Kennedy, sergeant-at-arms.

Miss Marian Frykman and Mr. Edward Wegener are Advanced class advisers. Officers for the Advanced class elected were: Evelyn Brandt, Gonvick, president; Robert Rustvold, Puposky, vice president; Dorothy Larson, Argyle, secretary; Wilbur Bettles, Mahnomen, treasurer; Udell Magnusson, Roseau, sergeant-at-arms.

The Senior class made plans for the publication of the 1940 Red River Aggie. Senior class officers elected for 1939-40 included: Harvey Pederson, Kennedy, president; Tilfred Slettvedt, Oklee, vice president; Louise Krogstad, Fertile, secretary; Donald Jorgenson, Stephen, treasurer; Matt Jansen, Hallock, sergeant-at-arms.

Junior class members met with their advisers Miss Elvira Bierbauer and Charles Snyder and elected the following officers: Alton Knutson, Ashby, president; Lyle Klementson, Ulen, vice president; Harold Loyd, Argyle, secretary; Clarence Sargent, Crookston, treasurer; Herbert Johnson, Stephen, sergeant-at-arms.

Homecoming A Great Success

One of the best Homecoming celebrations and programs in the history of the Northwest School was brought to a successful conclusion at 11:30 P. M. Saturday, October 21.

The Homecoming program started officially with the traditional procession and bonfire on Friday evening, October 20. Torch-light bearers, the band, and pepsters lead the procession to the dormitories and the homes of Superintendent T. M. McCall and R. J. Christgau where speeches were made. At the bonfire, Captain Silas Strand and members of the football squad were called on for speeches. Miss Elsie Kingston, adviser to the Pepsters, the pepsters, and band director, B. M. Bakkegard, were in charge of the Friday night "pep rally."

Features of the Saturday program were the assembly program, the football game, evening party and dance. At the assembly program, Superintendent T. M. McCall gave the address of welcome and introduced coaches C. Stensrud of the North Central School and R. J. Christgau of the Northwest School. The coaches in turn introduced the members of their respective football squads. A comedy, arranged by Edward Wegener and Martha Manning of the English staff, was presented by a student cast with William Gatheridge as announcer and master of ceremonies. The singing of the new Northwest School Aggie fight song and the presentation of the composer, Miss Grace Warne, concluded the assembly program.

The Homecoming victory banquet was held in the school dining hall at 6:00 P. M. with the North Central School coach and football squad as guests. The entire Junior class gave their places in the Dining Hall to make room for alumni and guests. Superintendent McCall was toastmaster at the

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Plans Made For Winter Shows, February 5-9

The fall meeting of the Board of Managers of the Red River Valley Winter Shows was held Friday evening, October 27, at the office of President T. M. McCall at the Northwest School. Representatives of the cooperating organizations present included T. M. McCall, president, Northwest School; E. W. Spring, treasurer, Red River Valley Development Association; Harold Thomforde, secretary, Red River Valley Poultry Association; R. S. Dunham, secretary, Red River Valley Crops and Soils Association; C. M. Pesek, secretary, Red River Valley Dairymen's Association; J. J. Flynn, Crookston Association of Public Affairs; A. A. Habedank, treasurer of the Red River Valley Livestock Association; Miss Ann Thorbeck, acting regional director of 4-H clubs. Mr. C. L. McNelly, St. Paul, district leader of county agents, was unable to be present for the meeting. The business manager reported that in spite of bad weather for the 1939 Shows, a working balance was on hand to take care of advance expenditures in the 1940 Winter Shows. Routine business matters were discussed and plans were made to coordinate the activities of the various cooperating organizations.

President McCall reported that arrangements were complete for three of the four evening meetings of Winter Shows week, February 5-9. The following schedule of events was announced: Tuesday, February 6, Northwestern Minnesota Singers' Association; Wednesday, February 7, Governor Harold E. Stassen; Thursday, February 8, open for a speaker on international relations; Friday, February 9, Father Hubbard, the Glacier Priest.

Faculty Attend Meetings

Superintendent T. M. McCall assisted with the arrangements for the second annual Corn Show at Ulen and presided at the afternoon educational meeting on October 17. On Wednesday, October 18, Superintendent and Mrs. McCall were guests at the annual banquet of the Red River Valley Dairymen's Association at Fergus Falls. Mr. McCall, as toastmaster at the banquet, introduced and paid tribute to T. A. Hoverstad, first superintendent of the Northwest Experiment Station and founder of the Red River Valley Dairymen's Association. Superintendent J. O. Christianson of the Central School of Agriculture, St. Paul, was the principal speaker at the banquet.

R. S. Dunham conducted the second of a series of three Rural Youth meetings at Detroit Lakes on Wednesday, October 25. Mr. Dunham is one of three lecturers selected to conduct the school for rural youth of the Red River Valley area. His lecture course deals with all phases of crop breeding. His third lecture will be given on November 22.

J. W. Mlinar was speaker and song leader at the Kittson county 4-H club rally at Hallock on Thursday evening, October 19.

On Friday afternoon, October 20, Superintendent McCall and Registrar Mlinar attended the sessions of the Red River Valley section of the Minnesota Educational Association at Moorhead.

A. M. Pilkey attended a conference of workers engaged in the Regional Poultry Breeding Project at University Farm, St. Paul, on October 25.

Superintendent and Mrs. T. M. McCall will attend the all faculty get-together at University Farm on October 30.

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enrich the spirit of the Northwest School and I am confident that this stirring school song will ever remain among the most popular of the Northwest School songs. The sound of our words of appreciation will soon fade away; however, the mere act of presenting you a token of appreciation will remain in the memories of all present."

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banquet and J. W. Mlinar read messages of greetings from former staff members and alumni. A. M. Foker, chairman of the school athletic committee, gave greetings from the school. Coach C. Stensrud and Captain Dybvig spoke for the North Central team, while Coach R. J. Christgau and Captain Silas Strand responded for the Northwest Aggies. Professor Alfred Richardson, a member of the North Central School and Station staff, spoke in behalf of the Grand Rapids school. Alumni responding with greetings included Patricia Durbahn, Angus; Roy Carlson, Middle River, a freshman at (Continued in Col. 3)

Large Squad In Cross-Country

The Northwest School cross-country team made its season's debut in a meet with the St. Paul Aggies on Friday, October 27, on the Northwest School campus. A return meet is scheduled with the Central Aggies at St. Paul on Saturday, November 4.

Mr. R. T. McVeety, a new staff member in the agricultural engineering department, is coaching the candidates for the cross-country team this year. A very large squad reported to Coach McVeety for the first practices. Members of the squad are: Leorton Lofstrand, Orestre Aase, Paul Auer, Wilbur Betels, John Brown, Nalton Bucholz, Clifford Dahlsad, Ordell Frigstad, Leyden Finney, Harold Hoadley, Russell Hanson, Alfred Hebert, Stanley Johnston, Matt Jensen, Orval Johnson, Earl Krogstad, Alton Knutson, Theodore Kroulik, Roy Lerud, Donald LaPlante, Duane Okeson, Frank Phillips, Lynn Steen, and Francis Ysen.

PROJECT WORK TO FEATURE PARENTS' DAY PROGRAM

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The silver trophy for girls' project work will be awarded to the girl with the highest rank in all projects. The girls with dresses in the home project exhibit will model the dresses in the style revue on the afternoon program. The Misses Retta Bede and Elsie Kingston will be in charge of the girls' project exhibit. E. R. Clark, chairman of the summer project supervisors group, will be in general charge of the boys' project show.

The boys' project exhibits will consist of show samples of corn, wheat, and other cereals in pureseed projects, potatoes, collections of weeds, weed seeds, insects, rocks and minerals, farmstead beautification plans, and project record books on twenty-seven projects covering all departments of work. The boys will compete in their project exhibits for ribbon awards and the silver loving cup given for highest rank in project work.

Special project awards such as the Flaar trophy for potato production, the Archie Lee plaque for tractor records, and the Red River Valley Dairymen's Association plaque in herd records, will be made at the special Awards Assembly on December 16.

Demonstrations of boys' project work will be made on the Parents' Day program to be held in the auditorium.

DOCTORS GIVE STUDENTS HEALTH EXAMINATIONS

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for tuberculosis were given all new students and all last year's students who needed re-checking.

Reports of the physical examinations will be mailed to all parents as soon as all tests are complete. Because of the prevalence of smallpox in the area, all students not vaccinated in recent years were vaccinated against this malady.

District Organizations Meet At Northwest School

The Northwest School is host during the year to a large number of county and district organizations. The total number of persons attending the various group meetings varies from 2500 to 4000 persons per year. Meetings and conferences held at the school since September 29 include District Boy Scout Water Carnival, September 30; district recreational institute for 4-H club junior and adult leaders, October 9-13; district meeting of county agents, October 13. The Crookston Production Credit Association, which met at the school on October 23, serves a large portion of northwestern Minnesota. More than four hundred members attended their meeting.

FOOTBALL TEAM RETAINS NORTH CENTRAL JUG TROPHY

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Three games remain on the Northwest School schedule: Friday, October 27, the Crookston Aggies engage the Concordia frosh on the Northwest campus. On Friday, November 3, a night game at Park River, North Dakota. The season's finale is the annual game with the Morris Aggies on Saturday, November 11, as a part of the Homecoming festivities at the West Central School.

Coach Christgau has selected as members of the football squad: Silas Strand, Twin Valley; Harold Anderson, Argyle; Robert Brekke, Nielsville; Howard Berg, Red Lake Falls; Willard Clementson, Fosston; Martin Egeland, Fisher; Milton Ellinger, Crookston; Odney Flaar, Fisher; Jack Ferrier, Pitt; Harris Floan, Melvin; Gehard Gandrud, Detroit Lakes; Elwood Gustafson, Crookston; Carl Gronberg, Climax; Melvin Gibbons, Crookston; George Henre, Crookston; Maurice Hagen, Gatzke; Norris Hovland, Rothsay; Leroy Hanson, Hallock; Donald Jorgenson, Stephen; Herbert Johnson, Stephen; Roger Johnson, Crookston; Wayne Lantz, Lengby; Lloyd Lund, Thief River Falls; Leroy Maidment, Thief River Falls; Ferdinand Mandt, Oklee; George Myrold, Crookston; Edward McMullan, Mahnomen; Iden Magnusson, Roseau; Charles Miller, Roseau; Clifford Nybo, Clearbrook; Robert Panzer, Crookston; Palmer Pederson, Bejou; Harvey Pederson, Kennedy; Oscar Pearson, Hallock; Ervin Risbrudt, Dalton; Tilfred Slettvedt, Oklee; Roy Slettvedt, Oklee; Andrew Skaar, Thief River Falls; Harold Utech, Clearbrook; Alfred Widseth, Gonvick; Owen Weckwerth, Hazel, and James Wodahl, Erskine.

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Concordia College; Dorothy Evans, Middle River; and Alvin Degerness, Gary.

An excellent crowd of alumni was present for the football game and the annual Homecoming dance and party.