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WINTER SHOWS LARGEST IN HISTORY

The 1939 Red River Valley Winter Shows, held February 6-10, have been acclaimed as the best in the twenty-nine years of the Shows' organization. Every available inch of space was required to house the livestock exhibits, the poultry room was filled to capacity, and crops exhibits were twenty per cent above the previous high mark. The weather was favorable for the exhibitors to get their stock, poultry, and crops to the show but a new weather record of four consecutive bad days was established for the main show dates.

STUDENTS PRESENT PROGRAMS

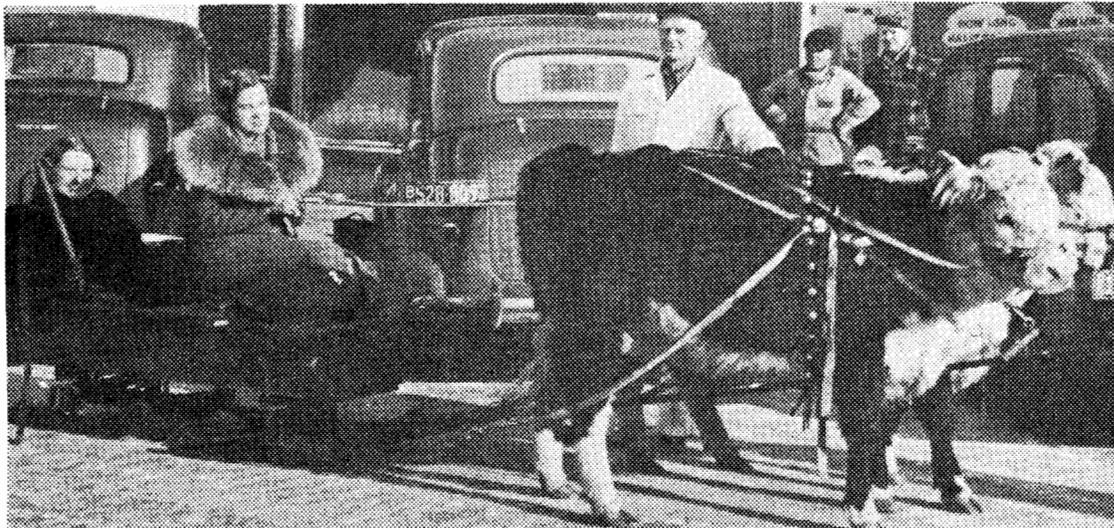
The Northwest School has maintained a Student Artists Bureau during the winter term. Student music and entertainment numbers, together with contributions from the faculty, have provided programs for several community clubs.

Registrar J. W. Mlinar and a group of students supplied a part of the program for the Robert Burns celebration at East Grand Forks on January 25. Student music and entertainment numbers were supplied for the crops and livestock judging teams banquet and Livestock Association banquet during Winter Shows week. Superintendent T. M. McCall and a group of

SENIOR CLASS PLAY ANNOUNCED

"My Maryland", a Southern romance in four acts by Clyde Fitch, is the play to be presented by the Senior class of the Northwest School on the evening of Tuesday, March 14. This colorful drama of Civil War times centers around the historical character of Barbara Fritchie. The production is under the direction of Miss Dorothy M. Smith.

Try-outs have been held and the following Seniors have been chosen to take part in the play: Katherine Ann Viker, Halstad; Amy Nelson, Bagley; Eleanor Johnston, Angus; Evelyn Brandt, Gonvick; Victor Sorenson, Lockhart; Julian Erlandson, Fer-



The one-horse open sleigh ran into competition at the Red River Valley Winter Shows when they opened at Crookston, Minnesota. Two yearling polled heifers, Rose and Lilly, trained by their owner to heed the pull of the reins, attracted wide attention when their owner, L. R. Sheldahl, of Perley, Minnesota, hitched them to a small bob sled. Driving the team up the streets of Crookston is Miss Evelyn Kroog, while riding with her is Miss Margaret Fylling. Both girls are from Crookston. Rose and Lilly were exhibited at the Winter Shows by their owner, along with other purebred cattle of their breed. (Courtesy of Grand Forks Herald)

In spite of the blizzards and severe cold, the shows and educational meetings had a good attendance and fine interest was shown by all who attended. Gate receipts at the show and evening meetings were about fifty percent of the 1938 record. All bills, however, are paid and the Winter Shows will have an operating balance for the 1940 show.

Excellent programs for the men and women attracted good audiences throughout the week. The meetings were successful through the hearty cooperation of the Valley press, cooperating organizations, and the Northwest School faculty. Twenty choral

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students supplied a program for the Warren Short Course program in the evening of February 18. A group of Advanced students repeated their Sunday evening program, presented at the school on February 19, for the benefit of the Fisher Luther league at Fisher at their meeting on February 25.

Students taking part on the out-of-town programs were Robert Nelson, violinist; Dorothy Setterholm, Ruth Sharp, and Beth Kiser, pianists; Verne Dahlgren, Lloyal Harris, and Walter Stromstad, soloists; Odney Flaot, accordionist; Nancy Hopkins, Dorothy Larson, Myrtle Hanson, and Edith Clow, impersonations.

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gus Falls; Ralph Hvidsten, Stephen; Jack Ferrier, Pitt; Andor Lindberg, Beltrami; Mabel Brandli, Warroad; Wilbur Bettels, Mahnomen; Leyden Finney, Georgetown; Harold Pearson, Hallock; Vernon Magnusson, Badger; Henry Berquist, Baudette; Kenneth Rosvold, Underwood.

The admission prices will be forty cents for adults, twenty-five cents for high school students, and ten cents for children. Bus transportation to and from the Northwest School will be available on the night of the play for local residents.

Several other students and student groups have assisted with local 4-H club programs during the year.

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PERSONALS

***Noel Hanson, '35, who is a junior in the College of Agriculture, University of Minnesota, St. Paul, served as superintendent of the annual crops judging contest held at the school recently. Melvin Pearson, '37, was plant pathology division chairman for the contest.

***Raymond Higgin, '37, a freshman in the College of Agriculture, University Farm, St. Paul, was recently awarded a Sears-Roebuck scholarship.

***Melvin Soderberg, '30, was elected Register of Deeds in Kittson county this year.

***A number of Northwest School alumni are attending colleges and university this year, including: George Roisum, '28, a student at Hamline University, St. Paul; Walter Dorseth, '32, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis; Phyllis Henre, '37, Stephens College, Columbia, Missouri; Leo Maatata, '31, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis; Alta Torkelson, '37, is enrolled in the nurses' training course at the Deaconess Hospital, Grand Forks, N. D.

***Morris Maruska of Tabor, former Northwest School student, with Dennis Filipi and Daniel Wavra, present Northwest School students, won first place in the Farmers' Club livestock judging contest held during the recent Winter Shows week. Jesse Filipi, '31, coached the team.

***Robert Larson, '29, of Crookston, won several honors at the recent Red River Valley Winter Shows. He was announced as grand champion exhibitor of large white oats, amateur class; sweepstakes winner on the best peck of oats exhibited; grand champion in Flint varieties, Northern section; and he was awarded the Red River Valley Development Association cup for having shown the best sample of corn in the Northern Section, a sample of Gehu Flint.

MARRIAGES

***Miss Constance Lane to Dr. Edward Anderson on Monday, January 2, at Minneapolis. Miss Lane was an instructor in piano at the Northwest School, 1933-35.

***Harry Confer, '28, to Miss Elsie Anderson of Gonvick, on November 26 at Crookston. They will make their home near Angus.

BIRTHS

***To Mr. and Mrs. Roy Hollander (Hildur Peterson), a son, Paul John, on September 2. Mrs. Hollander was a member of the Northwest School staff, 1929-33.

Y PROGRAM PRESENTED BY ADVANCED CLASS

Students from the Advanced class conducted the joint meeting of the Y. M. and Y. W. C. A. at the Northwest School Sunday evening, February 19. The program was devoted to a study of the composers of famous religious hymns. Biographical sketches of the composers and the background settings of the songs were presented by the different speakers.

Songs presented by the students included: "Abide With Me"—Henry F. Lyte, Albert Adler of Mahnomon; "Rock of Ages"—A. M. Toflody, Faith Thieling of Grygla; "My Faith Looks Up to Thee"—Palmer, Myrtle Hanson of Twin Valley; "Nearer My God to Thee"—Adams, Robert Nelson of Fergus Falls; "Onward Christian Soldiers"—Gould, Wilson Radway, Roosevelt. Music was furnished by the school choir and "Rock of Ages" and "Nearer My God to Thee" were sung as duets by Lloyal Harris, Wadena, and Verne Dahlgren, Kennedy. Dorothy Setterholm, Baudette, presided at the meeting.

WILFRED HUSBAND WILL SPEAK MARCH 4

"North of Wars," a lecture graphically portraying the democratic achievements of Denmark and Finland, will be presented by Wilfred Laurier Husband, formerly with Scribner's Magazine, at the Northwest School on Saturday, March 4, at 8:00 P. M. in the school auditorium. The lecture is illustrated with color motion pictures filmed by the speaker. Mr. Husband is not a stranger to Crookston as he lectured here last year on Sweden.

In 1930, he resigned his position with Scribner's magazine to go around the world and he been lecturing since. In 1934, he made a second trip throughout Japan and Manchoukuo, followed by visits to northern Europe the past two years.



MR. WILFRED HUSBAND

TRIANGULAR DEBATE MARCH 10

The annual triangular debate between the schools of agriculture from Morris, St. Paul, and Crookston will be held on March 10. The Northwest School's affirmative will meet the St. Paul negative at Crookston, while the Northwest School negative will travel to Morris.

Edward Wegener, debate coach, states that the final selection of debaters to represent the school will be made prior to the debate. At the present time the teams have been reduced to three members each. One on each team will act as alternate at the time of the final debates. The tentative selection of debaters include: Affirmative—Victor Sorenson, Byron Hess, Vernon Scholin; Negative—Arthur Gordon, Julian Erlandson, Ernest Robinson.

The question for debate is, Resolved: That the United States should establish an alliance with Great Britain.

WRESTLING AND SWIMMING MEETS SCHEDULED

The first sub-collegiate conference swimming and wrestling meet will be held at the Central School of Agriculture gymnasium at St. Paul, Saturday, March 4. The schools entered in the triangular meet include Northwest, West Central and Central.

Wrestling bouts and swimming contests have been listed as events in the annual school field meet for many years; however, definite team instruction in these sports was inaugurated for the first time this year. A similar situation has existed at Morris. The Central School has had definite instruction and competition in these sports for many years.

Names of the contestants to represent the Northwest School will be determined in a local tournament on March 1st. Coach Ove C. Evans states that the school will be represented in the following weight classes in wrestling:—121-lb., 128-lb., 135-lb., 165-5. E. F. Bennet, swimming coach, will have entries in seven events, namely:—40-yd. dash; 40-yd. breaststroke; 40-yd. backstroke; 100-yd. free style; 120-yd. three man medley; 160-yd. four man free style relay; diving.

BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP ASSURED

The Northwest Aggies basketball team has clinched the Agricultural School championship even though one conference game is yet to be played. The Aggies have won all four of the conference games played and will meet Morris Aggies for the final game on March 11. The other agricultural schools have each lost one or more games.

The Minnesota-North Dakota agricultural school conference championship will be decided on March 7 when the Northwest School Aggies meet the Walsh County Aggies at Park River. The local team won the first of a two game series.

Winter Shows Championships and Honor Awards

CROPS AND STOCK JUDGING TEAMS COMPETE

The ability to recognize the fine points of choice livestock was rewarded at the Red River Valley Winter Shows when judging teams representing schools of agriculture, farmers' clubs, 4-H clubs, and high school agricultural departments went into the ring to compete for honors on Monday, February 6.

The sub-collegiate crops contest was won by the team from the North Central School of Agriculture, Grand Rapids. Team members were James Angerman, George Rousu, and Harry Gustafson. James Angerman was the high scoring individual judge and was presented a medal by the Red River Valley Crops and Soils Association. Second place in the crops contest went to the Northwest School of Agriculture, Crookston, third to the West Central School of Agriculture, Morris, fourth to the Central School of Agriculture, St. Paul. Medals were presented to members of the first three teams by the Minnesota Crop Improvement Association, and a judging trophy to the winning team by the Red River Valley Development Association.

The Central School of Agriculture, St. Paul, won the subcollegiate livestock judging contest. Members of the team were: Lyle Tiegen, Vernon Sonstegaard, and Conrad Lebrei. The South Dakota School of Agriculture, Brookings, won second place; the North Central School of Agriculture, Grand Rapids, third; the Walsh County Agricultural School, Park River, N. D., fourth. Harold Johnson of the Brookings team was high scoring individual. A trophy offered by the Great Northern Railway was presented to the winning team, while the Red River Valley Livestock and Dairymen's associations presented medals to the high scoring individual of the entire contest, and to the high individual in each of the five classes of horses, beef cattle, and dairy cattle.

Competition for first place in the high school dairy judging contest, a new feature this year, ended in a tie between the teams from Thief River Falls and Hitterdal. Third place in the contest was taken by the Ulen team and fourth by the team from Deer River.

In the general livestock judging contest for high schools, the team from Gilbert took top honors. Places won by other teams were Warren, second; Ulen, third; Thief River Falls, fourth.

Winner of the 4-H club general livestock judging team came from Red Lake county. West Polk county took second place; West Ottertail, third; and St. Louis county, fourth.

A team of three 4-H club members from Bagley, Clearwater county, won the 4-H dairy judging contest. Second place in the contest went to the West Ottertail team and third place to Clay

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HONOR BREEDERS NAMED

Operators of eight Red River Valley farms joined the ranks of thirty-five other farmers who have been selected as honor livestock breeders of the Valley in past year. The new honor breeders were announced at the annual banquet of the Red River Valley Livestock Association held on Wednesday, February 8, of Winter Shows week. Those named were: General livestock breeders—J. H. Sargent, Crookston; Milton Marmorine, Clearbrook; Henry Leyh, Bertha; Spruce Lawn Farms, E. N. and J. R. Johnson, Hallock; Dairy Breeders—C. O. Gunhus, Fosston; Herbert Holcomb, Detroit Lakes; Arwin Lippert, Bertha; and H. C. Woolson, Thief River Falls.

Honor plaques were presented to the general livestock breeders by the Red River Valley Livestock Association and the Red River Valley Dairymen's Association presented the plaques for the honor dairymen.

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county. The Red River Valley Dairymen's Association awarded a silver trophy to the winning team and a special award to the high scoring individual judge.

The 4-H crops judging contest honors went to the team from Halstad, Norman county. The team won the trophy provided by the Crookston Milling Company.

A team of three men from West Polk county won first place in the farmers' club stock judging contest. The men were Dennis Filipi, Morris Maruska, high scoring individual, and Daniel Wavra, all former Northwest School students. The Hallock team of Kittson county ran a close second, the Roseau team was third, and the Red River team of Kittson county, fourth.

Among the special awards made Wednesday night at the annual banquet for members of teams, when the above awards were announced, were certificates of merit given five Red River Valley 4-H boys by the Red River Valley Dairymen's Association. The boys were Ithel Schipper, West Ottertail county; Burnett Bergeson, Norman county; Martin Hedlund, Roseau; Palmer Freeberg, Clearwater; Andrew Dufseth, Beltrami. The boys were selected on the basis of their long-time dairy record, the influence they have had in livestock improvement, and other dairy work. The Dairy Association also presented a permanent plaque to Wallace Erickson who was high scoring individual in dairy cattle judging in the subcollegiate contest. Wesley Sutherland of Hallock, highest scoring individual in the Farmers' Club contest in dairy judging, was also awarded a plaque by the Dairy Association. A large trophy was presented to the Hallock Farmers' Club team of Kittson county for highest record in dairy judging.

4-H EXHIBITS A FEATURE OF WINTER SHOWS

The 4-H club livestock exhibits at the recent Winter Shows surpassed the record 1938 Show in balance and quality of exhibits. The 1938 Show was featured by an extra large class of beef calves; the 1939 Show was not top heavy in any one class but exhibited high quality with strong competition in all classes.

Russell Hanson, a student at the Northwest School and a son of Ingvald Hanson, Shorthorn breeder of Twin Valley, won outstanding honors in the open class of Shorthorns with his junior champion female going to the top of the Shorthorn class as grand champion, champion of Shorthorn breed in beef classes, and first place winner in the showmanship contest. In showmanship, Russell won the silver trophy awarded by the Crookston Rotary Club.

Other championships in the 4-H club livestock classes included: Holsteins—Quintin Tabbut, Pelican Rapids; Guernsey—Ithel Schipper, Pelican Rapids; Jersey—Dorothy Lippert, Bertha; Angus—Alvin Wegner, Fisher; Hereford—Dale Giese, East Grand Forks, a Northwest School student; Sheep—Julian Huseby, Halstad; Pig—Signor Haugen, Halstad, a Northwest School student.

Other Northwest School students winning blue ribbon honors were: Dean McNelly, Duroc Jersey; Roy Lerud, Twin Valley, Shorthorn calf and purebred heifer class; Russell Hanson and Raymond Hoppe, Shorthorn yearlings; Dale Giese and Floyd Chambers, Hereford yearling; Red Ribbon Group winners: Clarence Sargent, Shropshires; Dean McNelly, Southdown ewe lamb; Dale Giese, Angus yearling.

A new feature of the 4-H club livestock show inaugurated this year was the Western Lamb Feeding contest. Club members were required to purchase and feed fifteen Western lambs, ten of which had to be shown at the Winter Shows at the expiration of a 100-day feeding trials. The premiums were supplied by the Red River Valley Development Association. Dwight Jenni of Euclid won first place in the individual lamb placing, while Arthur Tinkham of Fisher won first place on his pen. A final feature of the lamb feeding contest was the grading and selling of the lambs. W. E. Morris, livestock extension specialist of University Farm, St. Paul, graded the lambs.

The 4-H club crops exhibits at the Winter Shows were the best in years. The quality of both the corn and potato classes was especially good.

Cyril Sorrels of Williams, a former student of the Northwest School, won sweepstakes honors with his sample of Irish Cobbler potatoes. Other Northwest School students winning potato prizes in the club classes included

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CHAMPIONSHIP AWARDS IN LIVESTOCK

The Red River Valley Dairymen's Association trophy for the best dairy herd at the Winter Shows was awarded to E. E. Carmen for his herd of Holsteins. The Lofgren-McGregor herd of Angus cattle won the Livestock Association trophy for the best beef herd in the show. Honors for the best herd and flock award in other breeds of livestock were: Polled Herefords—L. R. Sheldahl, Perley; Milking Shorthorn—P. M. Finkenbinder, Crookston; best dairy herd (Holsteins) E. E. Carmen; best Guernsey herd—John Huseby & Sons, Halstad; best Guernsey get-of-sire—Charles Horien, Holt; best Jersey graded herd—A. A. Habedank, Ada; the best Chester White swine herd—P. M. Finkenbinder; the best Poland China swine herd—Arthur S. Albertson, Fargo, N. D.; best Duroc Jersey swine herd—Harold Rosendahl, Warren; best Berkshire swine herd—Arnold Gredvig, Fertile; best Hampshire swine herd—George Hanson, Crookston; the grand champion flock of sheep—Orel Anderson, Wild Rice, N. D., on his Shropshire flock.

The Leonard Housse trophy for the champion Guernsey Get-of-Sire herd was presented to Charles Horien of Holt. This was a new trophy offered for the first time this year at the Red River Valley Winter Shows.

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groups of men and women from twelve villages and cities of the Red River Valley, Ladies' Civic Chorus of Crookston, Scandia Male Quartette, the Crookston Municipal and High School bands, High School and Northwest Schools furnished an unsurpassed musical program for the week.

Judging contests in crops and livestock judging, always a feature on Monday of the Shows week, moved along with precision even though there was a marked increase in the number of stock judging teams in the dairy division. Through the cooperation of the departments of agronomy, animal and dairy husbandry, and the agricultural extension of the University of Minnesota, and the livestock specialists from North Dakota and the Railway Companies, enough judges were secured to speed up the contests so the awards could be awarded at the banquet held in the evening.

Former Superintendent and Mrs. A. A. Dowell were welcome visitors to the school on Friday, February 10. Dr. Dowell addressed the men's meetings on the trend of land prices. The Dowells were dinner guests of Superintendent and Mrs. T. M. McCall and afternoon guests with the faculty at a doughnut and coffee party with the Misses Retta Bede and Elsie Kingston as hostesses.

Delmer H. LaVoi and Miss Anne Simley, former members of the Northwest School staff had important places on the program during the week. Mr. LaVoi is director of public relations

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LIVESTOCK SALE A SUCCESS

Fifty-six animals, all exhibited at the 1939 Red River Valley Winter Shows, were sold over the auctioneer's block Thursday afternoon, February 9. The total sale amounted to \$3,131.50, with an average per animal of about \$56.00. The auctioneer was C. U. Brantner, Georgetown.

The high selling animal was a Hereford bull sold by F. W. Bradley, Beltrami, to Paul Weiss of Crookston at a price of \$152.50. A roan Shorthorn bull exhibited by Ingvald Hanson, Twin Valley, was bought by Ole Krogstad of Kennedy. A Holstein cow was bought by Art Bartelson of Thief River Falls from J. H. Sargent of Crookston at a price of \$95.00. Top price on rams was \$38.00 which was for a Shropshire sold by A. Johnstad and Sons to A. G. Smith of Red Lake Falls. Ewes sold as high as \$23.00 and sows up to \$43.00.

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with the National Livestock and Meat Board, Chicago. While here, Mr. LaVoi addressed both the men's and women's meetings and radio audiences over WDAY and KFJM. Miss Anne Simley, an associate professor in English and director of dramatics at Hamline University, St. Paul, pleased morning and afternoon audiences at the women's meetings with reviews of plays and her reading of two popular plays. The evening audience enjoyed immensely Miss Simley's dialect reading.

Three nationally known speakers, secured for the three evening meetings, captivated their audiences with discussions of topics of more than usual interest. Rodney Brandon of Batavia, Illinois, a director of penal institutions in Illinois for many years, gave a constructive educational program for the lessening of crime. Clarence W. Sorenson of Glenn Ellyn, Illinois, pointed out how countries of the world are using the press and radio for propaganda purposes. In his lecture "The Parade of Empires", Upton Close of New York unmasked the hypocrisy of many of the powerful nations of the world today in their international diplomatic relations.

Three recognition banquets were held during the week. The crops and livestock judging teams dinner was held on Monday, February 6, at which time the team and individual winners in the subcollegiate, farmer, 4-H club, and high school contests were announced.

The new district honor breeders in general livestock and dairy were announced at the banquet of the Red River Valley Livestock Association on Wednesday. The Valley Farmer and Valley Homemaker winners in each county were announced at the Development Association dinner on Thursday.

February 5-9, 1940, were set as the tentative dates of the next Northwest School Farmers' Week and Red River Valley Winter Shows.

CROPS CHAMPIONS NAMED

The cream of Northwestern Minnesota's crops won for exhibitors highest honors awarded on Monday during the Red River Valley Winter Shows week.

Grand championship on Dent varieties exhibited in the Northern Section went to Otto Hoppe and Sons, Crookston, while grand championship in Flint varieties, Northern Section, was taken by Robert Larson, Crookston, a former Northwest School student, on his sample of yellow Flint. William S. Jacobson, Ulen, won grand championship on Dent varieties, Southern Section, with a sample of Northwestern Dent. The sweepstakes award in the corn division of the Show was captured by C. C. Williams, Detroit Lakes. His ten years of Minnesota No. 13 were judged the best ten ears in the Show. Mr. Williams also was awarded the Red River Valley Development Association cup for having shown the best sample of corn in the Southern Section. The same Association presented Robert Larson of Crookston with a cup for exhibiting the best sample of corn in the Northern Section, a sample of Gehu Flint.

Sweepstakes award in the wheat division went to Frank Botko, Warren, on his Durum wheat which was judged the best peck of wheat in the show. His wheat was also named the grand championship exhibit in the amateur class.

Otto Hoppe & Sons, Crookston, took the sweepstakes award on the best peck of flax in the show with their exhibit of Bison flax. J. Y. Ramsey, Baudette, showed a sample of Grimm alfalfa which won the cup offered by the Red River Valley Development Association to the exhibitor of the best sample of legume seed.

Oscar Onneland, East Grand Forks, was awarded the Red River Valley Development Association cup for the best sample of potatoes. Mr. Onneland's exhibit was Early Ohios. Reserve sweepstakes on any variety of potatoes was won by Anchor Warden of Fisher on a sample of Triumph potatoes.

C. V. Fobes of Moorhead was named Master Crop Grower. This award, presented by the Minnesota Farm Bureau Federation, was a new feature of the crops show this year. Mr. Fobes was selected because of his outstanding work in pure-seed production. His award was a plaque provided by the Minnesota Farm Bureau Federation.

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Harold Utech of Clearbrook, second in Irish Cobbler; Dell Durbahn, Angus, third, and David Lindamood, Warroad, fourth in any other variety. Reserve sweepstakes in potatoes went to Reynold Wickland of Thief River Falls.

Corn sweepstakes was won by Rueben Watlov of Underwood, with Morris Jacobson, Ulen, winning reserve sweepstakes. Raymond Hoppe of Crookston, a junior at the Northwest School, won first with a ten-ear sample of flint corn.