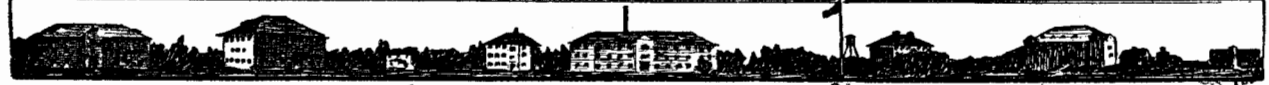


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Winter Shows A Great Success

The thirtieth annual Northwest School Farmers' Week and Red River Valley Winter Shows, held February 5-9, was the most successful show staged in the past decade. The weather was ideal, with day temperatures from ten to twenty degrees above zero and no snowstorms or blizzards to close up the highways.

The high record of attendance at the Shows occurred on Thursday, while at the evening sessions crowds were turned away from the gates when Governor Stassen spoke on February 7 and when Father Bernard Hubbard gave his illustrated lecture on February 9.

It is impossible to indicate which program was the best as each day's meeting and each evening program had a special appeal to different individuals. Outstanding features of the week however were the following: the banquet given by the Red River Valley Development Association honoring Governor Stassen and the thirteen farm families designated as Valley Farmers and Homemakers, the thirtieth anniversary pageant given by faculty and students of the Northwest School, Father Hub-

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Swimming And Wrestling Tournament, March 2

The second annual Minnesota Ag Schools Conference swimming and wrestling tournament will be held on Saturday, March 2, with the Northwest School acting as host for this event. The tournament, which was held for the first time last year in St. Paul, proved to be a great success and conference coaches voted to continue the plan and to alternate the place of the tournament so that each school could act as host every four years. Representatives from Grand Rapids, Morris, and St. Paul will report to the Northwest campus on Friday evening, March 1, and will be ready to take part in all the wrestling and swimming events during the afternoon and evening of Saturday, March 2.

In preparation for the Ag School tournament, the Northwest School wrestling squad has participated in meets with Fosston High School and with the Grand Rapids Aggies in preparation for the Ag School tournament. The Fosston meet was won by the Aggies while the matches with North Central gained the Grand Rapids school a victory.

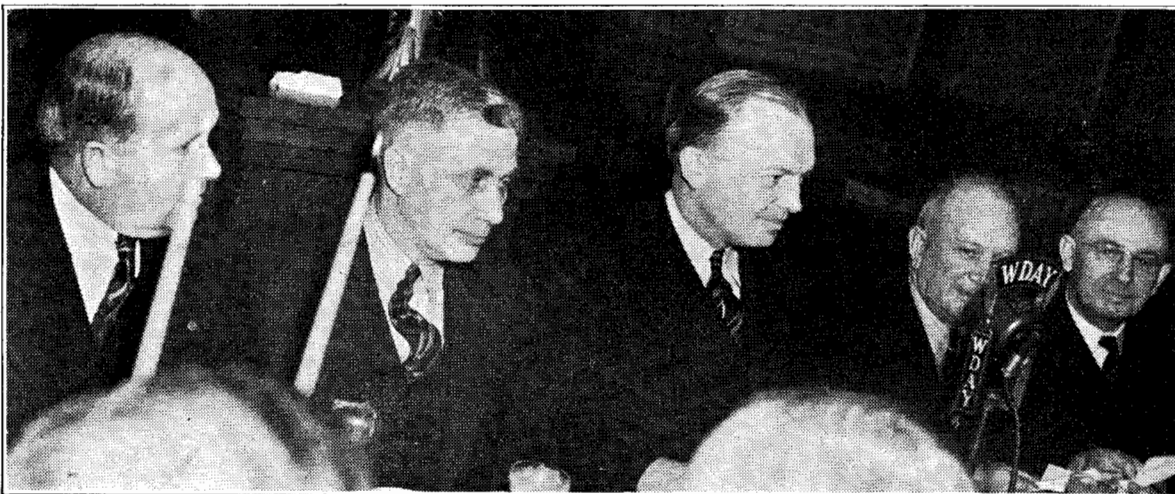
In preparation for the swimming (Continued on Page 2, Col. 1)

Thirteen Valley Farmers And Homemakers Honored

The Red River Valley Development Association honored Governor Harold E. Stassen and thirteen outstanding farm families at a banquet held on Wednesday evening, February 7, as a feature of Winter Shows week.

The Development Association continued the policy of recognizing outstanding farm families who have made notable contribution to the development of their respective counties. Families to receive this recognition must be farm owners and must have made contribution to community life, improved their farmstead, and assisted in the improvement of crops and livestock in their communities. The selections were made by committees of outstanding business men and farmers in each county.

Valley Farmer and Homemaker plaques were awarded to the following: Mr. and Mrs. Paul Simonson, McIntosh, Polk county; Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Ouse, Rothsay, Wilkin county; Mr. and Mrs. Ole A. Engebretson, Clearbrook, Clearwater county; Mr. and Mrs. Emil A. Lerud, Twin Valley, Norman county; Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Ash, Sr., St. Vincent, Kittson county; Mr. and Mrs. (Continued on Page 4, Col. 3)



—Photo Courtesy Crookston Times

Pictured above is the main section of the speakers' table as thirteen Valley farm couples were honored by the Red River Valley Development Association Wednesday evening, February 7, of Winter Shows week, and presented with plaques for outstanding contributions to community and agricultural progress. From left to right in the photo are Superintendent T. M. McCall, president of the Development Association, who presented the plaques; State Senator Alfred Solstad, who introduced Governor Harold E. Stassen; Governor Stassen, who gave the principal address of the evening; William Dahlquist of Thief River Falls, past president of the Development Association, who presided, and Dean Walter C. Coffey of the University Farm, St. Paul, who spoke on the program. A portion of the program was broadcast over station WDAY, Fargo.



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Interschool Debates To Be Held March 8

The Northwest School debate team has rounded out its program of preparation and practice and is now ready for its conference debates with the teams from the Schools of Agriculture at Morris and St. Paul. The proposition to be debated this year is, Resolved: The Federal Government Should Own and Operate the Railroads.

On Friday, March 8, the negative team will travel to St. Paul to meet the Central School's affirmative debaters. On the same evening the Morris negative team will meet the Northwest School's affirmative at Crookston.

Julian Erlandson, the only member of last year's undefeated squad, who returned to the Northwest School this year, is debating with Wesley Battles on the negative team. The alternate is Paul Auer. The affirmative case this year is upheld by two seniors, John Brown and Dayton Jacobson, both new debaters. Eugene Storla is the affirmative alternate. Other students who have contributed both time and energy to the work of this year's squad are Anne Sorenson, Steffie Pastuck, Donald Geddes, and Leyden Finney.

Besides holding many intra-squad debates, the debaters have met in non-decision competition teams from Red Lake Falls, Mahanomen, and Thief River Falls.

SWIMMING AND WRESTLING TOURNAMENT, MARCH 2

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events in the tournament, the Northwest squad has engaged in duel meets with Thief River Falls High and in two practice meets with Crookston High.

The Northwest School will have entries in all of the weight classes in wrestling and all swimming events. The weight classes in the wrestling meet include: 121, 128, 135, 145, 155, 165, and 175 pounds. The swimming events include: 120 yard medley relay; 120 yard free style, diving, 40 yard backstroke, 50 yard free style, 40 yard breast stroke, and 160 yard free style relay.

Daily practices are being held by the swimming and wrestling squads under the direction of Coach E. Bennett.

The Minnesota Ag Schools Conference swimming and wrestling tournament is expected to draw many graduates and sport fans to the Northwest School gym on Saturday, March 2.

Staff Members Write Pageant

A committee of staff members from the Northwest School faculty wrote the script for the Pageant of Progress which was presented on February 7, of Winter Shows week, as a feature of the thirtieth anniversary celebration of the founding of the Crops Show. Former Superintendent C. G. Selvig, founder of the Show in 1911 and Superintendent T. M. McCall, associated with the shows since 1911, were able to make contributions of first hand information to the pageant committee.

The pageant of thirty years of Northwest School Farmers' Week and Winter Shows was ably depicted by a narrator and actors who dramatized four distinct steps of progress made in crop improvement during the period. The acts in the pageant were presented with a background of two-piano music appropriate for the time in which the action took place. The pageant was enthusiastically received. The de-throning of the champion "Kid Rust" by "Rust-resistant Thatcher" received the greatest ovation.

Northwest School staff members who served on the pageant committee were R. S. Dunham, chairman; E. R. Clark, R. E. Nylund, Edward Wegener, Grace Warne, Martha Manning, Elvira Bierbauer, B. M. Bakkegard, and J. W. Mlinar. Mr. Edward Wegener acted as narrator; Miss Marion Frykman and Mrs. E. W. Eagle furnished the music.

The pageant cast included the following students: Alton Knutson, Ashby; Owen Weckwerth, Hazel; Mathew Jansen, Hallock; Telfred Slettvedt, Oklee; Frank Evans, Ponsford; John Brown, Gary; Howard Johnson, Audubon; Einar Scholin, Thief River Falls; David Lindamood, Warroad; William Vasilakes, Lengby; Silas Strand, Twin Valley; Andrew Skaar, Thief River Falls; Marion Nelson, Fergus Falls; Odney Flaate, Fisher; William Gatheridge, Humboldt, was in charge of the spotlight; and Miss Elsie Kingston supervised the making of costumes for the pageant.

Basketball Season Closes March 2

Four games remain on the current basketball schedule for the Northwest Aggies. A total of sixteen games have been played to date with the Aggies gaining nine victories and suffering seven defeats. Remaining games are with Crookston High School, Erskine High, and two Ag School Conference tilts, one each with Morris and Grand Rapids.

The current season ends on Saturday, March 2, when the North Central Aggies come to the Northwest campus for the second game of the season between the two teams.

The Northwest Aggies have gained victories over the following: Alumni, 22-21; Erskine, 36-14; Grand Forks Sacred Heart High, 30-27; Argyle, 34-23; Park River Aggies, 37-24; Climax Independents, 36-20; Grand Rapids Aggies, 33-20; Crookston High, 30-23; Morris Aggies, 41-38.

The lost column for the Aggies is:
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Senior Class Play Announced

"June Mad," a comedy in three acts by Florence Ryerson and Colin Clements, has been selected as the Senior class play for the class of 1940. The play will be presented in the Northwest School auditorium on Monday and Tuesday evenings, March 11 and 12.

The play was first produced in a Hollywood theatre in 1939 and has been successfully presented in many parts of the country. It was suggested for theatrical production by the novel "This Awful Age" written by the above named authors.

The action of the play takes place during June and in Lynbrook, a small town in the middle west. Many humorous situations arise and comedy abounds throughout the production.

Rehearsals are being held daily in the Northwest School auditorium under the direction of Miss Martha Manning, dramatics coach at the school.

Members of the senior class who have been selected for the cast are: Anne Sorenson, Baudette; Martin Egeland, Fisher; Louise Krogstad, Fertile; Margaret Ristad, Hallock; Eleanor Olson, Halstad; Edward McMillan, Mahanomen; Harvey Pederson, Kennedy; Odney Flaate, Fisher; Ordell Frigstad, Gully; Stanley Johnston, Angus; Howard Johnson, Lake Park; Opal Mykleby, Eldred; Camilla Ecklund, Hallock.

Hockey Proves Popular

In its second year as a sport at the Northwest School, hockey has attracted much enthusiasm and interest and promises to eventually become one of the leading activities in the school's extra-curricular program. A squad of twelve players has been working out daily under the direction of Coach Wish Robson, goalie of the Crookston Pirates professional hockey team.

The season's schedule opened on January 11 with Grand Forks Central High School. The North Dakotans were victorious 2-0, but in a return game on February 6 the Aggies were the victors by a 1-0 count. Hallock High School has opposed the Northwest six in two games with each team gaining a victory. The Aggies won the first setto 4-3 at Hallock on January 22. In the return game Hallock won 5-0.

Cathedral High School of Crookston holds two victories over the Aggies by 9-1 and 6-3 counts. The Blackhawks of Crookston, an independent team, scored a 3-2 win. One other game has been played to date and that with the Thief River Falls Junior Legion team and won by them 3-0.

The Northwest hockey sextette participated in the second annual hockey tournament held in Crookston and sponsored by the American Legion on Friday, February 16. The Aggies were eliminated in their first game by Thief River Falls, 9-3. The Thieves then went on to win the tournament.

Two games remain on the Northwest schedule. On Monday, February 26, Roseau High School will oppose the Aggies in the Crookston arena and on Wednesday, February 28, the return game with Thief River Falls will be played.

Winter Shows Championships and Honor Awards

Championship Awards In Livestock

Herd and flock trophy awards for livestock exhibited at the Red River Valley Winter Shows, February 5-9, announced by Paul Engelstad, general livestock superintendent, were as follows:

Gordon Clow, Lancaster, received the championship trophy provided by the Red River Valley Livestock association for the champion sheep flock of the show. The champion dairy herd of the Shows was exhibited by A. A. Habedank, Ada, who showed Jerseys. He was awarded the Red River Valley Dairymen's Association trophy. The Swine Herd trophy was won by P. M. Finkenbinder and Sons of Crookston. They were awarded the swine trophy given by the Livestock Association. Lofgren-McGregor of Ada received the Red River Valley Livestock Association trophy for exhibiting the championship beef herd. In the beef cattle division the champions were: **ABERDEEN ANGUS**, Grand champion female and male, Lofgren and McGregor, Ada; senior and Junior male and female champions, Lofgren and McGregor. **HEREFORDS**: Male and female grand champions: L. R. Sheldahl of Perley; male and female Junior champions and male senior champion: L. R. Sheldahl; female senior champion, W. J. Heitman, Ada. The Shorthorn championship placings were as follows: Grand Champion female—Roy Lerud, Twin Valley; grand champion male—Ingvald Hanson, Twin Valley; senior male champion—Ingvald Hanson; junior male champion—Emil Lerud and Sons, Twin Valley; senior champion female—John Stamnes, Elbow Lake; junior champion female—Roy Lerud.

The champion steer in the market cattle class was exhibited by Delmont Cournia, Crookston. The University of Minnesota School and Station, Crookston, exhibited the first prize yearling steer.

In the Shropshire sheep class, the champion ram was shown by A. Johnstad and Son, Beltrami; the champion ewe by Lynn Anderson, Comstock.

Milking Short horn champion placings were as follows: grand champion female: C. O. Gunhus, Fosston; grand and senior male champion: P. M. Finkenbinder, Crookston; junior male and female championships and female senior championship were also won by C. O. Gunhus.

Champion awards in the swine classes were as follows: **POLAND**

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Crops Champion Trophies Awarded

The 30th Anniversary Crop Show set a new record for exhibitors when 222 adult crop growers competed for prizes. Competition was particularly keen in all classes in the 1940 show with high quality apparent in all crops.

G. C. Gerlach of Red Lake Falls won the loving cup for the best sample of grain in the show. Other winners of cups offered by the Red River Valley Development Association were: Otto Hoppe and Sons, Crookston—Northern Corn; Theodore Mellum, Ulen—Southern corn; Paul S. Jasmer, Roosevelt—Legumes, and C. R. O. Sorrels, Williams—potatoes.

Mr. Otto Hoppe of Crookston was declared winner of the Minnesota Farm Bureau Federation Master Crops Grower plaque for 1940. The Farm Bureau plaque was awarded for the first time in 1939 to Thomas Botko of Warren. The plaque is awarded annually to the crop exhibitor with the highest score on quality exhibits at the Winter Shows.

R. S. Dunham, E. R. Clark, and R. E. Nylund were superintendents of the general crops, utility seed class, and potatoes, respectively. George Berggren, class of '28, now county agent of Lake of the Woods county, served in the capacity as assistant superintendent of crops during Winter Shows week.

4-H Club Members Receive Awards

In the 4-H livestock classes exhibited at the Red River Valley Winter Shows, the Junior Beef Calf Trophy, awarded by the Ninth Minnesota District Bankers' Association, for the best 4-H beef animal exhibited was won by Delmont Cournia, Crookston, who exhibited a yearling Shorthorn beef calf. Champion

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Record Number Of Judging Teams In Contests

Central Aggies Win Subcollegiate Judging Contest

Crops and livestock judging teams from the Central School of Agriculture at St. Paul won in both contests at the Winter Shows on February 5. The two new loving cups, donated by the Red River Valley Development Association and the Crookston Milling Company respectively, will adorn the trophy case of the Central School until the contest again next year. The school quarantine at the West Central School was not lifted in time for their judging teams to enter the contest this year. Schools entering teams in both the livestock and crops contest included: Central School, St. Paul; Northwest School, Crookston; North Central, Grand Rapids; Walsh County Agricultural School, Park Rapids, North Dakota; North Dakota Folk School, Fargo, North Dakota; and South Dakota School of Agriculture, Brookings.

The Northwest School livestock judging team ranked second in the general livestock and first in the dairy cattle judging, winning a beautiful columnar trophy presented by the Red River Valley Dairymen's Association. The crops team ranked third. O. M. Kiser and E. R. Clark are coaches of the livestock and crops judging teams, respectively. Members of the livestock judging team were Roy Lerud, Twin Valley; Harold Utech and Ernest Rydeen of Clearbrook. Roy Lerud ranked second in individual score in the entire contest with Harold Utech high man in swine. Wilbur Hallstrom, Red Lake Falls; Donald Nelson, Kennedy, and Dell Durbahn, Angus, represented the Northwest School on the crops judging team.

Roseau Wins Farmers' Club Judging

The Roseau Farmers' Club, with Vernon Erickson, '31, as high ranking individual in the whole contest, won first place in the contest at the Winter Shows on February 5. Other Northwest School students and graduates who are now farming competed on the various farm club teams and ranked high in individual scores. Norman county, with two alumni, Roy Bowman and Lloyd Ness, ranked second and East Polk which ranked third, had Arnold Gredvig as a team member.

4-H Club Judging Contest

West Polk county with a 4-H club livestock judging team composed of the three Brekken Brothers from Crook-

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—Photo courtesy R. R. V. Dairymen's Assn.

The Northwest School team won highest honors for judging dairy cattle in the sub-collegiate judging contests held this year at the Winter Shows, Crookston, winning the trophy donated by the Red River Valley Dairymen's Association. Pictured from left to right are Harold Utech of Clearbrook, O. M. Kiser, coach of the team, Roy Lerud of Twin Valley and Ernest Rydeen of Clearbrook.

CHAMPIONSHIP AWARDS IN LIVESTOCK

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CHINAS, grand champion boar: Roy Boman, Twin Valley, grand champion sow—grand champion boar—Roy Boman, Twin Valley; grand champion sow—Herman Ruth, Beltrami; senior boar and junior sow champions—Roy Boman; junior boar champion—J. H. Sargent, Crookston; senior champion sow—Herman Ruth, Beltrami. CHESTER WHITES: Senior sow and boar—P. M. Finkenbinder; junior champion boar—Wm. R. Copp and Son, Warren; Junior champion sow—A. F. Giese, Euclid; grand champion boar and sow—P. M. Finkenbinder. DUROC JERSEYS: grand champion boar—Herbert F. Boeddeker, Halstad; grand champion sow—C. O. Quist, Crookston; senior champion boar and junior champion sow—Hubert F. Boeddeker, Halstad; junior champion boar—C. L. McNelly and Sons, McIntosh; senior champion sow—C. O. Quist. HAMPSHIRE CHAMPIONS: grand champion boar and sow—George A. Hanson and Son, Crookston; senior and junior champion boar and senior sow—George A. Hanson and Son; junior champion sow—Orland Hanson, Crookston. BERKSHIRE CHAMPIONS: grand champion boar and sow—Arnold Gredvig, Fertile; junior and senior champion boar and senior champion sow—Arnold Gredvig; junior champion sow—Walter Gredvig, Fertile.

The Leonard Houske trophy for the champion Guernsey Get-of-Sire herd was presented to the Sundseth Brothers of Halstad.

In showings of horses, in the purebred class, C. U. Brantner of Georgetown, won first four places. In the grade horse class, first place winner was Allen Brotsma of Beltrami.

BASKETBALL SEASON

CLOSES MARCH 2

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Argyle High, 23-21; Park River Aggies, 34-31; Fosston High, 34-33, 23-20; Grand Forks Sacred Heart High, 24-20; St. Paul Aggies, 43-24, 53-38.

In the Minnesota Ag Schools Conference, the Northwest Aggies' record shows two victories, one each scored against Grand Rapids and Morris, and two defeats both administered by St. Paul. Two remaining games in the Conference are both Northwest School home games to be played on Saturday, February 24, with the Morris Aggies, and Saturday, March 2, with the Grand Rapids Aggies. The latter game will be played in conjunction with the second annual Conference wrestling and swimming tournament. Representatives from the four Ag Schools will appear in the Northwest School gym for all events of this tournament. At the conclusion of these events will be the final basketball game of the season for the Northwest Aggies.

The first All-Conference basketball team will be selected and announced by the Ag School coaches on Saturday, March 2, as an added feature of the swimming and wrestling tournament.

4-H CLUB MEMBERS

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4-H Hereford was a yearling exhibited by Howard Heitman, Ada. Howard received the special \$10 cash award provided by L. R. Sheldahl, Perley.

The champion 4-H beef heifer of the show was a yearling Shorthorn exhibited by Roy Lerud, Twin Valley. Winner of the best Junior Dairy calf trophy, which is awarded by the Red River Valley Dairymen's association, was Verdie Gysland, Gary, who exhibited a two-year old Jersey heifer. Kenneth Muzzy, Thief River Falls, won the champion Holstein award.

Grand Champion 4-H club gilt, a Poland China, was exhibited by Clarence Sargent, Crookston.

Lyle Clow, Lancaster, won the special silver cup presented each year to the grand champion 4-H sheep exhibitors by the Red River Valley Livestock Association. He showed a purebred Hampshire ewe lamb. Shropshire breed champion was Homer Fobes, Moorhead.

Results Of 4-H Crops Exhibits

Cyril Sorrels of Williams carried off Sweepstakes honors in the 4-H potatoes exhibits. His sample of Irish Cobbler potatoes was declared the best of the Show. Reserve Sweepstakes was awarded to his brother Roy who also displayed an Irish Cobbler sample.

The sweepstakes 4-H club corn exhibit was a white Dent variety displayed by Raymond Hoppe, Crookston. Ruben Watlov, Underwood, won reserve sweepstakes honors with ten ears of Yellow Dent corn.

Poultry Judging

The Clay county Poultry Judging team was awarded permanent possession of the Northern Minnesota Poultry Association trophy. Clay county has won the cup for three successive years, entitling them to its permanent possession. Members of this year's team were: Marguerite Garrity and Dorothy Fobes of Moorhead, and Doyle Torefelt, Sabin.

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RECORD NUMBER OF JUDGING TEAMS IN CONTESTS

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ston won the 4-H livestock judging trophy for 1940, with teams from Red Lake and Roseau counties ranking second and third respectively.

Forty-three High School Teams Competed

Twenty-two high school dairy judging teams and twenty-one general livestock judging teams were entered in the two livestock judging contests at the Winter Shows on February 5. The territory embraced in the high school contest included the thirteen Red River Valley counties and Hubbard, Beltrami, Koochiching, Itasca, and St. Louis counties.

In the general livestock contest, the five high ranking teams listed in order of placing included Halstad, Stephen, Deer River, Climax, and Blackduck.

In the dairy cattle judging, the first five teams ranked as follows: Bemidji, Halstad, McIntosh, Thief River Falls, Bagley, and Fosston.

RECEIVE AWARDS

Former Staff Member Dies

Mrs. Louise Pederson Hedin, wife of Dr. Harry Hedin, class of 1911, passed away on the evening of Saturday, January 20, at a Grand Forks hospital. Mrs. Hedin, before her marriage to Dr. Hedin in 1923 had been a member of the staff of the Northwest School from the fall of 1919 to the spring of 1923. Mrs. Hedin will always be remembered by her students as an excellent teacher of a high type of personality and one who was interested in the welfare of every student. Dr. and Mrs. Hedin have, through their years of residence in East Grand Forks, kept in close contact with the school and members of the staff. During her two years of lingering illness, Mrs. Hedin always maintained a high note of optimism and always gave encouragement to others. She was an active worker in her church and was a leader in music circles in her community.

Besides Dr. Hedin, Mrs. Hedin leaves their children, Helen, Irma, and David. R. S. Dunham, A. M. Foker, and Miss Julia Aune, members of the staff, represented the faculty at the funeral which was held at Grand Forks on Monday, January 22.

The sympathy of the Northwest School staff, alumni and former students is extended to Dr. Hedin and children.

THIRTEEN VALLEY FARMERS AND HOMEMAKERS HONORED

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Louis Huss, Perham, Ottertail county; Mr. and Mrs. Carl A. Johnson, Warren, Marshall county; Mr. and Mrs. Ernest F. Krabbenhoft, Sabin, Clay county; Mr. and Mrs. Hans Solberg, Goodridge, Pennington county; Mr. and Mrs. Frank J. Teuber, Beaulieu, Mahanomen county; Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Erdman, Red Lake Falls, Red Lake county; Mr. and Mrs. A. K. Holte, Baudette, Lake of the Woods county; and Mr. and Mrs. Tore Njaa, Wannaska, Roseau County.

4-H CLUB AWARDS

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Many Awards Made

Delmont Cournia, Crookston, was the winner in the 4-H beef fitting contest.

Clarence Sargent, Crookston, won first in the 4-H club sheep showmanship contest. In the pig showmanship contest, Harold Copp, Warren, placed first.

The 4-H club dairy judging team from Roseau county was declared champion over eight other teams that competed for judging.

In the 4-H dairy and beef showmanship contest, Verdie Gysland, Gary, was named champion.

WINTER SHOWS A GREAT SUCCESS

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bard's two and one-half hour lecture, and Veterans' Day with John C. Metcalfe as speaker.