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HOMECOMING, OCT. 25 PARENTS' DAY, NOV. 1

Parents To Be Guests Of School On November 1st

Parents of Northwest School students will be guests of their sons and daughters and the school on Parents' Day which is to be held on Saturday, November first.

Acting on the resolution adopted by the "dads" of last year's students, the athletic committee has arranged for a football game to be played at 10:00 a. m. on Parents' Day. Because of the football game, the faculty have decided to dispense with demonstration classes on the morning program. Classrooms and laboratories, however, will be open for inspection from 9:00 a. m. to 10:00 a. m. with student guides on hand to explain the nature of work given in each of the departments.

The home project show in the gymnasium will be open throughout the day. The home project show will be of unusual interest this year due to the fact that many of the crop exhibits will demonstrate comparative trials with fertilizer and new crop varieties which have been conducted by students during the year. There will be a large number of exhibits in the various collection projects for boys. A very large exhibit of home economics projects is expected this year.

The first annual meeting of the
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Homecoming Scheduled For October 25

Homecoming festivities at the Northwest School are scheduled to begin on Friday evening, October 24 preparatory to the North Central-Northwest Aggie game scheduled for Homecoming day, October 25, at 2:00 p. m. The football game, a battle for subcollegiate supremacy for Northern Minnesota, will be the item of greatest interest on the Homecoming program. The keen rivalry existing between the two Schools of Agriculture will spur both teams on to make the Homecoming contest the outstanding game of the season. The brown jug trophy goes to the winner of the Homecoming football game; the Northwest School won the brown jug in 1940.

The Homecoming celebration will start with the torchlight parade on Friday evening. The traditional torchlight parade will end at the huge bonfire and "pep" meeting south of the athletic field.

A special Homecoming assembly will be held in the school auditorium on Saturday, October 25, at 11:30 a. m., and many novel entertainment features will be presented at the assembly program. The North Central football squad, its coaches and members of the faculty will be guests at the assembly
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Excellent Entertainment

Program Arranged

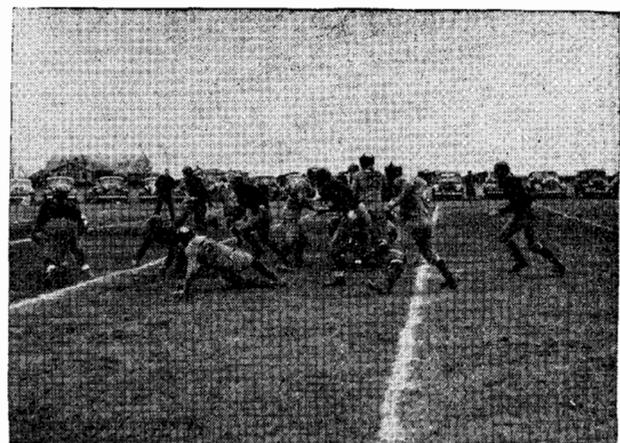
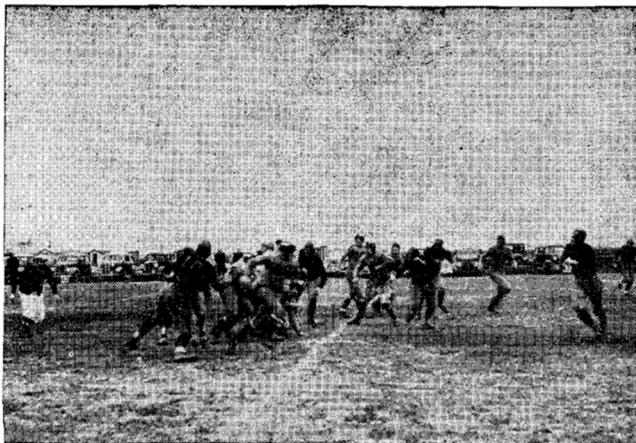
An excellent lyceum and entertainment program has been arranged at the Northwest School for the school year. Arrangements have been made with the General Extension Division, University of Minnesota, whereby six lyceum attractions will appear on the program during the year, with the first attraction, The American Song Bag Company, scheduled for Saturday evening, October 18. The American Song Bag Company, a group of three young American artists, will sing and play American music exclusively. Songs and ballads characteristic of America and excerpts from modern American operas will be featured by the trio.

Harry C. White, on November 7, will discuss and demonstrate "Man's Progress Through the Ages". Mr. White will describe and demonstrate new
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Aggie Football Seasons Opens

On Friday night, October 3, the Northwest Aggie football squad met their city rivals from Crookston Central High School under the lights on the Central field. With only one week of practice behind them the Aggies played an excellent game against one of the strongest Central teams in years. Crookston Central, to date, is undefeated, having won from Thief River Falls, Northwest Aggies, and Warren.

During the greater part of the first half neither team was able to score. The Aggie offense showed lack of sufficient time on the practice field and the Crookston offense, although better organized, was unable to convert gains
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The 1940 Homecoming Game at the Northwest School



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Boys' Pow-Wow And Girls' Frolic Held October 1

The boys' pow-wow and girls' frolic, get-acquainted parties sponsored by the Y. M. and Y. W. C. A. organizations at the Northwest School, were held at the school Wednesday evening, October first. The girls' frolic was held at the Aggie Inn and the pow-wow was held in the school auditorium. Officers of the two organizations were in charge of the arrangements for the two parties with Joan Phillips of Noyes, president of the Y. W. C. A., chairman of the girls' group, and Marion Nelson of Fergus Falls, president of the Y. M. C. A. group, master of ceremonies for the boys' program.

At the pow-wow, Marion Nelson outlined the functions and objectives of the Northwest School Y. M. C. A. organization. Men of the faculty and members of the student body were called on to outline advantages afforded students in the various extra-curricular activities.

Faculty coaches who spoke for the various activities were R. J. Christgau, athletic program; E. F. Bennett, swimming, wrestling, and cross-country; football, Bryan F. Swan; W. R. Peterson, debating; A. M. Pilkey, outdoor festival; R. S. Dunham, crops judging; B. M. Bakkegard, musical organizations. Captains of athletic teams who spoke for the various activities included Clifford Nybo, football; Harlan Beucler, basketball; Alton Knutson, cross-country; Herbert Johnson, wrestling; Allan Gustafson, hockey. Clarence Sargent, a member of the 1941 subcollegiate stock judging team, discussed the values of livestock judging. Music presented at the Pow-Wow included a cornet solo by B. M. Bakkegard; piano novelty numbers, R. S. Dunham; and dancing Sambo, by A. M. Foker.

R. J. Halvorson, newly appointed Registrar, gave his impressions of the Northwest School. Superintendent T. M. McCall stressed the value of participation in extra-curricular activities and told briefly what the school was doing to build up the equipment for the various departments.

The get-acquainted introductions and the showing of the Northwest School film were the chief features of the girls' frolic. A number of large group games, which served as an initiation of new girls, were also played. The Y. W. C. A. committee in charge of the girls' frolic consisted of Joan Phillips, Noyes; Amy McVeety, East Grand Forks; Berneil Nelson, Hallock; Steffie Pastuck, Hal-

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Reception To Students Sponsored By 'Y' Groups

Training for Defense was the theme for the reception and entertainment for students at the Northwest School on Saturday evening, October 4. The reception sponsored by the Young Men's and Young Women's Christian Associations, was held in the school gymnasium.

The new recruits passed the reviewing stand where each took his place in the receiving line headed by the officers of the organizations and faculty. The students were assigned to six different military camps, the army, navy, air corps, marines, coast guard and home guard. Representatives from the different camps competed in physical examinations and intelligence tests. Under the heading of maneuvers, the camp groups competed in a wide variety of contests ranging from balloon barrages to K. P. duty. The program ended with a grand march and refreshments.

Officers of the Y. W. and Y. M. C. A. who acted on the general committee on arrangements for the reception included: Joan Phillips, Noyes; Clara Syverson, McIntosh; Berneil Nelson, Hallock; Marion Nelson, Fergus Falls; Alton and Carlton Knutson, Ashby. The faculty advisory committees consisted of the Misses Retta Bede, Ona Scheidler, Elsie Kingston, Superintendent T. M. McCall, A. M. Pilkey, and A. K. Crawford. Mr. W. R. Peterson acted as master of ceremonies and Registrar R. J. Halvorson and Coach R. J. Christgau acted as official scorers. Top honors for the contests were won by the air corps under the direction of Joan Phillips and Clarence Sargent.

Clarence Sargent Awarded McKerrow Scholarship

Clarence Sargent of Crookston, a member of the Advanced class at the Northwest School, was one of three state-wide winners of a McKerrow scholarship. The scholarships, valued at seventy dollars each, are awarded annually to the boys and girls who have made outstanding records over a period of years in 4-H livestock projects.

Clarence has made an enviable record in his livestock projects over a nine-year period. He has won several trips to the Minnesota State Fair and Junior Livestock Show. In a class of 89 fat lambs at the 1940 Junior Livestock Show, Clarence won seventh place. He has made a fine record in leadership in his local 4-H club and not only represented his county in a general livestock judging team in 1937 but was high man on the Northwest School judging team in 1941 ranking third in the entire contest.

The congratulations of the entire staff are extended to Clarence in winning this signal honor.

PLAN TO ATTEND
HOMECOMING, October 25

New Rainfall Record Effects Crop Condition

Each new shower of rain or fall of snow during the fall months of 1941 adds to the new all-time precipitation record made during the current year. Precipitation figures compiled by R. S. Dunham, Northwest Station agronomist, show a total of 32.33 inches from January 1, 1941, to October 10, which exceeds the total for the twelve months record of 1905 which amounted to 29.6 inches.

Along with the new rainfall record of 1941 goes a new record of crop losses due to moisture. From the central part of the Red River Valley and beginning in the center of Norman county and north to the Canadian line on the Dakota and Minnesota sides of the Red River, a tremendous amount of damage has been done to grain crops. Some farmers were able to get all of their crop harvested and threshed while many farmers in the seriously flooded areas have been unable to salvage more than ten to sixty percent of their small grains. General estimates for the north half of the Red River Valley indicate thirty per cent of the grain crop acreage unthreshed on October first.

Potato farmers and sugar beet growers have been seriously hampered in getting out their crops by the incessant rains. Field decay of potatoes is taking an appreciable toll on many of the poorly drained fields and with poor drying conditions potatoes on the heavier

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Enjoyable Program Presented By Music And English Staff

Members of the staff from the music and English departments of the Northwest School presented an enjoyable program to a large audience at the school on Sunday evening, October 5. Marjorie Ardell Hamlett, pianist, and Bruce Robart, violinist, new members of the music department this year, made their first appearance on a Northwest School program. Mr. Robart, a member of the music faculty of Wesley College, Grand Forks, North Dakota, a part-time instructor at the Northwest School, meets his violin students one day each week.

The program presented included the following numbers: piano solos, "Allegro" from "Italian Concerto"—J. S. Bach, and "Prelude, Op. 28, No. 7"—Chopin, by Miss M. Ardell Hamlett; reading, "Abraham Lincoln Walks at Midnight"—Vachel Lindsay, by Miss Martha Manning; violin solos, "First Movement, Sonata F Major"—Mozart and "Air for G String"—Bach, by Mr. Bruce Robart accompanied by Miss Millie Kohler; piano solos, "Nocturne in F Sharp"—Chopin, and "Ballad in G Minor"—Chopin, by Miss Marian Frykman; soprano solos, "But the Lord is Mindful of His Own" from "St. Paul"—Mendelssohn and "Come Ye Blessed"—J. P. Scott, by Miss Elvira Bierbauer, accompanied by Miss Frykman; reading, "The Ballad of the Harp Weaver"—Edna St. Vincent Millay, by Miss Dolores Webster; cornet solos, "Cross and Crown"—Colby, and "American Fantasia"—Goldman, by Benjamin M. Bakkegard, accompanied by Miss Frykman.

REGULATIONS GOV- ERNING HOME COMING DANCE AND PARTY

By faculty action, the following regulation governing attendance at the annual Homecoming Dance and Party will be enforced on October 25: "Admission to Homecoming Dance and Party for former students and alumni shall be by guest ticket only."

Send in your request immediately for a guest ticket for yourself and partner to: **Homecoming Dance Committee, Northwest School, Crookston, Minnesota.**

Remember that attendance is limited. Only those presenting guest tickets will be admitted. The committee reserves the right to refuse admission to those who do not properly qualify. Upon presentation of the guest tickets, the prevailing admission charge will be made.

Classes Elect Officers

Classes at the Northwest School of Agriculture held their reorganization meetings on October 2 at which time the freshmen selected their class advisers.

The freshmen selected as their class advisers Miss Marjorie Ardell Hamlett, instructor in English and piano, and W. R. Peterson, instructor in agricultural engineering. The list of class officers elected for the year together with their class advisers include: **FRESHMEN CLASS:** Eleanor Dufault, Argyle, president; Gerald Burke, Crookston, vice president; Geraldine Nelson, Crookston, secretary; Marian Sargent, Crookston, treasurer. **JUNIOR CLASS:** Roger Simmons, Gatzke, president; Maynard Skeie, Winger, vice president; Gunhild Nesland, Grygla, treasurer; Myrtle Smith, Grygla, secretary; Orville Pearson, Hallock, sergeant-at-arms; advisers, Miss Dolores Webster and Mr. B. F. Swan. **SENIOR CLASS:** Irene Olson, Halstad, president; Carlton Knutson, Ashby, vice president; Annabelle Jeffrey, East Grand Forks, secretary; Robert Anderson, Mahnomen, treasurer; Darwin Ferrer, Pitt, sergeant-at-arms; advisers, Miss Martha Manning and B. M. Bakkegard. **ADVANCED CLASS:** Alton Knutson, Ashby, president; Helen Nesbit, East Grand Forks, vice president; Clarence Sargent, Crookston, treasurer; Herbert Johnson, Stephen, sergeant-at-arms; Allan Gustafson, Lancaster, secretary; and class advisers, Miss Elvira Bierbauer and A. K. Crawford.

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program, the Homecoming banquet in the dining hall at 6:00 p. m., and at the evening entertainment program. The Homecoming dance in the gymnasium and Homecoming party in the Aggie Inn at 8:00 p. m. will conclude the festivities for the day.

Journalism Class Publishes School Paper

Every Tuesday of the school year is marked by the appearance of the "Aggie Rouser", the Northwest School newspaper. This mimeographed publication, which is now in its fourth year, is put out by the Journalism class under the supervision of Miss Martha Myrle Manning. The staff is elected by the class and this year includes the following: editor in chief—Paul Auer of Waubun; associate editors—Conrad Giese of Euclid and Stefie Pastuck, Hallock; sports editor—Harlan Beucler, Audubon; associate sports editors—Ila Grove, Roosevelt, and Harold Loyd, Argyle; and humor editors—William Vasilakes, Lengby, and Margaret Forfang of Hallock. The rest of the class serve as reporters.

The aim of the course is to teach the students to write clearly and concisely, and to acquaint them with various newspaper styles and practices so that they may read their community papers with more discrimination and intelligence. In addition they learn to cooperate with their editors, to interview people with ease, and to report on events with accuracy and speed.

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Northwest School Leads In Enrollment

The Northwest School again leads the Schools of Agriculture in attendance for the fall term. Total registrations as of October 13 at the Northwest School amounted to 360 as compared to 355 for the end of the second week in 1940. The enrollments at the West Central School at Morris and the Central School at St. Paul, at the end of the first week of school, were below the 300 mark. North Central at Grand Rapids, with fifty registrations, equalled the 1940 enrollment figure.

Outdoor Festival A Big Success

The annual fall outdoor festival at the Northwest School of Agriculture held on Saturday evening, October 11, was a great success judging by the noisy bedlam of spontaneous enthusiasm shown during the outdoor contests held under the lights strung between Robertson Hall and the Kiehle building.

Members of the Senior and Advanced classes opened the evening by serving an outdoor supper at six o'clock. Four

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Pictured above is the American Song Bag Company who will present a program in the Northwest School auditorium at 8:00 p. m. on Saturday, October 18. They will give an entire program of American music from the earliest folk songs to the present time. This is one of six lyceum programs scheduled for the Northwest School during the school year.

PARENTS TO BE GUESTS OF SCHOOL ON NOVEMBER 1st

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Northwest School Parents' Association has been called by President O. A. Flaatt for 1:45 p. m. in the school auditorium. Secretary Martin Larson will give a report of the activities of the organization during the past year. Nominating and resolutions committees will submit reports for action by the Association.

At 2:00 p. m., the student program for the parents will be given. Music for the program will be provided by the school band, school orchestra, and glee clubs. The girls will stage a style revue as their demonstration of home project work. The boys will show slide pictures of their various projects. Upper classmen will present a short one-act play as a demonstration of the work done in dramatics.

Fathers and mothers of students will be the guests of the school for the noonday dinner at the dining hall. The get-acquainted and coffee hour will be held in the gymnasium following the student program in the auditorium.

A full-length feature film has been secured for the evening entertainment of students and parents.

EXCELLENT ENTERTAINMENT PROGRAM ARRANGED

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wonders of the science of electricity, chemistry, and light.

On November 19, William Blodgett Holmes will speak at assembly hour. He will speak on the subject "Europe, Sunny Side Up" and show kodiochrome pictures of Europe taken just before the start of the present war.

Dan Stiles will give an illustrated lecture on December 5 on the subject "Maritime New England".

The Nelidoff trio featuring George Nelidoff, a famous Russian baritone; Melba Rinker, soprano; and Dorothy Jones, concert pianist and accompanist, will appear before the students on a Winter Shows program February 6.

Ethel Henley's Marionettes will conclude the lyceum program for the year on February 28.

The school entertainment committee is negotiating for two additional outside lyceum attractions for January.

Four full-length motion picture films will be shown each term. Three all-school parties will be held during the fall term. Class parties, song contest, variety night, football and basketball games round out a well-balanced program of entertainment for the school year.

OUTDOOR FESTIVAL A BIG SUCCESS

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big bonfires were provided for the roasting of wieners. After the supper, a series of games which were sponsored by various members of the faculty provided more fun and keen competition than can be generally anticipated. The four classes competed against each other and the final count was close. The Seniors and Advanced students were tied for first. Two points behind them were the Juniors and two more

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AGGIE FOOTBALL SEASON OPENS

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into scores. In the last few seconds of the first half Crookston executed a beautiful pass play from the 35-yard line, caught in the end zone for a touchdown. The point conversion made the score 7-0, Central.

The third period was the same, scoreless give and take as most of the first half, but in the fourth quarter the Aggies opened up a series of pass plays which worked to perfection, advancing the ball to the Central 3-yard line. From here Harlan Beucler for the Aggies went over for a touchdown on a buck over the right side of the line. The point try was no good, leaving Central in the lead 7-6.

In the last 30 seconds of the final quarter, Central gained control of the ball through an Aggie fumble, deep in Aggie territory. Again a pass play resulted in a Central touchdown, the try for point going wide. Final score: Central 13, Aggies 6.

Deserving of special mention on the Northwest School squad in the Crookston game were Harlan Beucler, Harold Loyd, Clifford Nybo and Darwin Ferrier.

In the Bemidji game, the Northwest school showed surprising strength in holding a highly rated Bemidji High team to a 13-0 advantage.

During the first half the Aggies held a distinct advantage, keeping most of the play in Bemidji territory. Three times Aggie drives took them inside the opponents 20-yard line, one of them ending on the 10, all of which were smothered by the stubborn resistance of the big Bemidji line and alert backfield. The score at the end of the first half stood 0-0.

The second half found most of the play centered around midfield, until late in the third quarter when Bemidji made a 75-yard return of a punt for the first score and converting for the extra point. Score at the end of the third quarter, 7-0, Bemidji.

In the fourth quarter Bemidji started a determined drive on their own 15-yard line. Playing straight football they continued their drive over the goal-line for their second and last score. The try for point was no good and the game ended with Bemidji leading 13-0. A loss for the Aggies but an excellent showing against a team which has been rated one of the four best in Minnesota this fall.

The next game on the Northwest Aggies schedule is with the Bemidji Teachers College Freshmen on Friday, October 17, and followed by the Homecoming game on October 25 with the North Central Aggies.

OUTDOOR FESTIVAL A BIG SUCCESS

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points away were the Freshmen. E. F. Bennett announced the contests and Registrar R. J. Halvorson acted as scorekeeper. The final event of the evening was a feature film and comedy shown in the school auditorium.

The school entertainment committee under the chairmanship of R. S. Dunham was in charge of the program.

Dates Announced For Livestock Sale

Two dates, February 5 and 6, 1942, have been selected by the sales committee of the Red River Valley Livestock Association for auctions of purebred livestock at the forthcoming Winter Shows at Crookston, Minnesota. The sales committee made preliminary arrangements at their meeting at the Northwest School on October 6 for their annual two-day sale. Fred Reppert of Decatur, Indiana, a nationally known auctioneer of purebred livestock, has been invited to return to Crookston and conduct the sale. Reports from the livestock breeders of the Red River Valley indicate that they are giving one-hundred per cent support to the Winter Shows sale and that they are holding back outstanding animals for the sale.

According to present plans, breeds of hogs and sheep will be sold on Thursday, February 5, and breeds of beef and dairy cattle will be sold on Friday, February 6. A closing date for consignments for the Winter Shows sale has been set for December first.

JOURNALISM CLASS PUBLISHES SCHOOL PAPER

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The paper is read with interest by the student body and it serves as an accurate and complete record of the school year.

BOYS' POW-WOW AND GIRLS' FROLIC HELD OCTOBER 1

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lock; Clara Syverson, McIntosh; Ila Grove, Roosevelt, and Helen Rasmussen, Grygla.

NEW RAINFALL RECORD EFFECTS CROP CONDITION

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soils lack in cleanness.

Tare on sugar beets is running unusually heavy this year due to excessive moisture in the fields; the yields of sugar beets on good stands will be better than average. Approximately three solid weeks of good weather are necessary to get out the beet crop of the Red River Valley area.

The picture of the agricultural situation in the Red River Valley is not altogether gloomy for livestock producers are getting excellent returns from livestock. Annual forage and all hay crops have yielded abundantly and pastures have been the best in years. Fall pasturage on stubble fields makes a super-abundance of feed on most farms. Livestock, dairy, and poultry products have, because of good prices, made up for much of the loss sustained on grain crops. Considerable grain of inferior quality for cash sale can be utilized to good advantage in feeding livestock.

Less fall plowing has been done on farms in the Red River Valley prior to October first than has been done in many years. The mechanized power, together with horses, will be able to fall plow all land needed for spring seeding if October weather is favorable.