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### Christmas Program Presented December 14

The annual student Christmas program was presented at the Northwest School on December 14 in the school auditorium.

The program opened with the singing of Christmas carols by members of the Advanced and Special classes. The speech choir read the biblical story of the Christ child. The school's mixed chorus sang "Joyous Christmas Song"—Gevoert, "How Far Is It to Bethlehem"—Shaw, and the choir sang "Beside Thy Cradle Here I Stand"—Bach, "We Adore Thee"—Palestrina, and "While Shepherds Watched Their Sheep"—17th Century. A medley of Christmas songs was played by the school orchestra.

"Why the Chimes Rang", an impressive Christmas play, concluded the program. The leading parts in the play were taken by Lewis Meyer of Thief River Falls as Holger; Donald Rose of Roseau as Steen; Helen Rasmussen of Grygla as Old Woman; Iden Magnusson of Roseau as Uncle Bertel; and in pantomime were Leslie Nordling, Hallock; Surges Amundson, White Fish, Montana; Joan Phillips, Noyes; Lorraine Capistran, Euclid; Wilfred Wold, Starbuck, Canada; Robert Grenier, Red Lake Falls; and Dale Walters, Beltrami.

Faculty members assisting in the presentation of the Christmas program were Miss Elvira Bierbauer, director of the chorus and choir; Miss Marian Frykman, director of the orchestra; and Miss Martha Manning, director of the speech choir and coach of the play.

### Non-Resident Faculty Leave for Holidays

Non-resident members of the staff from the Northwest School who left the campus December 19 to spend the Christmas holidays with relatives and friends were the Misses Marian Frykman, Elvira Bierbauer, and Martha Manning of Minneapolis; Dolores Webster, Stillwater; Ona Scheidler, Cloquet; Fanny Lippitt, Retta Bede, and Lois Bartlett of Duluth; Ardell Hamlet, River Falls, Wisconsin; Fae Hughbanks, Spencer, Iowa; Elsie Kingston, Wayne, Nebraska. Mr. and Mrs. Bryan F. Swan and son David will spend the holidays in Minneapolis. Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Peterson and family will spend their vacation at Kenyon, Minnesota. B. M. Bakkegaard will visit his parents at Fullerton, North Dakota.

### R. R. Valley Pageant at Winter Shows, Feb. 3

A pageant on "Pan Americanism", staged by an all-star cast of players from fifteen counties in the Red River Valley, will be the opening feature of the formal program of the thirty-second annual Red River Valley Winter Shows at Crookston on February 3. The Winter Shows will be held during the week of February 2-6, 1942.

Final acceptance of the pageant theme and assignment of parts were made at a meeting of county agents, county chairmen, and county committee members in their meeting at Crookston on December 8.

Thirteen counties in the Northwest corner of Minnesota were represented at the meeting. Delegates from Wilkin, East and West Ottertail counties, who were unable to attend the meeting, accepted assignment of parts for the pageant.

Miss Mary Anne Mather, county agent at large and recreational leader for the Agricultural Extension Division, University Farm, St. Paul, director of the pageant, assigned the parts at the Crookston meeting to be taken by the various county groups and later in the week met with each county group to work out details of organization for the local county units. T. M. McCall, president of the Winter Shows, together with a committee consisting of R. S. Dunham and E. W. Spring from the Winter Shows Board of Managers, met with the Valley pageant committee and made arrangements for staging the pageant. According to present plans, the pageant will be presented on both the afternoon and evening programs. Opportunities will be given Red River Valley folks outside of Crookston a chance to make advance reservations for the pageant performances.

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### Students Win Trips to Junior Livestock Show

Eight students attending the Northwest School won free trips to the Junior Livestock Show at South St. Paul in late October. Trips were awarded 4-H club members with outstanding achievement in their respective counties in producing fat stock and poultry. Five students competed in each of four projects; namely, baby beef, sheep, turkey, and pig projects. Reports were received from all students exhibiting except from Lyle Clow of Hallock, a veteran breeder and showman of sheep.

Dale Pulkrabek of Angus won highest ratings among the students placing seventh in the turkey classes. Dale Pulkrabek and Joseph Lee of Erskine made handsome profits on turkeys this year. Dale made a profit of seventy cents per bird on a flock of one hundred birds while Joseph received \$308 from his projects above his cash outlay. Roy Morvig of Shevlin found that he received thirty dollars in prizes and compensation for labor in raising a fat barrow. LuVerne Hemmes of Humboldt made a profit of \$5.91 in addition to her county fair winnings of \$8.00 on her Duroc Jersey barrow.

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### Term Closes With Get-Together Dinner

The annual fall "get-together" banquet of students and faculty of the Northwest School was held in the school dining room on December 18 at 6:00 p. m. The dining room was made festive with wreaths of holly, sprays of arbor vitae, candle lighted tables, brilliantly lighted Christmas trees supporting the general "light in the window" program theme. Turkeys for the dinner were selected from the Northwest School and Station flock.

The school choir sang "The Lord's Prayer" and several Christmas carols. A brass quartette played special arrangements of Christmas carols. Superintendent T. M. McCall delivered the Christmas message.

The program was arranged by the faculty entertainment committee with R. S. Dunham as chairman. The decorations committee consisted of W. R. Peterson and A. K. Crawford. Miss Elvira Bierbauer led in community singing.

### SCHOOL COURSES WILL MEET WAR-TIME DEMANDS

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activities is open to all students at the Northwest School. The athletic program of subcollegiate competition includes the following winter term sports: basketball, swimming, wrestling, and hockey. School monograms or sweaters are awarded to students who fulfill requirements of participation in subcollegiate events in athletics, debate, crops and livestock judging. Large squads of students are now trying out for membership in the various subcollegiate competitive squads. The Northwest School has maintained an enviable record in competition with other schools in subcollegiate conferences.

An interesting program of lyceum attractions, movies, debates, basketball and hockey games has been arranged for the winter term. Northwest School students will be given season tickets to the Red River Valley Winter Shows and selected evening meetings.

### Tuition and Transportation Aid

State tuition aid is available to farm boys and girls who reside in rural school districts, who meet the requirements, which means that the cost of educational training at the Northwest School will be confined chiefly to board and room costs for those who reside on the campus. Transportation Aid assistance is now being received by an increasing number of students.

### OUTSTANDING EVENING PROGRAMS FOR WINTER SHOWS

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industrial shows, judging contests, 4-H Club meetings and contests, and auction sales of purebred livestock, annually attracts several thousand persons to this Red River Valley classic.

## Swimming, Wrestling, Hockey Contests to Get Under Way

With the opening of the second term on January 5 the swimming, wrestling, and hockey squads will be rounding into shape for contests with other teams. The swimming and wrestling squads have been practicing regularly since the first part of November but the hockey squad has not yet been organized. The weather has not permitted the flooding of the rink. Members of the wrestling squad are Orville Dahlsad, Georgetown; Orlo Lintvet, Oklee; Gene Johnston, Angus; Earl Krogstad, Fertile; Einar Scholin, Thief River Falls; John Salentine, Euclid; Vernon Phillips, Mavie; Donald Duffy, Red Lake Falls; Edwin Pearson, Warroad; Orvin Swenson, Fertile; Norman Anderson, Middle River; Clayton Erickson, Roseau; Norris Hagen, Grygla; Louis Barrick, McIntosh; Edmund Sczepanski, Stephen; David Norton, East Grand Forks; Vernon Anderson, Stephen; Duane Johnsrud, Goodridge; Earl Nelson, Lake Bronson; Loyd Kasprick, Angus; Charles Samuelson, Crookston; Arvid Matero, Middle River; George Vasilakes, Lengby; Leonard Hapka, Argyle; Einar Magnusson, Milton, North Dakota; Robert Halliday, Fosston; Harold Reindahl, Trail; Veral Mosbeck, Leland Roi, Donald Boutain, Red Lake Falls; Odean Nesland, Thompson, North Dakota; Glenn Olson, Mavie; Floyd Forfang, Hallock; Bernard Scott, Battle Lake; Wilfred Roi, Red Lake Falls.

Members of the swimming squad are Harold Lambert, Hallock; Harold Anderson, Argyle; Jay Bergh, Hallock; Leonard Yutzenka, Argyle; Roland Morrison, Dalton; Orville Pearson, Hallock; Richard Walstrom, Salol; Robert Halvorson, Maurice Bergh, Hallock; Elmer Kliner, Angus; Robert LaPlante, Crookston; Marville Magnusson, Warren; Kent Hanson, Hallock; Lewis Meyer, Thief River Falls; Dick Bonner, Chicago; Howard Ristau, Mavie.

## STUDENTS WIN TRIPS TO JUNIOR LIVESTOCK SHOW

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Marville Magnusson of Warren made a profit of \$15.00 on his Angus baby beef steer in addition to the \$6.00 prize won at the county fair. Harold Younggren of Hallock, with a baby beef calf selected from his father's herd, won first place at the county fair and ranked twenty-seventh in the state contest. Harold's profit amounted to \$37.50. Clarence Sargent of Crookston figured his profit on his fat Shropshire lamb at \$12.50.

## SONG CONTEST WON BY ADVANCED CLASS

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The Misses Marian Frykman and Ardell Hamlett, instructors in piano, assisted the three lower classes as accompanists for the contest song. Miss Elvira Bierbauer, general director of the song contest was assisted by B. M. Bakkegard, Marian Frykman, and Ardell Hamlett in coaching the class groups. While the judge's decision was being made, B. M. Bakkegard led the audience in community singing with Miss Frykman as piano accompanist.

## Awards Assembly Held Dec. 17

The annual fall term Awards Assembly was held at the Northwest School on Wednesday, December 17. Football and cross-country team members received athletic awards, blue ribbons and silver loving cups were presented to students doing outstanding work in summer home projects, and High Scholarship Certificates were awarded to students.

Darwin Ferrier of Pitt was elected captain of the Aggie football team for 1942. Harlan Beucler of Detroit Lakes received the coveted Ruettell sweater given annually to the most valuable man on the football squad.

Superintendent T. M. McCall presided at the assembly program while staff members and donors of plaques made the awards to students. The Archie Lee Tractor Project award was presented by the donor, Archie Lee of Roseau, to Gilbert Reese of Humboldt. The Roe Grain Company Pureseed Project plaque was presented by the local manager, Paul Dudley of Crookston, to Gene Johnston of Angus. The O. A. Flaot Potato Project plaque was presented to John Bach of East Grand Forks. Arthur Lee of Erskine was awarded the Red River Valley Dairymen's Association Herd Management plaque.

A. M. Foker, chairman of the athletic committee, presented athletic A's and service bars to the members of the Ag School Conference champion football squad and indicated the names of players eligible for sweater awards at the end of the school year. The football awards were: athletic A's—Lyle Clow, Hallock; Floyd Dahl, Kennedy; Floyd Forfang, Hallock; Arvid Gunder-son, Fergus Falls; Harold Hoadley, Bagley; Henry Hoff, Fergus Falls; Theodore Kroulik, Donaldson; Henry McMillan, Mahnomen; Clarence Sargent, Crookston; William Vasilakes, Lengby; Carl Pearson, Hallock; Alton Knutson, student manager, Ashby; service bars—Harlan Beucler, Detroit Lakes; Darwin Ferrier, Pitt; Allan Gustafson, Lancaster; Donald Jorgenson, Stephen; Harold Loyd, Argyle; Palmer Pederson, Bejou.

R. J. Christgau, supervisor of summer home project work, presented the awards in boys' work. Ray Glennan of Roseau, with high records in sheep, poultry, and weather projects, won the silver loving cup, a sweepstake award. The Blue ribbon winners in boys' projects, listed by projects include: LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY—Ray Glennan, Roseau; Lyle Clow, Hallock; Carlton Knutson, Ashby; Roland Morrison, Dalton; Arthur Lee, Erskine; Joseph Lee, Erskine; AGRICULTURAL ENGINEERING PROJECTS—Gilbert Reese, Humboldt; Harry Christenson, Crookston; Ernest Nelson, Fosston; Orville Dahlsad, Georgetown; Robert Wurden, Fisher; Albert Machal, East Grand Forks; Leonard Yutzenka, Argyle; HORTICULTURE—Irwin Johnson, Red Lake Falls; Vernon Phillip, Mavie; George Kotchan, South Junction, Manitoba, Canada; John Bach,

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## Aggie Basketeers Win Two, Lose One

Three games have been played by the Northwest School basketball squad with two victories chalked up against one defeat. The brand of play has varied from superior to mediocre but the hopeful feature of this variety is that the final game showed the biggest improvement over previous performances. The outlook for future contests, on this basis, is promising. Harold Loyd of Argyle, one of the co-captains, was the outstanding performer in all three contests.

The Aggies opened the season by winning their game at Erskine on December 5. The Erskine squad was small and mostly inexperienced, but the aggressiveness and speed of the boys promises a better team by the end of the season. The game was featured by the closeness of the score at all times, neither team having, at any time, more than a 3-point lead. A basket by Floyd Dahl of Kennedy, of the Aggies, in the last second of play provided the margin of victory, 24 to

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## R. R. VALLEY, PAGEANT AT WINTER SHOWS FEB. 3

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County chairmen, county agents, and committee members present at the general meeting held in Crookston on December 8 as guests of the Winter Shows Board of Managers included: BECKER COUNTY—Ingvald Larson, Lake Park; M. H. Ostrem, Detroit Lakes, county agent; CLAY COUNTY—Mrs. L. E. Hammet, Moorhead; G. E. May, Moorhead, county agent; CLEARWATER COUNTY—Ervind Olson, Bagley; Elvin Sorenson, Bagley, and H. E. Balk, Bagley, county agent; MARSHALL COUNTY—Mrs. A. A. Trost, Warren; LAKE OF THE WOODS COUNTY—Mrs. J. H. Mason, Williams; George Berggren, county agent, Baudette; NORMAN COUNTY—Walter Drengson, Ada; George Landsverk, Ada, county agent; RED LAKE COUNTY—Mrs. A. A. Jorgenson, Red Lake Falls; John Dysart, Red Lake Falls, county agent; PENNINGTON COUNTY—Mrs. E. F. Wright, Thief River Falls; E. A. Palmer, Thief River Falls, county agent; MAHNOMEN COUNTY—Mrs. O. T. Anderson, Mahnomen; ROSEAUCOUNTY—Carl S. Hagen, Roseau; M. C. Wangsness, Roseau, county agent; KITTSOON COUNTY—Mrs. Esther Coleman, Hallock; and H. E. Grow, Hallock, county agent; EAST POLK COUNTY—Mrs. Ronald M. Meier, McIntosh; Mrs. Carl Ostby, McIntosh; Mrs. Alfred Zakrisson, McIntosh; Mrs. Ted Stowe, McIntosh; and R. M. Stolen, county agent, McIntosh; WEST POLK COUNTY—Mrs. C. L. Oppegaard, Crookston; and Burton Kreitlow, assistant county agent, Crookston. Committee members from Crookston present were Mrs. L. L. Brown, Mrs. L. L. Landberg, T. W. Thorson, and H. A. Pflughoeft, district 4-H club agent of Crookston.

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