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34th Annual Commencement--March 26

T. H. Fenske To Be Commencement Speaker

T. H. Fenske, superintendent of the West Central School of Agriculture at Morris, has accepted the invitation to give the Commencement address to the graduates at the Northwest School on Thursday, March 26. Superintendent Fenske will speak on the subject "Coming of Age in a World Crisis." The thirty-fourth annual Commencement exercises will be held at 2:00 p. m. in the school auditorium at which time eighty-one Seniors and sixty Advanced students will receive diplomas and fourth year certificates, respectively.

Baccalaureate services will be held on Sunday evening, March 22, at 7:30 o'clock with Dr. Paul J. Snyder of Crookston preaching the sermon.

The Commencement activities began with the Junior-Senior banquet and prom on March 7. Other events held to date during the Commencement season include: Honor A Banquet, March 11; Senior Class play, March 13; Advanced Day, March 16; Senior Class Day, March 19. Two awards assemblies are scheduled, the first is to be held on Friday, March 20 for the presentation of athletic awards and the second assembly on Monday, March 23, will be devoted to the presentation of debate and judging team gold A's, music, and scholarship awards.

On Sunday afternoon, March 22, the annual reception to the Senior class will be held at the home of Superintendent and Mrs. T. M. McCall.

The recital for first and second year students in music will be held in the school auditorium at 4:00 p. m. on Monday, March 23. The recital for the more advanced students in music will be held on Wednesday evening, March 25.

The school term closes officially at 11:40 a. m. on Commencement Day, March 26.

Senior Class Play Enjoyed

A large and an appreciative audience enjoyed the three-act comedy "Youth Takes Over", which was presented by a cast from the Senior class at the Northwest School of Agriculture on the evening of March 13. The play was well cast with Donald Erickson of Kennedy, Wilfred Wold of Starbuck, Manitoba, Canada, and Donald Milner

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Winners Announced In Public Speaking Contests

Public speaking has long been a feature of the English work for all classes at the Northwest School. Opportunities are given students to compete in one of six interclass contests which are held toward the end of the winter term. The contests include extemporaneous speaking; oratory, with original orations; interpretative reading of humorous and serious poetry and prose.

The first of the public speaking contests to be held was the contest in extemporaneous speaking on March 6. First place in this contest was won by Robert Bitney of Red Lake who spoke on the subject "Waste—Our Greatest Enemy". Other students taking part in this contest were: Vernon Hoppe, Crookston; Heimer Swanson, Red Lake Falls; Harold Anderson, Argyle; Forrest Mykleby, Climax; Charles Samuelson, Crookston, and Earl Nelson, Lake Bronson.

On March 9, the contest for original orations was held. Alton Knutson of Ashby, Advanced student, won first

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"WIN THE WAR WITH WORK" FARM PROGRAM

T. M. McCall, Superintendent

The farmers of the Red River Valley are being called on by the state and federal governments to increase the production of vital foods and feeds and in so doing cut down their consumption of goods vital to defense industries. All of the requests for cooperation in a supreme war effort, have been and are being met in a fine spirit of cooperation in spite of the fact that the ranks of farm labor have been decimated by calls for men in military service and defense industries.

In order to do the task of producing food efficiently with the least possible loss in time, energy and health, the members of the staff from the Northwest School and Station have prepared lists of helpful suggestions in many fields of work. These lists of suggestions were prepared primarily for the use of the students in the School of Agriculture; however, because of their wide application to health, food production and conservation of vital materials, the articles have been released to the general public.

One of the vital "must be done" items in the all-out war effort is the con-

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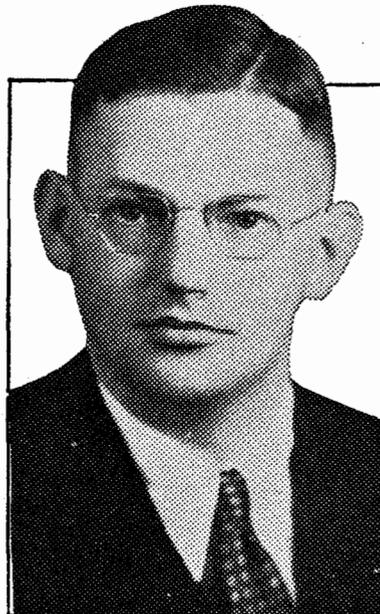
Triangular Debate Held March 6

The Northwest School of Agriculture debate teams won a two to one decision in one encounter and lost the decision of a lone critic judge in another match in the annual triangular debate meet, held Friday, March 6.

In the debate at the Northwest School the affirmative team, composed of Robert Grenier, Red Lake Falls, and Paul Auer, Waubun, won over the West Central School, Morris, negative team, composed of Helen Hanson and Elmer Krouse, by a two to one vote. Meanwhile at St. Paul, the Northwest School's negative team, composed of Ila Grove of Roosevelt and Steffie Pstuck of Hallock, lost the decision of a critic judge to the Central School, St. Paul, affirmative team.

Judges in the debate at the Northwest School were Elizabeth Koops, R. E. Struble and James Nordine, all members of the Thief River Falls high school faculty.

The question for debate this year was: "Resolved, that every able-bodied male citizen of the United States should be required to have one year of full time military training before attaining the present draft age."



T. H. Fenske, Commencement Speaker



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servation of health through the prevention of accidents. Accidents take a heavy toll each year in the loss of time in the hazardous occupation of farming. Safety precautions must be given first consideration at a time when so much is required of the farm operator and home manager.

Limiting factors of crop production must be discovered and corrected. These limiting factors may be planting acclimated varieties of crops, treatment of seeds for control of diseases, control of noxious insect or disease pests, or proper harvesting or storing practices with crops, and sanitation and management problems with livestock and poultry.

Farmers and homemakers who may want additional information to the suggestions made by the various departmental specialists may send for bulletins directly to the Northwest School and Station.

A series of brief summaries of outlines prepared by members of the Northwest School will be published in the "Northwest Monthly" beginning with the current issue.

Recommendations for Crops R. S. Dunham

I Choose the right variety.

- A. Rely on the recommendations of your experiment station. They are not financially interested and their advice is based on performance trials. This is no time to experiment with unproved varieties.
- B. Some recommended varieties are better adapted to one farm than another. Study the characteristics of the variety and choose the one that fits your conditions best.
- C. Wheat varieties should meet the needs of the farmer, the miller, and the baker. Varieties undesirable for milling and baking will suffer discounts when they reach the terminal markets in considerable quantities.

II Use the best seed available

1. Certified seed is a guarantee of the variety. It is generally impossible to distinguish between varieties from the appearance of the seed.
2. Have a germination and purity test made before purchasing or sowing. Any farmer may have

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CONCERT GIVEN BY SCHOOL BAND MAR. 8

The fifth annual concert of the Northwest School was held at the school auditorium Sunday evening, March 8, under the direction of B. M. Bakkegard. A pleasing, well-balanced program was presented to a large audience of students, parents of band members, and friends of the Northwest School.

Superintendent T. M. McCall paid tribute to Director Bakkegard for his five years of service in building up the band organization. Mr. Bakkegard expects to enter some branch of military service at the end of the present school year.

The following program was presented: the program opened with the "Star-Spangled Banner", followed by five chorals: "Turn Thee Again" from Russian Liturgy; "Swedish Choral", Arr. by Leidzen; "Be Glad and Joyful" by Bach; "Now Thank We All Our God" by Cruger; "Crusaders Hymn" by Bizet; "Agnus Dei" (From L'Arlie sienne Suite) Bennett; "Pantheon Overture" by Holmes; "Merry Men" Yoder (this number was directed by Marion Nelson, band president); "My Buddy", Kleffman, baritone solo by Joe Jansen, band manager; "Trombone Toboggan", Weber; "Bag O' Bones", Mills; "American Patrol" by Meacham; "God Bless America" by Berlin.

SENIOR CLASS PLAY ENJOYED

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of Clearbrook in the leading male roles. Irene Olson of Halstad and Alice Reitmeier of Crookston shared honors as leading women in the play.

The large cast of twenty players did excellent work in sustaining audience interest until the final curtain. Members of the cast in last night's production included: Grace Hagen, Middle River; Carlton Knutson, Ashby; Harold Aasland, Warroad; Lucille Lerud, Twin Valley; Mary Pastuck, Hallock; Arlene Knutson, Ashby; Clara Syverson, McIntosh; William Barron, Pembina, N. D.; Annabelle Jeffrey, East Grand Forks; Robert Anderson, Mahnommen; Henry Hoff, Fergus Falls; Myra Berg, Gary; Florence Hess, Lockhart; Harold Anderson, Argyle; Milton Madson, Dalton; Donald Erickson, Kennedy; Wilfred Wold, Starbuck, Manitoba; Donald Milner, Clearbrook; Irene Olson, Halstad; Alice Reitmeier, Crookston.

The play was directed by Martha Myrle Manning, instructor in English and coach of dramatics at the Northwest School.

SENIOR CLASS DAY, MARCH 19

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M. McCall were given complimentary copies of the 1942 Aggie.

The Aggies were distributed by the class to subscribers during the afternoon. Senior Class Day was concluded with the class get-together dinner in the dining hall.

BUY DEFENSE BONDS

STUDENTS ARE GUESTS AT HONORS BANQUET

Former and newly elected members of the honorary "A" club and coaches of school teams were honor guests at the annual Honors Banquet held at the Northwest School Wednesday evening, March 11. Mr. O. A. Flaot, Master Farmer and Premier Seed Grower of Fisher, Minnesota, and Superintendent T. M. McCall were the chief speakers on the program. A. M. Foker, chairman of the school's Athletic Committee, acted as toastmaster at the banquet. Retiring captains of the athletic, judging, and debating teams responded to toasts for their respective teams. Team captains and members of judging and debating teams who spoke for their activities were: Football—Co-Captain Harlan Beucler, Audubon; Basketball—Co-Captain Harold Loyd, Argyle; Cross-Country—Captain Alton Knutson, Ashby; Hockey—Captain Allan

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WINNERS ANNOUNCED IN PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTESTS

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place in this contest with his oration "America's Japan". Other contestants were Harold Aasland, Warroad; Donald Milner, Clearbrook; Jaroslav Kruta, Gatzke; Kent Hanson, Hallock; Erwin Muzzy, Thief River Falls; Lewis Meyer, Thief River Falls; Leonard Hapka, Argyle.

In the poetry division of the contest, which was held on March 11, Robert Wurden, of Fisher, won first place in the serious division of the contest with his reading "Nightmare for Future Reference". In the humorous section of this contest, Joan Phillips of Noyes won first place with the selection "Poems in Praise of Practically Nothing." Other contestants were: Helen Rasmussen, Grygla; Darwin Ferrier, Pitt; Louise Nelson, Fergus Falls; Lucy Przekwas, Strandquist; and Helen Milner of Clearbrook.

David Norton of East Grand Forks won first place in the prose division of the speech contest, which was held on March 13, with the selection "This Heart to Heart Stuff." Other students taking part in this contest were: Marjorie Ofstedahl of Plummer; Donald Duffy, Red Lake Falls; Margaret Forfang, Hallock; and Clara Stromstad of Beltrami.

In the prose division of the contest, dramatic reading, the first place winner was Alice Pagnac of Argyle, an Advanced. This contest was held on March 18. Other contestants were: Marion Nelson of Fergus Falls; Berneil Nelson, Hallock; Evelyn Brandii, Warroad; and Angeline Quantock, Argyle.

Members of the English staff at the Northwest School who coached the student contestants were the Misses Martha Manning, Dolores Webster, Ardell Hamlett, and Mr. B. M. Bakkegard. Judges for the various contests included J. H. Sylvestre, Reverend Abner S. Haugen, Joyce Paul, Mrs. H. A. Pftughoef, and Mrs. J. H. Wampole, all of Crookston.

Senior Class Day, March 19

The annual Senior Class Day program and preview of class yearbook was held at the Northwest School during assembly hour on Thursday, March 18. Vernon Hoppe, of Crookston, president of the Red River Aggie Board, announced that the 1942 yearbook was dedicated to A. M. Foker of the agricultural engineering staff of the school. Mr. Foker, who is completing twenty-five years of service to the Northwest School, was presented a complimentary copy of the '42 Aggie.

Irene Olson of Halstad, president of the Senior class, made the traditional presentation of the Key of Knowledge to Roger Simmons, of Gatzke, president of the Class of 1943. The class prophecy was made by Wilfred Wold, Starbuck, Canada; the class will was read by Myra Berg of Gary. The members of the Aggie Board gave a group preview of the '42 yearbook.

Class advisers Martha Myrle Manning and B. M. Bakkegard, Registrar R. J. Halvorson, and Superintendent T.

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ADVANCED CLASS DAY CELEBRATED MARCH 16

The Advanced class of sixty members at the Northwest School held its annual class day exercises in the auditorium at the assembly period on Monday, March 16. A splendid program was presented with all members of the class colorfully attired in the class colors of royal blue and wine.

Miss Edna Balstad of Fosston, Minnesota, was selected as queen and Mr. Alton Knutson of Ashby, Minnesota, was selected as king. Crown-bearers were Miss Helen Rasmussen, Grygla, and Mr. Harold Loyd of Argyle. Attendants to the queen were Steffie Pas-tuck, Hallock, and Joan Phillips, Noyes. Attendants to the king were Robert Grenier, Red Lake Falls, and Clarence Sargent of Crookston. The queen was attired in flowing white robes with wine-colored trimmings; the king in robes of royal purple with white edgings. Attendants and crown-bearers wore capes of royal blue and wine. All advance students, except the king and

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Juniors Entertain Seniors

The Junior-Senior banquet and prom, the most brilliant and colorful event of the Commencement season, at the Northwest School, was held on Saturday evening, March 7.

The banquet was held in the school dining hall at 6:15 p. m. The prom was held in the gymnasium from 9 to 12 p. m. "Under the Big Top" was the theme of the banquet and prom. The circus theme was consistently followed throughout the entire evening.

The tables in the dining hall were arranged in an elongated circle with rows of smaller tables in the center of the ring. Balloons representing favorite characters of circus and screen adorned the tables. The banquet hall was lighted with golden candles. Table decorations were in the Junior class colors blue and gold. Waitresses and waiters from the Freshmen class in circus attendants' uniforms served the 212 Juniors, members of the graduating classes and faculty, present at the banquet.

Henry McMillan, former president of (Continued on Page 4, Col. 2)



VALLEY FARMERS AND HOMEMAKERS, 1942

Courtesy—Dispatch-Pioneer Press

Pictured above are the Valley Farmers and Homemakers, selected from fourteen Northwestern Minnesota counties, who were awarded honor plaques by the R. R. Valley Development Association at the Winter Shows, Crookston, on February 5. In the picture are: first row (left to right) Mr. and Mrs. Herman Bolland, Henning, East Ottertail county; Mr. and Mrs. Ed O. Vigen, Thief River Falls, Pennington county; Mr. and Mrs. Colben Colbenson, Bagley,

Clearwater county. Second row (left to right) Mr. and Mrs. James J. Sinclair, Stephen, Marshall county; Mr. and Mrs. John Larson, Oklee, Red Lake county; Mr. and Mrs. Ben Hamlin, Warroad, Roseau county; Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Stephenson, Pelican Rapids, West Ottertail county. Third row (left to right) Mr. and Mrs. James Driscoll, East Grand Forks, West Polk county; Mr. and Mrs. Martinus N. Flaten, Twin Valley, Norman county; Mr. and Mrs.

Edward Farder, Baudette, Lake of the Woods county. Fourth row (left to right) Mr. and Mrs. Victor Lee, Barnesville, Clay county; Mr. and Mrs. Roy Staska, Waubun, Mahnomon county; Mr. and Mrs. Hugo J. Bromander, Ulen, Becker county. Honored couples not in the picture are: Mr. and Mrs. Gustaf Carlsson, Hallock, Kittson county; Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Brustad, Fosston, East Polk county, and Mr. and Mrs. William M. Friedrichs, Foxhome, Wilkin county.

"WIN THE WAR WITH WORK" FARM PROGRAM

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- 5 samples tested free. Send samples to the State Seed Laboratory, University Farm, St. Paul, Minnesota. Test grass and legume seeds especially.
- Sow light weight seed by weight instead of measure. Weigh out 80 lbs. of oats instead of measuring 2½ bushels.
 - Increase the rate of seeding for seed of low germination.
 - Treat all small grain seed including flax with New Improved Ceresan. This treatment controls more than smut and may increase germination.
 - Grade the seed so that all shrunken, diseased seeds are cleaned out.

III Select the best paying crops

- There is a need for much more flax.
- An increase in sugar beet acreage is planned.
- For every hour of labor spent, alfalfa returns the largest amounts of digestible nutrients, barley next, corn silage next, and oats last.
- Largest total digestible nutrients per acre are produced by alfalfa, followed by corn, then barley, and oats least.
- There is a need for more and better pasture to increase dairy production. Alfalfa and meadow fescue and alfalfa and brome grass have proved good permanent pastures.

Wheat Varieties Recommended for the Valley:

- Pilot.
- Thatcher.
- Minidum.

Oats Varieties Recommended for the Valley:

Rusota, Vanguard, Minrus, Gopher, Iogold, Nakota.

Barley Varieties Recommended for the Valley:

Barbless (Wis. 38), Velvet, Peatland.

Flax Varieties Recommended for the Valley:

Biwing, Bison, Redwing, Buda.

Rye:

The only variety recommended for the Valley unless protection is available is Dakold.

Corn Varieties Recommended for the Valley:

Minhybrid 800, Minhybrid 702, Haney's Minnesota 13, Rainbow Flint, Pearl Flint, Dakota White Flint, Gehu Flint.

Food in the Defense Program Retta Bede

In order that we may all maintain a high degree of efficiency, it is necessary that we consider our physical well being. To do this it is essential that we should know what to eat and why.

PATTERN FOR A DAILY DIET: milk or milk products, eggs, potatoes, meats, cereals, bread, vegetables, fruits. This pattern includes all the foods containing the necessary vitamins, minerals, and heat and energy giving foods. Use it for better health.

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AIMS IN FOOD PREPARATION: To serve food that is: 1. attractive, (2) nutritious; (3) economical: a. home produced fruits and vegetables; b. cooking at medium to low temperatures to save food values; c. do not over-cook—especially greens; d. use dairy products in home cooking; e. amount of liquid and the kind to be used in cooking; (4) variety of products: a. to give all foods needed in better nutrition; b. emphasis to be placed on use of all greens and the use of tomatoes as a citrus food.

FOOD PRESERVATION: Objects—1. to produce an adequate supply of food; 2. preserve by canning and drying essential foods which cannot be kept economically in storage.

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Gustafson; Wrestling—Co-Captain Orlo Lintvet; Swimming—Captain Harold Lambert, Hallock; Crops Judging—William Vasilakes, Lengby; Livestock Judging—Henry Hoff, Fergus Falls; Debate—Steffie Pastuck, Hallock, and Ila Grove, Roosevelt.

Superintendent McCall, speaking on the subject "Value of Subcollegiate Contests to Our School", paid tribute to the coaches and members of the various teams for their accomplishments during the year and pointed out the value of contests in testing strength and building morale. Mr. Flaot, a member of the football and debating teams at the Northwest School in 1916 and 1917, recalled many interesting incidents of school life during his time on the campus. In speaking on the subject "Application of Knowledge", Mr. Flaot not only emphasized the value of vocational subjects but stressed the value of mental discipline courses which teach logical thinking.

Music for the banquet program included accordion solos by Earl Krogstad of Fertile and a baritone solo by Joe Jansen, Hallock, accompanied by R. S. Dunham.

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the Junior class, presided as Ringmaster at the banquet and announced the following program: Musical Fanfare, piano solo, Miss Marian Frykman; greetings from the president of the Junior class, Roger Simmons; Response from the Retired Management, Irene Olson, president of the Senior class; Advice from a Lion Tamer, A. M. Foker, who spoke for the faculty; The Chief Clown, Wilfred Wold; Shades of P. T. Barnum, Superintendent T. M. McCall.

The host class and their guests enjoyed a program of dancing at the gymnasium after the banquet. The gymnasium was transformed into a large circus tent made from blue tissue streamers with rows of circus balloons converging on one large balloon in the center of the "Big Top". The orchestra was seated in a balcony at the side of the improvised circus tent.

The dancing program was opened with the traditional Grand March. Every member of the Junior class served on at least one committee in preparing for the banquet and prom.

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Northwest School Briefs

***Dorothy Evans, '37, of Middle River, is enrolled at the University of North Dakota, Grand Forks.

***Irene Olson, '42, of Halstad, has been elected 4-H club agent for Pennington county. She will begin her work on April first.

***Robert Everett Ball, 1913-14, is a member of the New York Police Department in New York City.

***Kermit Greenley, '32, is employed with the Interstate Seed and Grain Company at their Dassel, Minnesota, seed breeding farms. He is a plant pathologist.

***Ben L. Hurner, '26, is the operator of the Gonvick Cooperative Creamery at Gonvick, Minnesota. He captured grand sweepstakes in the butter class in the annual efficiency contest of the Land O'Lakes Creameries at their annual meeting held in Minneapolis on March 12. He was awarded a silver cup.

MARRIAGES

***Sophia E. Hoper, '29, of Stephen, to Glenn H. Zimbrick on Saturday, February 21.

***Eleanor R. Weber, '38, of Crookston, to Hugh Swift at Crookston on March 7.

ADVANCED CLASS DAY

CELEBRATED MARCH 16

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queen, wore white shirts or blouses with dark trousers or skirts, with a wide diagonal stripe across the chest in the class colors. The throne was draped in cloth of pale blue.

Crowning of the king and queen took place in front of an altar built on the stage. A beautiful stained-glass background had been provided for the altar. Serving as high priest in the crowning ceremony was Leslie Nordling of Hallock.

Processional and recessional music was provided by Marion Nelson, Fergus Falls. Other numbers on the program were: baritone solo by Joe Jansen, Hallock; vocal solo by Doris Hannah, Fisher; music by a girls' trio composed of Helen Nisbet, East Grand Forks; Anita Minderman, Crookston; and Ila Grove, Roosevelt; and a number by a double quintette of male voices. William Pastuck, Hallock, gave a short class history and Margaret Forfang, Hallock, acted as fortune-teller.

The Advance Day program was officially closed with the six o'clock get-together dinner of the class in the school dining hall.

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Roger Simmons, president of the class, was general chairman of the banquet committee with Henry McMillan as general chairman of decorations for the gymnasium.

Class Advisers assisting the general committees on all arrangements were Miss Delores Webster and Bryan F. Swan.

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