

# Northwest School News

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## HOME COMING—OCTOBER 28, PARENTS' DAY—NOVEMBER 11

### Homecoming To Be Held Saturday, October 28

Homecoming and alumni reunion will be held on Saturday, October 28, at the Northwest School. A full program of events is scheduled for the entire day which begins with the registration of alumni at 10:00 a. m. and ending with the alumni and school Homecoming dance and party in the evening.

As in former years, the highlight of the day's festivities will be the Agricultural School Conference football game between the Northwest Aggies and the West Central Aggies from Morris. The winner of the Homecoming game will not only get possession of the West Central-Northwest School trophy "Ossie" but will also get the honor of being Conference champions as well.

The Homecoming celebration will get started on Friday evening, October 27, with a torchlight parade to the bonfire and "pep fest" south of the athletic field.

Pre-game enthusiasm will be brought to high pitch at the special assembly program which will be held in the school auditorium at 11:30 a. m. The football teams from West Central and Northwest Schools will be given recognition and novel entertainment will be provided at the assembly program. The school band will make its first public appearance at the Homecoming game.

The Homecoming dinner will be served in the school dining hall at 6:00 p. m. with the football team members and faculty from West Central as honored guests. Alumni who wish to attend the dinner should make their reservations not later than 11:30 a. m. on Homecoming day.

At 7:15 p. m., the annual meeting of the Northwest School Alumni Association will be held in the school auditorium at which time the annual election of officers will be held.

The festivities of Homecoming will be brought to a climax with the crowning of the Homecoming queen at the evening entertainment in the gymnasium. Following the crowning of the queen, the school party will be held in the Aggie Inn and the Homecoming dance will be held in the gymnasium.

Former students and alumni in military service on furlough and in uniform will be guests of the school at the football game and the evening entertainment.

See page two for rules and regulations governing the Homecoming dance and party.

### 392 Students Enrolled

392 of the 404 students with advance registrations were in attendance at the beginning of the third week of school at the Northwest School. All rooms in the school dormitories have been filled to capacity and all available student rooms in Crookston have been engaged. More than seventy-five room reservation requests made in August and September were returned to the prospective students due to a lack of dormitory facilities for both boys and girls.

It is apparent that the only expanse in the enrollment at the Northwest School, until the new girls' dormitory is constructed, can come through off-campus rooming houses. The new dormitory, planned to accommodate 125 girls, will not only relieve the present congestion in the dormitories but will also liberate class rooms now used for dormitory purposes.

Word received from the West Central School of Agriculture at Morris indicates that our sister school at Morris, with an attendance of 415 students, leads the Schools of Agriculture in total

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### Parents' Day Scheduled For November 11

The twenty-fifth annual Parents' Day will be held on Saturday, November 11, at the Northwest School. Fathers and mothers of Northwest School students will be guests of their sons and daughters and the school throughout the day.

A full program for the day has been planned. Parents will be given opportunity to register and visit the school buildings from 9:00 a. m. to 10:45 a. m. A combined Armistice Day and Memorial Service will be held in the school auditorium at 10:45 a. m. The service and march to the Memorial will be a tribute to the boys lost in both World War I and the present conflict.

The Parents' Day dinner will be served in the school dining hall from 11:30 a. m. to 1:15 p. m. At 1:30 p. m., the fourth annual meeting of the Northwest School Parents' Association will be held in the school auditorium at which time the annual election of officers of the Association will be held. President V. M. Gibbons of Crookston will preside at the Association meeting. Other officers include Mark McGovern of St. Vincent, vice-president, and Darragh Geddes of East Grand Forks, secretary-treasurer. Dr. C. H. Bailey, dean and director of the Minnesota Agricultural College and Experiment Station, will be the chief speaker at the Parents' Association meeting.

The student program will be presented to the parents at 2:00 p. m. in the auditorium immediately following the Parents' Association meeting. Music

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### Faculty Members Present Program

The school-year series of joint Sunday evening meetings of the Young Men's and Young Women's Christian Associations of the Northwest School opened Sunday evening, October 8, with a program by faculty members of the English and Music Departments. The following program was presented: "Souvenir"—Eric Zeisl, and "The Jolly Dutchman"—Arr. by Isaac, by Miss Georgene Hanson, bassoon soloist; original poems were read by Miss Margaret E. Larsen; Miss Marie Ruth Fast read an original reading entitled "Isabelle"; "The Cop and the Anthem"—O. Henry was read by Miss Audrey Linde; and Miss Ruth Emerson, pianist, played "Etude in D Flat"—Liszt, and "Hungarian" by MacDowell.



Dr. C. H. Bailey, dean and director of the Agricultural College and Experiment Station, University of Minnesota, will address the Northwest School Parents' Association on November 11.

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### Drainage A Major Problem In Red River Valley

Now is the time to open the surface drainage ditches on the level farms of the Red River Valley to prevent the flood damage of 1944 from carrying over into 1945, according to T. M. McCall, superintendent of the Northwest Experiment Station at Crookston. The flooded fields which are too wet to be plowed in the fall on which grain, stubble or volunteer growth of weeds is left standing should be given surface drainage at once or the 1945 drainage problem on such lands will be greatly aggravated. If the natural flow of water over the land was not observed at the time of floods then a drainage or surveyors level should be used to locate the surface drainage ditches. After the contour lines for the drainage ditches are determined, the tractor plow should make one round in the line of the ditch leaving a dead furrow to mark the drainage ditch before the field is plowed. After plowing the field, the ditch can either be replowed or a blade grader can be used to open the ditch to the proper depth. In many instances, the plow lands can be laid out so that dead furrows can drain the pot-holes to the road ditches, such dead furrows can be left in the same place from year to year and deepened as greater depth of ditch is required.

Roadside and all outlet drainage ditches should be mowed and brush should be cut so all debris which would obstruct the flow of water in the ditches can be burned before fall rains occur. Drainage of land, the clearing and burning-out of ditches are community problems that concern farmers and land holders in a drainage district. Water should be confined and restricted in its flow to the drainage ditches and not be allowed to back-up on land where no drainage problem occurred before. Farmers with a sympathetic understanding of the problem should decide where and when gates should be put on culverts and when and where farm lands should be diked. With a high water table on much of the heavy soils of the Red River Valley a prompt disposal of the spring run-off must be planned now.

Tile drainage studies made at the Northwest Experiment Station indicate that farmers in the Red River Valley should place their first reliance on good surface drainage.

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## FOOTBALL SEASON OPENS

The 1944 football season at the Northwest School started with the first practice held on October 3. A squad of twenty boys reported to the new coach, Herschel Lysaker, on that afternoon but by Friday a squad of fifty-four boys had taken out uniforms. Out of this large squad, seven were lettermen and only a few others had played any football. This left a big job for Coach Lysaker to whip these boys into shape for a game with Crookston Cathedral on October 13 and East Grand Forks the following week.

The Cathedral game played on October 13 showed that our defensive game was up to par in holding the veteran "Blue Wave" team to a touchdown each half. As was to be expected, our offense was weak due to inexperience. The game resulted in a 13 to 0 defeat.

The game at East Grand Forks under the lights on October 19 was a much better ball game than the score indicates, which was 39 to 0 in their favor.

The Aggies played much better ball and showed a big improvement offensively by registering as many first downs as the winners. East Grand Forks really capitalized on our mistakes, which were fumbles due to poor centering.

Two games will be played this week. The Aggies will play the Warren High School on October 25 and the West Central Aggies of Morris on Homecoming Day, October 28.

Following is a list of the boys out for football and the positions which they play: Ends—Grant Peterson, John Johnson, Orrin Madson, Jerome Keyes; tackles—Jack Blom, Everett Fuller, Robert Schneider, Alden Peterson; guards—Menford Brekke, Calmer Johnson, Lloyd Pederson, James Muzzy; center—Melvin Capistran, Wayne Cameron; quarter—Dick Bonner, Kent Hanson; left half—Robert Sellberg, Curtis Simmons; right half—Francis Rudnick, Ray Moses; full back—Kenneth Price, Harold Younggren.

### Regulations Governing Homecoming Dance And Party

The Homecoming dance and party will be open to only alumni, former students, and students of the school. Former students and alumni in uniform will be admitted free to the dance and party. Formerly, only alumni and students were admitted to the Homecoming parties because of space limitations; this year, former students may attend.

It will be necessary for alumni to register for guest tickets at the school library from 4:00 to 6:00 P. M. Guest ticket holders (other than service men) can, upon presentation of guest tickets, be admitted to the parties upon payment of the door charge. The guest ticket certification committee is empowered to refuse admittance to those who do not qualify. Those in attendance must conform to the Northwest School rules and regulations.

### Students Enjoy Outdoor Festival

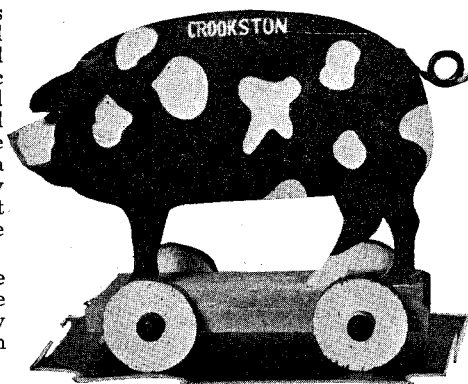
Ideal weather prevailed for the Outdoor Festival held on the Northwest School campus on Saturday evening, October 14. Following the picnic supper, a series of competitive interclass games and stunts were held. Cheer leaders, elected by the various classes, kept the competitive spirit in the various games at a high pitch. The Advanced class, with three previous years of experience, ranked highest in total score with the Seniors in second place and the Juniors and Freshmen tied for third place.

Ten members of the faculty furnished games for the interclass contests. A. M. Pilkey served as announcer and Registrar E. N. Reiersgord acted as scorekeeper.

### 392 STUDENTS ENROLLED

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attendance. While attendance figures are lacking for the other schools, yet reports indicate marked increases there so that the total for all four schools of agriculture will about reach the 1200 mark.

The school work at the Northwest School got off to a good start on October 3. A fine spirit and a willingness to work has been shown by all students. Enthusiasm for the fall outdoor sports has marked the opening practice sessions for both football and cross-country. The football team is pointing its efforts now toward the Conference game with West Central on Homecoming Day, October 28. The cross-country team is working hard in preparation for the dual meet with West Central on October 27 and the Agricultural School Conference meet early in November.



"Ossie"—Northwest School-West Central  
Football Trophy  
WHO GETS ME?

## New Horticulturist Appointed

Mrs. Violet Lundgren Clark of Savannah, Georgia, a graduate in Horticulture of the University of Minnesota in 1942, was appointed as horticulturist and instructor for the school year. Mrs. Clark graduated from the University with a major in horticulture and a minor in drawing. Since her graduation, she worked in the Minnesota Experiment Station as research assistant in horticulture and assistant consultant in raspberry investigations at the Duluth sub-station. While in commercial work, Mrs. Clark was employed by prominent floral and landscape companies in Minneapolis and St. Paul.



Mrs. Clark

With a good background of practical experience and excellent technical training, Mrs. Clark is well qualified to carry on the work of the Horticultural Department at the station until such time as a more permanent horticulturist can be employed.

## Scholarship Winners Announced

A total of eight students have qualified for and accepted special scholarships which have been made available for the current school year. Five scholarships valued at fifty dollars each and one scholarship valued at twenty-five dollars were made available by the Sears, Roebuck and Company, to farm boys showing qualities of leadership and who had good 4-H club or home project records. Two additional scholarships of fifty dollars each were awarded Northwest School students by Mr. Herman Miller of Crookston, district agent of the Mutual Life Insurance Company of New York. The Miller scholarships were made available to the outstanding boy and girl engaged in 4-H club work in West Polk county.

The winners of the special scholarship awards for the current school year include: SEARS ROEBUCK AND COMPANY (\$50 award)—Richard Wahlstrom, Salol; Franklin Zak, Euclid; Roland Gullekson, Fertile; Kenneth Price, Stephen; Nelvin Thormodson, Dalton; (\$25 award)—Robert Davids, Jr., Williams; HERMAN MILLER (\$50 award)—Kenneth Miller, Crookston and Lillian Floan of Melvin.

## Home Project Show Will Feature Parents' Day

The annual Home Project Show will be an outstanding feature of the Parents' Day program at the Northwest School on November 11. Students who carry on crops, collection, and home economics projects are required to enter displays in the Home Project Show. According to A. O. Naplin, home project supervisor, good exhibits

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## Many Attend Corn Field Day

The second annual Red River Valley Corn Field Day and tour was held on the afternoon of Wednesday, September 27, at the Northwest School and Experiment Station. The cooperative corn trials this year were of particular interest to all Red River Valley farmers in that the comparative maturity dates of thirty Minnesota and commercial hybrids were noted both at Crookston and Fisher. Eighty prominent corn growers of the Red River Valley counties attended the Corn Field Day.

The program included talks in the field by R. S. Dunham, agronomist of the Northwest School and Station and Dr. E. H. Rinke and Ralph Crim from University Farm, St. Paul. Dr. Rinke, assistant in corn breeding, spoke on the new Minnesota corn hybrids for the Red River Valley; Ralph Crim, extension agronomist, discussed commercial corn hybrids for the Red River Valley. Following the inspection of the corn plots at the Northwest Experiment Station, a tour was made to the Herman Skyberg farm at Fisher for the inspection of cooperative plots there. Inspections of large farm fields of hybrid corn were also made enroute on the tour. Practically all of the early maturing hybrid varieties of corn were safe from frost on Corn Day.

## Northwest School

### Coming Events

- Oct. 25—Football; N. W. Aggies vs. Warren High. There.
- Oct. 28—HOMECOMING
- Nov. 3—Football; N. W. Aggies vs. Crookston Central. Here.
- Nov. 4—Lyceum program—Alexander Trio, 8 p. m.
- Nov. 11—Armistice Day and Memorial Program, 10:45 a. m.
- Nov. 11—Parents' Day
- Nov. 23—Thanksgiving Holiday.

## Pow Wow And Frolic Held October 3

The boys' Pow-Wow and girls' Frolic were held at the Northwest School October 3. The meetings of the girls in the Aggie Inn and boys in the auditorium were preparatory to the joint meeting of all students in the auditorium late in the evening.

Registrar E. N. Reiersgord served as master of ceremonies at the meetings in the auditorium, while Miss Retta Bede presided at the girls' Frolic. At the meetings, captains of school teams, presidents of school organizations, faculty and coaches of school teams spoke on the advantages to the students of participation in extra-curricular activities. Music presented at the joint program included two-piano numbers by the Misses Georgene Hanson and Ruth Emerson, members of the music staff; piano selections by Professor R. S. Dunham, and saxophone solo by Clarence Kochmann of Mahanomen accompanied by Kent Hanson of Hallock. Superintendent T. M. McCall spoke on the value of extra-curricular activities to the student; Edna Paulsrud of Nielsville spoke for the Pepsters—the cheer leaders organization; Miss Ida Twedten, school nurse, spoke on the subject "The School's Health Service." Other speakers at the general meeting included Miss Retta

## Alexander Novelty Trio To Be At School On November 4

The Alexander Novelty Trio, the first of a series of lyceum attractions, will appear at the Northwest School on the evening of November 4. Members of the trio are versatile artists who play on many instruments and do character imitations and comedy monologues. An evening of excellent entertainment is in prospect for November 4.



Alexander Trio to be at Northwest School on November 4

## NORTHWEST SCHOOL BRIEFS

### News Regarding Northwest School Alumni and Former Students in the Armed Services:

\*\*\*Miss Marion A. Hagen, a pilot in the Wasps, was seriously injured in a plane crash near Marana army air field on October 3. She has recently been reported out of danger. She is a pilot in the WASPS and is stationed at Marana Army Air Field, Tucson, Arizona.

\*\*\*The War Department released the following item regarding Sergeant Olaf Dahlen of Goodridge. "With the Fifth Army, Italy—Sergeant Olaf Dahlen of Goodridge, Minnesota, recently made a practical improvement on the trucks of his firing battery on the Fifth army front in Italy. The Minnesota mechanic now in action on the Pisa-Florence front has discovered that a block of wood fastened above the axles of the vehicles prevents the brake hose from being bound by loose wire picked up in muddy weather. Ordnance companies in the rear are enthusiastic about Sergeant Dahlen's innovation and have called it a "brilliant idea." During past muddy seasons they have been burdened with brake repairs due to the problem which has been solved right at the front. Sergeant Dahlen is a member of an artillery battalion in the 34th "Red Bull" infantry division."

\*\*\*1st Lt. Victor H. Sorenson, a bombardier on a B-24 Liberator heavy bomber, has flown fifty missions over enemy targets in Italy, Bulgaria, Hungary, Roumania, France, and Germany. His group is stationed in Southern Italy. Lt. Sorenson is authorized to wear the Air Medal with five clusters for "meritorious achievement in aerial flight while participating in sustained operational activities against the enemy," the American theater ribbon, the African-European-Middle East campaign ribbon, and is an honorary member of the Yugoslavian Air Force.

\*\*\*Elmer Mortensen arrived home on October 4 from the Southwest Pacific area where he has spent more than two years.

\*\*\*A/C Glen Nansen 37558427, Cl. 44-44B, Flt. C., 2509th A. A. F. B. U., Sect. H, Big Spring, Texas.

\*\*\*Pvt. Selmer A. Anderson 37585486, c/o Postmaster, Ft. Monmouth, N. J.

\*\*\*A/C Victor C. Hanson 37173197, 3024 A. A. F. Base Unit, Sqdn. 24-A Class 44-K, Marana Army Air Field, Tucson, Arizona.

\*\*\*2nd Lt. J. Reuben Thompson is now stationed at the Infantry Replacement Training Center, Mineral Wells, Texas. His address is Headquarters Camp Walters, Public Relations Branch, Camp Walters, Texas. He has been awarded the European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign ribbon, American Theater ribbon. He was wounded in North Africa and hospitalized for five months.

\*\*\*Pvt. Emmanuel Dahlsad 37774457, 155 B. T. 92, IRT, Camp Hood, Texas.

\*\*\*Pvt. Marlan Augustine, 17108930, Co. B-3169, c/o Postmaster, Camp Crowder, Missouri.

\*\*\*Lester Casavan, S 2/c (R. M.), Div. N, c/o Fleet Postoffice, San Francisco, California.

\*\*\*S. C. 2/C Harold Loyd, Hedron Fleet Air Wing 14-(1), c/o Fleet Postoffice, San Francisco, California.

\*\*\*Esther McFarland S 1/C, U. S. N. P. G., Dahlgren, Virginia.

\*\*\*Sgt. Lawrence A. Anderson is in the Army Air Corps and is stationed in Italy. He has been awarded a medal for good conduct, a bar with four stars, and the Presidential citation for outstanding performance.

\*\*\*George Vasilakes S 2/C, General Detail U. S. N. R. B., Navy No. 10, c/o Fleet Postoffice, San Francisco, California.

\*\*\*Cpl. Charles Rishton Bedard 37032881, Co. D 33rd Arm'd. Regt., A. P. O. 253, c/o Postmaster, New York City, N. Y.

\*\*\*Maurice J. Engelstad A/S, Co. 795-44, Camp Peterson, U. S. N. T. C., Farragut, Idaho.

\*\*\*Pvt. Duane Walsberg 37586984, Co. I, 309 Inf., A. P. O. 78, Camp Pickett, Virginia.

\*\*\*Sp. (A) Edwin Widseth is in the naval service and is athletic instructor for V-12 students at St. Thomas College, St. Paul.

### In Memorium

Lt. Joseph Widseth, special student at the Northwest School in 1936-37, son of Mrs. Caroline Widseth of McIntosh, was reported killed in action on Peleliu Island. Lt. Widseth, a member of the Marines, had been in the Pacific Islands campaign since June 1943.

While at the Northwest School, Joe maintained the Widseth family tradition by being an outstanding star athlete in both football and basketball. Following his attendance at the school, he continued his education by attending the University of Minnesota where he majored in agriculture and graduated in the spring of 1942.

Memorial service for the eight boys lost in World War I and the ten lost in World War II will be a part of the Armistice Day program to be held at the school at 10:45 a. m. on November 11.

### News Regarding Northwest School Alumni and Former Students:

#### MARRIAGES

\*\*\*Miss Marilyn Wegg of Holt, Minnesota, to Orestor R. Aase at Holt on September 3. They are making their home at 713 N. Knight, Thief River Falls, Minnesota.

\*\*\*Miss Kay Bigler to Clifford Kroulik on April 7, 1944.

\*\*\*Miss Dorothy Kroshus to Silas R. Strand at Ada on October first. They will make their home at Ada, Minnesota.

#### BIRTHS

\*\*\*To Mr. and Mrs. Donald Bliven (Ethel Torkelson), a son Richard Allen, on October 13 at Los Angeles, California.

### ADDRESS CHANGES WANTED

It has become necessary to revise the mailing list of "Northwest School News." In case the News is being sent to incorrect addresses of three and four-year graduates, we are asking parents of graduates to send correct addresses. A special mailing list has been prepared for all Northwest School boys and girls in service. Parents should notify us promptly of all changes of address of service men and women. Send information to Sup't. T. M. McCall, Northwest School, Crookston, Minnesota.

### HOME PROJECT SHOW WILL FEATURE PARENTS' DAY

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are expected in corn, pureseed, potato, crop projects, baking and dressmaking for girls, weed seed, plant, insect and rock collections.

A new feature of the project show will be the display of all home project record books so parents and visitors can see the records of projects which do not lend themselves to display such as agricultural engineering and livestock projects.

All of the exhibits in the project show will be classed into blue, red, and white ribbon groups. Ribbons for home project winners and silver trophy awards for outstanding achievement in the boys' and girls' projects will be presented at an awards assembly held at the end of the fall term. Cash awards for meritorious work in the new Rural Electrification project will also be made at a special awards assembly held during the school year.

Faculty members in charge of the Home Project Show include A. O. Naplin, project book reports; R. S. Dunham, boys' crop and collection exhibits; the Misses Retta Bede and Verna Stokke, home economics exhibits.

### PARENTS' DAY SCHEDULED FOR NOVEMBER 11

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for the program will be furnished by the school band, vocal and instrumental groups. The summer project work done by girls will be depicted in a style revue; boys' project work will be described through a radio quiz program. The work in dramatics will be demonstrated through a short one-act play.

The coffee hour will be held at the Home Project Show in the gymnasium where crops, collections, and home economics exhibits will be on display.

The Parents' Day program will be concluded with a feature motion picture starting at 7:30 p. m.

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Bede, Y. W. C. A.; Miss Fae Hughbanks, Newman Club; and Miss Marie Fast, dramatics.