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Seniors Win Song Contest

The Senior class won the 27th Annual Interclass Song Contest at the Northwest School of Agriculture, on Saturday evening, December 9. Each class sang the contest song "Silent Night," a Christmas carol and some other song pertaining to the Christmas season. In the ranking of the classes, the Advanced class placed second followed in order by the Juniors and Freshmen.

Directors and accompanists were selected from each of the four classes. Miss Ruth Emerson, instructor in piano, served as accompanist for the contest song with all classes. Student directors and accompanists were: FRESHMEN—Lena Pready, Lancaster, director; Beulah Stromstad of Beltrami, pianist; JUNIORS—Lillian Floan of Melvin, director; Evangeline Hallstrom of Red Lake Falls, pianist; SENIORS—Doris Krogstad of Fertile, director; Pearl Trontvet of Goodridge, pianist; ADVANCED—Marian Sargent of Crookston, director; Irene Pulkrabek of Angus, pianist.

Songs which were sung by the classes included: Freshmen—"It Came Upon a Midnight Clear," "Silent Night," and "We Heard the Bells on Christmas Night"; Juniors—"O Little Town of Bethlehem," "Star of the East," "Silent Night, Holy Night"; Seniors—"We Three Kings," "Silent Night," "Star of the East"; Advanced—"Silent Night," "Joy to the World," and "O Sanctissima."

T. W. Thorson, director of music in the Crookston Public Schools, served as critic judge of the contest. Miss Georgene Hanson of the Music Department served as chairman for the contest (Continued on Page 3, Col. 1)

Winter Term Opens January 2

The winter term of the Northwest School opens with registration on Tuesday, January 2. Classes will officially start at 8:15 a.m. on Wednesday, January 3.

Courses of study at the Northwest School are conveniently arranged in semesters of three months each whereby a student may enter at midyear and carry a full schedule of class and laboratory courses. Dormitory facilities will be available for a limited number of new students for the winter term. Prospective students desiring rooms at the school should make room reservations in advance of the opening of the term.

High school graduates may enter the Northwest School for special work or they may qualify for the regular Agricultural School diploma with one or more years of required work. Returning veterans from the present war may qualify to complete work for college entrance or they elect special vocational courses.

The tractor care and operations course for girls will be offered as an elective again this year.

The winter term will close on Friday noon, March 23, with Commencement exercises on the afternoon of that day.

Interesting Programs Scheduled For Winter Shows

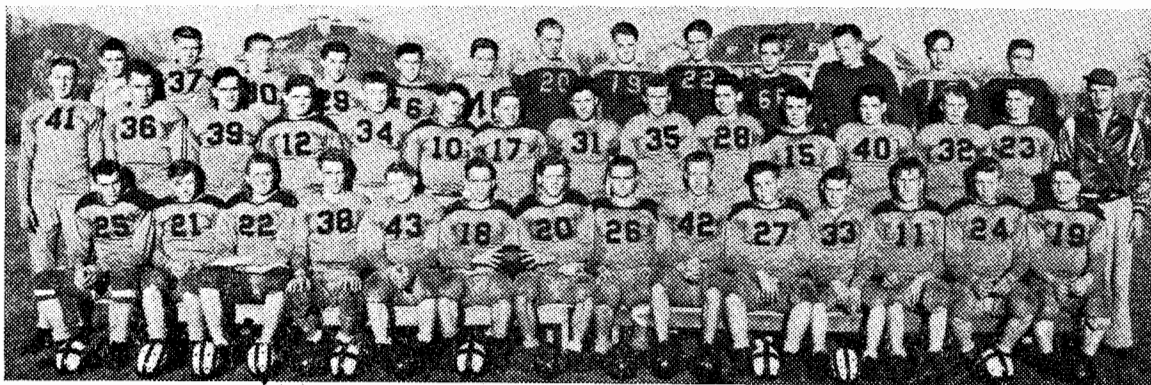
Plans are practically complete for the 1945 Red River Valley Winter Shows and Northwest School Farmers' and Homemakers' Week, February 5-9, at Crookston. Superintendent T. M. McCall, president of the Board of Managers, announces that arrangements for (Continued on Page 2, Col. 1)

Awards Assembly Held December 20

The annual fall term Awards Assembly was held on Wednesday, December 20, at the Northwest School. Athletic A's and service bars were awarded to members of the 1944 football and cross-country teams and scholarship certificates were given to students whose names were on the Honor Roll for two consecutive semesters.

Kenneth Price of Stephen, a captain of the 1944 Aggie football team, won the coveted Most Valuable Player award which is a sweater given by the Ruettell Clothing Company. Coach Herschel Lysaker, in making the award, paid tribute to Kenneth Price for his hard-hitting, clean playing, good sportsmanship and good generalship of the team. Jack Blom of Baudette and Menford Brekke of Greenbush were named co-captains of the 1945-46 football team.

A. M. Foker, chairman of the school's Athletic Committee, awarded athletic A's to the following members of the 1944 Aggie football team: Jack Blom, Baudette; Richard Bonner, Chicago, Ill.; Wayne Cameron, Hallock; Melvin Capistran, Stephen; Robert Davids, Jr., Williams; Everett Fuller, Williams; Roy Green, Fergus Falls; Phillip Halliday, Fosston; Kent Hanson, Hallock; Luverne Jensen, Hawley; John Johnson, Strandquist; Raymond Johnson, Alvarado; Raymond Lien, Pinewood; James Muzzy, Thief River Falls; Alden Peterson, Hallock; Lloyd Pederson, Thief River Falls; Robert Schneider, Wadena; Robert Sellberg, Crookston; Curtis Simmons, Crookston; Robert Sorenson, Baudette; Jerome Keyes, Drayton, N. D.; Ray Moses, Pelican Rapids; Ray- (Continued on Page 3, Col. 1)



1944 FOOTBALL TEAM — NORTHWEST SCHOOL

Pictured above are members of the 1944 football squad at the Northwest School. The football season was completed on November 3 with the Northwest School winning the Agricultural School Conference championship. Reading from left to right: FRONT ROW—Robert Sellberg 25, Dick Bonner 21, Jack Blom 22, Everett Fuller 38, Robert Schneider 43, Kenneth Price 18, Grant Peterson 20, Melvin Capistran 26, Calmer Johnson 27, James Muzzy 33, Lloyd Peterson 11, Harold Younggren 24, Manfred Brekke 19; SECOND ROW—Alden Peterson 41, Ray McGovern 36, Robert Sorenson 37, Robert Davids, Jr. 12, Robert Sorvig 34, Ray Moses 10, Kent Hanson 17, Harold Walters 31, David Sorvig 35, Ray Lein 38, Jerome Keyes 15, Ray Johnson 40, Curtis Simmons 32, Orrin Madson 23, Coach H. Lysaker; BACK ROW—Daniel Keefe, Roy Green 37, LuVerne Jensen 30, Phillip Halliday 39, Wayne Cameron 46, Dale Zutz 41, Marvin Johnson 20, Clarence Rud 19, Reinhold Sorenson 22, 66 Charles Hagen, Francis Rudnick, James Sorenson 15, Calvin Ardies.

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School Has Christmas Seal Program

The annual Christmas Seal program was held at the Northwest School at the regular assembly hour on Friday, December 1. The value and nature of the Christmas Seal drive and what it means to the Red River Valley counties was discussed by Superintendent T. M. McCall. Mr. McCall pointed out that Northwest School students received direct benefit from the returns of the Christmas Seal sale in that free X-rays were given to all students having "positive" Mantoux tests.

Each student was encouraged to buy twenty Christmas Seal stamps. Films were shown to the student body which were supplied by the local Christmas Seal committee.

Registrar E. N. Reiersgord, local director for the sale of Christmas Seals, reported that \$65.30 was collected from students which, together with donations from the faculty which were made directly to the county committee, totalled more than one-hundred dollars collected from the Northwest School.

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the livestock, crops and poultry shows and industrial exhibits are now complete.

Internationally known speakers have been secured for the three evening meetings. The speaking and music programs for the day-time meetings are now practically complete. Speakers for the three evening meetings include
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NORTHWEST SCHOOL BRIEFS

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

***Cpl. Marlan J. Augustine 17108-930, Co. G, 800th S.T.R., Camp Crowder, Missouri.

***Cpl. Maurice C. Stauning 37097-854, Btry. B, 65th A.A.A. Gun Bn., A.P.O. 986, c/o Postmaster, Seattle, Washington.

***Sgt. Earl A. Newhouse 37323806, A.P.O. No. 17665, c/o Postmaster, New York, N. Y.

***Vernon F. Raymond H.A. 1/C, U.S.N. Industrial Dispensary, Hunters Point, San Francisco 24, California.

***Merton Anderson, Y 3/C, c/o Fleet Postoffice, San Francisco, California. He is home in Crookston on a thirty-day leave. He served with the invasion fleet at the landings on Siapan and in the Marianna Islands.

***Pvt. Herbert A. Johnson, 37776-608, Co. C, 156 F. R.T. B., 92 S.R.T.R., Bks. 2, Camp Hood, Texas.

***G. Douglas Clark MM 3/c, C.B.M. V. 622, c/o Fleet Postoffice, San Francisco, California.

***T/4 Cleon D. Parduhn 37568032, Co. D 97th T.A.T.B., 25th Regiment, Camp Maxey, Texas.

***A/C Howard Heitman, Batt. 11B, Co. I, Plat. 1, U.N.S.P.S., Iowa City, Iowa.

***Garnet E. Dexter, Mo.M.M. 3/C, Boat Operators Div., A.T.B. Coronado, San Diego 55, California.

***Lt. Glen Nansen 0-2075452, L.A. A.B. Prov. Sqdn. "A", Lincoln, Nebraska.

***Oliver J. Labine EM 2/C, c/o Postmaster, New York, N. Y.

***Pvt. Lowell E. Bjella 37594437, Co. C. 2 P.T.R. 5 Bn., Fort Benning, Ga. He was recently awarded the "Wings and Boots" of the United States Army Paratroops.

***Leroy W. Hanson, A.S. U.S.N.R., 7020903, 901 E. River Road, Minneapolis 14, Minnesota.

***Melvin Gibbons A/S, Group G, Squadron 63, A.A.F.P.S., S.A.A.C.C., San Antonio, Texas. Melvin visited the campus on December 4.

***Richard W. Simmons, F 2/C, M. A. Div., c/o Fleet Postoffice, San Francisco 5, California.

***Harold Thomas Anderson, A/S, Co. 963-44 Camp Waldron, U.S.N.T.C., Farragut, Idaho.

***Oscar Pearson, S 2/C, U.S. Naval Station, Manchester, Washington.

***Lt. (jg) A. Melvin Pearson, c/o Fleet Postoffice, New York, N. Y.

***Milford A. Nelson S.F. 1/C, Base Con. Depot Detach., c/o Fleet Postoffice, San Francisco, California.

***Cpl. Martin A. Chilson, 6935220, Base Finance Det., A.P.O. 862, c/o Postmaster, New York, N. Y. He is in Newfoundland.

***Floyd G. Forfang A.S., Company 908-44, Camp Peterson, U.S. Naval Training Center, Farragut, Idaho.

News Regarding Former Students and Alumni of the Northwest School:

***Grace Hagen is a student at the State Teachers' College at Moorhead, Minnesota.

***Miss Katherine Hennig, a former instructor in music at the Northwest School, was a guest soloist with the Minneapolis Symphony Orchestra in Minneapolis on Sunday afternoon, December 10.

MARRIAGES

***Miss Lenore Lander of Hallock, Minnesota, to Floyd G. Forfang, A.S., on October 13 at Hallock, Minnesota.

***Miss Sarah Roselle Smith of Jacksonville, Florida, to Sgt. Edward Worman of Crookston on September 7 at Fairfax, Virginia.

FACULTY CHRISTMAS PARTY HELD: The annual Christmas party of the faculty of the Northwest School was held at the home of Superintendent and Mrs. T. M. McCall on Saturday evening, December 16, following the
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Crops trophies awarded by the Red River Valley Development Association for championship exhibits of corn, small grains, legumes, potatoes and flax. They are to be awarded at the Red River Valley Winter Shows, Crookston, February 5-9.

Hockey Season Opens

Thirty-eight boys have reported for hockey road work at the Northwest School for the winter term. Six lettermen are returning giving a good nucleus for a good team. The big loss through graduation was the losing of Richard Radniecki, goalie. Last year's letter winners are: Harold Younggren, Hallock; Richard Nisbet, Fisher; Wayne Cameron, Hallock; Lloyd Kasprick, Angus; Robert Davids, Jr., Williams; and Orrin Madson, Dalton.

Wm. Barron will be head hockey coach this year with Athletic Director H. R. Lysaker acting as the team's manager.

The students trying out for hockey are: Advanced — Orrin Madson, Orvis Engelstad, Lloyd Kasprick, Raymond McGovern, and James Gustafson; Seniors—Harley Younggren, Hilton McMahan, Robert Davids, Donald Grenier, Richard Nisbet, Wayne Cameron, Gordon Lyberg, Harold Younggren, Wilbert Clow, and Ray Moses; Juniors — Raymond Johnson, Glenn Craigmile, Rodney McGovern, Everett Fuller, Perry Haglund, Roy Green, Glen Ceravsky, David Sorvig, Curtis Simmons, Donald Steinhauer; Freshmen—Neil Craigmile, Elwood Fredrickson, Richmond Lapp, Jack Israelson, Phillip Johnson, Ray Baumgartner, Robert Nisbet, Harold Walters, Alvin Haglund, Dale Zutz, Leo McMahan, Ralph Losse, and Charles Davids.

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mond McGovern, St. Vincent. Service bars were awarded to the following: Menford Brekke, Greenbush; Calmer Johnson, Alvarado; Orrin Madson, Dalton; Grant Peterson, Kennedy; Kenneth Price, Stephen; Harold Younggren, Hallock. Service bars and captain's stars were awarded to Co-captains Kenneth Price and Grant Peterson.

Letters and service bars were awarded to the cross-country team members by R. E. Clark, track coach and dormitory supervisor. Veteran cross-country team members receiving service bars were: Lloyd Kasprick, Angus (also captain's star); Richard Nisbet, Fisher; Peter Schirrick, Jr., Red Lake Falls; A's were awarded to: Rueben Hanson, Trail; Adolph Hapka, Argyle; Donald Steinhauer, Thief River Falls; Curtis Brandt, Roseau; Orvin Stubstad, Barnesville. Richard Nisbet of Fisher was named captain for the 1945-46 cross-country team.

E. N. Reiersgard, Registrar, awarded two-semester Scholarship Certificates to the following students who were eligible to receive certificates: Gladys Auer, Waubun; John Caskey, Bagley; James and Erwin Muzzy, Thief River Satnik, Strathcona; Iris Sinclair, Stephen; Franklin Zak, Euclid.

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and presented the silver trophy to the student director for the winning class.

Faculty members who actively assisted the classes in the general direction for the contest were the Misses Georgene Hanson, Ruth Emerson,

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Basketball Season Underway

The Northwest School Aggie basketball team opened the season with five wins and two losses. They won over Fisher 23-22, Fertile 26-16, Sacred Heart 68-36, Red Lake Falls 41-21, Climax 46-29; defeated by Halstad there 35-29 and Erskine here 40-27.

The Aggies have five lettermen back who were reserves on last year's team. The squad is strengthened by John Johnson of Strandquist who gives the team needed height and experience. Returning lettermen are Curtis Brandt, Forrest Mykleby, Grant Peterson, Ken Price, and Arlo Scholin.

Ninety-four boys reported for the initial drills two weeks ago. The boys have now been divided into three squads (A, B, and C) for practice purposes.

There are twenty-four games on the Aggie schedule.

Boys on the "A" team in addition to the lettermen are: Stanley Brandt, Jack Blom, Russell Evje, David Erickson, Kent Hanson, Calmer Johnson, Clifford Labine, Raymond Lein, Donald Mykleby, Armin Ross, Gerhard Ross, Francis Rudnick, Harley Younggren, James VanCamp, and Leon Wosick.

Students Have Christmas Dinner And Program

The annual "get-together" Christmas dinner at the Northwest School was held in the school dining hall at 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, December 17. The walls of the dining room were decorated with holly and Christmas bells and all student tables were decorated carrying out the Christmas theme.

Prizes were awarded the three most attractively decorated tables. Student hosts and hostesses at the first three

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Christmas Play Presented December 17

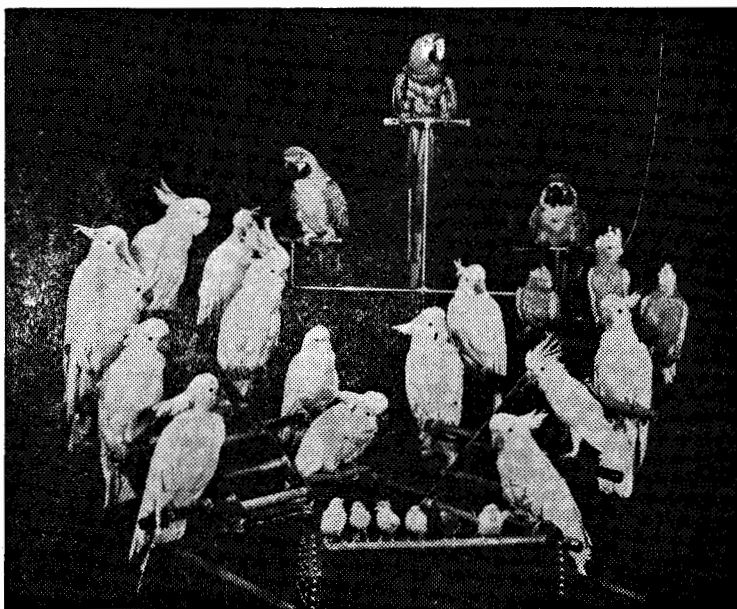
The annual one-act Christmas play was presented in the Northwest School auditorium on Sunday evening, December 17. The largest Sunday evening attendance of the year was present for the play "Christmas Is Not a Day." The characters in the play were excellently portrayed by members of the class in dramatics. The lighting effects were particularly good as was the musical background of Christmas carols sung by the school choir under the direction of Miss Georgene Hanson. The play was given under the direction of Miss Marie Ruth Fast, instructor in dramatics.

Members of the cast included: Avis Anderson, Kennedy; Geraldine Peterson, Hallock; Geraldine Nelson, Crookston; Kent Hanson, Hallock; Kenneth Price, Stephen; Julian Wiger, Ulen; The Vision—Cheryl Bjella, Bemidji; Rosemary Altepeter; Crookston; Forrest Mykleby, Climax; Arlo Scholin, Thief River Falls; Richard Wahlstrom, Salol; Grant Peterson, Kennedy; John Johnson, Strandquist; Vernon Oswald, Fertile; Stephen Caillier, Crookston; stage manager—Lloyd Kasprick, Angus; lighting—Orrin Madson, Dalton.

Good Swimming Team Prospects

It is reported by Coach Clarence Blatchford that he expects a strong Northwest School swimming team to develop out of last year's letter winners and some likely looking newcomers. Lettermen from last year's squad are: Edward Anderson, Voss, N. D., backstroke; Richard Wahlstrom, Salol, backstroke; Allen Nesland, Thompson, N. D., diving; Dick Bonner, Chicago, N. D., diving; Dick Bonner, Chicago, N. D., diving; Dick Bonner, Chicago, N. D., diving.

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Pictured above are a few of the birds from one of the outstanding small animal shows—The Pamahasika Pets. This University Lyceum Series program will be given at the Northwest School on January 10. The show is under the direction of Raymond V. Roberts who has trained the birds for this spectacular show.

Judging Contests Will Be Features of Winter Shows

The Northwest School will be represented in the subcollegiate contests in crops and livestock judging at the Red River Valley Winter Shows on February 5, 1945. Squads in both, crops and livestock judging were organized at midterm for judging practice. Team members on the crop judging squad must be able to identify some 175 species of weeds and plant diseases, also identify and place samples of cereal crops and flax. Members of the livestock judging teams must be able to place correctly and give reasons for placing classes of beef and dairy cattle, sheep, and swine.

The four Schools of Agriculture in Minnesota, the Walsh County Agricultural School of Park River, North Dakota, and the School of Agriculture at Brookings, South Dakota, will compete in the subcollegiate contests.

Some twenty high school judging teams are expected to compete in each of the general livestock and dairy judging contests.

A banquet for the judging teams will be held on Monday evening, February 5, following the contests at which the winners of the contests will be announced.

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Carrol Binder, noted war correspondent and news analyst; Andre Michalopoulos, former premier of Greece and authority on the Balkans, and Congressman Walter Judd of Minnesota, authority on Far Eastern affairs. The week's program is filled with events of interest each day, Monday through Friday.

Judging contests in livestock and crops for teams from the Schools of Agriculture and high schools of the district will be held on Monday, February 5.

The program for Tuesday, February 6, includes programs for crops men, weed inspectors, garden clubs, and 4-H clubs. Wednesday, February 7, has

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tables ranked in order of merit were: first place—Gerhard Ross, Fisher; Frances Kleen, Warroad; second place—Loren Olson, Halstad; Lorraine Anderson, Stephen; third place—Phyllis Lerud, Twin Valley; Lloyd Pederson, Thief River Falls. Those receiving honorable mention were: Paul Proulx, Argyle; Lena Pready, Lancaster; Doris Krogstad, Fertile; Earl Proulx, Argyle; Edward Nelson, Kennedy; Agnes Hardrath, Crookston. The highest ranking table depicted Christmas in the tropics. The judges of table decorations were the Misses Retta Bede and Verna Stokke and Mrs. R. E. Clark.

The school choir under the direction of Miss Georgene Hanson sang Christmas carols. Superintendent T. M. McCall extended Christmas greetings on behalf of the faculty.

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been designated as Livestock Day for men and Foods Day for women. Thursday, February 8, will be Poultry Day for the men and Clothing and Parent-Teachers Day for women. It will also be potato and livestock sales day for men. A program of general interest to women and cattle sales for men will close the program for the week.

Organizations and associations holding meetings during Winter Shows week include: Red River Valley Livestock Association shareholders meeting, February 5 and Stockmen's Dutch Lunch on February 7; Red River Valley Crops and Soils Association luncheon meeting and Ninth District Horticultural Society Annual Meeting on February 6; County Agents and Northern Minnesota Poultry Association meetings February 7; Red River Valley Development Association annual meeting and recognition banquet for Valley Farmers and Homemakers on February 8; and the County Superintendents' Association of the Red River Valley counties will meet on February 9.

GOOD SWIMMING TEAM PROSPECTS

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Ill., breast stroke; Marville Magnusson, Warren, crawl stroke; and Wayne Gray, Viking, dashes. Other boys who will press the lettermen for positions on the swimming team are: Ben Shetterly, Oklee; Melvin Capistran, Stephen; Wallace Anderson, Osakis; Maurice Bergh, Hallock; Keith Vietor, Leonard; Walter Kluzak, East Grand Forks; Curtis Matson, Trail; Bernard Yutrz-enka, Argyle; and Donald Anderson, Kennedy.

Arrangements will try to be made so that a dual meet with Fargo High will be held in addition to the Agricultural School Conference meet.

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basketball game at the school. Entertainment was provided in the treasure hunt for the Christmas gifts. Committees and committee members for the party were: Entertainment—A. M. Foker, E.N. Reiersgord, O. M. Kiser, and Miss Audrey Linde; Refreshment Committee—Mesdames Wm. Barron, E. N. Reiersgord, R. S. Dunham T. M. McCall, and Miss Verna Stokke.

NOTICE

The Northwest School wants names and addresses of former students and alumni in armed forces of the United States. The Northwest School would appreciate it if parents of men in service would notify the school promptly of any change of address so men in service will not lose any issues of the Northwest School News. School news will be sent regularly to boys in service when names and addresses are received. Send information to Sup't T. M. McCall, Northwest School, Crookston, Minn.

Mars Barley To Be Released To Growers

Mars, a new variety of barley developed by the Minnesota Experiment Station, will be released to approved growers for planting in 1945. An Experiment Station committee from the Central and branch Experiment Stations of Minnesota adopted the plan of seed distribution which will be followed beginning this year.

Seed will be distributed according to the Approved Grower plan that has been successfully used since the distribution of Marquillo wheat in 1929. Essential features of this plan are as follows:

First, the pooled seed of Mars barley will be allotted to counties on the basis of a 5 year average barley acreage from 1939-1943. Seed will be allotted to sixty-three counties in Minnesota, which list includes all Red River Valley counties except Clearwater.

Second, the final distribution of seed allotted to a county will be arranged for by a special committee consisting of an extension agronomist, the county agent, and the crop improvement committee.

Third, within a county the allotment to each grower may vary from a minimum of 8 bushels to a maximum of 20 bushels to be decided by the local committee.

Fourth, the price will be \$3.00 per bushel including sacks. This will also be the maximum selling price to be charged by an approved grower who markets his crop in 1946.

Fifth, an approved grower is one who has the following qualifications (a) a member of the Minnesota Crop Improvement Association who is willing to cooperate to the fullest extent, (b) available clean land for seed production, (c) facilities for cleaning and storing seeds that mixtures may be avoided, (d) a previous satisfactory record in crop improvement work and in the community of which he is a member.

All approved growers who are allotted seed must agree to apply for registration under the rules of the Minnesota Crop Improvement Association. They must also agree to sell all seed produced in 1945 to the Minnesota Agricultural Experiment Station, if requested, at a price of \$3.00 per bushel including sacks.

The Northwest Experiment Station produced some 1500 bushels of Mars Barley for distribution among the counties. R. S. Dunham, agronomist at the Northwest Station states: "No application for Mars barley can be accepted at the Experiment Station. All applicants must comply with the rules laid down by the committee and all applications must be made to the County Agricultural Agent for action by the county committee."

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Marie Ruth Fast, and Herschel Lysaker. The faculty class advisers assisted in the arrangements for the contest.