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Fall Term Will Open October First

The fortieth year of the Northwest School of Agriculture will open on October first with an expected enrollment of 400 students. The enrollment at the school has been fixed by the capacity of the school dormitories and the few rooming places in Crookston. More than one-hundred prospective students have been turned away from the school this year because of a lack of rooming facilities. The new dormitory for girls, provided for by legislative appropriations, may get under construction early in 1946 and provide housing relief some time during the next school year. A number of students have secured rooms with friends and relatives in Crookston. Several homes with rooms to rent have been registered with the school. Off-campus rooming houses, to be recommended by the school, must comply with University housing regulations.

The new dormitory for girls, when completed, will release a much needed classroom in Home Economics building and allow space for expansion in the music training.

Women day-time supervisors have been secured for all dormitories this year. Mrs. Oline Ness will return as a day-time supervisor of Robertson Hall, Mrs. Alice Baker of Red Lake Falls and Mrs. Rose Gackowski of Duluth have been secured as supervisors for Stephens and Senior Halls respectively.

Considerable painting and improvement work has been done on school buildings during the summer months. A shortage of skilled workmen kept down the amount of building improvement work planned.

The cost of board at the school had to be increased for the year beginning on October first. Board rates were increased to \$18 for each four weeks, an increase of six per cent to cover an average of 16 per cent increase in wages to dining hall employees to make wages conform to the new standard set for state employees. The cost of room rental of \$1.25 per week per student will remain the same as in former years.

New and essential equipment has been secured for shop work in the agricultural engineering department and in physics and chemistry. Extensive additions have been and are being made to the planting stock in the Station greenhouses.

The major improvement to be completed by the opening of school is the track, cyclorama and front curtain installations in the main auditorium. The present front stage curtain and the cyclorama, memorials of the classes of 1923, 1924, and 1932 will be replaced with a maroon velour stage curtain, a
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Football Prospects Bright

With eleven football lettermen returning to the Northwest School and many promising new players expected, the chances of having a good football team in time for Conference games are very good. The Aggies suffered a loss of eighteen lettermen through graduation, military service and labor demands; however, the eleven returning veterans will make a good nucleus for the 1945 team. Coach H. Lysaker has warned all returning lettermen that places on the team will have to be earned and that new men will give them a lot of competition for their positions.

The practice schedule for football as outlined by Coach Lysaker begins officially with sessions scheduled for 10:00 a. m. and 3:00 p. m. on October first and afternoon practices thereafter. Players are urged to get themselves in good physical condition before the opening of school so that only a minimum of time will be lost with sore muscles.

Football lettermen returning include: Co-captains Menford Brekke and Jack Blom, Melvin Capistran, James Muzzy, Wayne Cameron, Alden Peterson, Curtis Simmons, Roy Green, Phillip Hellday, Raymond Lien, and Raymond Johnson.

Dr. Olaf C. Soine Succeeds R. S. Dunham As Agronomist

Dr. Olaf C. Soine, a research assistant in the Division of Soils of the Minnesota Experiment Station, St. Paul, has been secured as Agronomist at the Northwest School and Station to succeed R. S. Dunham. Dr. Soine majored in Soils and minored in Agronomy in his graduate work at the University of Minnesota where he received his Master's degree in 1937 and his Doctor of Philosophy degree in 1945. His undergraduate work was taken at St. Olaf College where he received his Bachelor of Science degree in 1932.



O. C. Soine

Dr. Soine has had some nine years of experience in crops and soils survey work in Minnesota and during the past three years has been Research Fellow in the Division of Soils at University Farm, St. Paul.

He is a member of the professional societies of Sigma Xi and Gamma Alpha.

Dr. Soine assumed his new duties at the school and station on September 16. Dr. and Mrs. Soine and their two daughters, Kathleen and Barbara, will reside at the Northwest School campus.

Northwest School Teaching Staff For 1945-46 Announced

The list of members of the Northwest School teaching staff for 1945-46 and their respective departments, announced by Superintendent T. M. McCall, include the following: T. M. McCall, farm marketing; E. N. Reiersgard, registrar and mathematics; Olaf C. Soine, agronomy; A. M. Foker, H. W. Soderburg and William Barron, agricultural engineering; O. M. Kiser, animal husbandry; A. M. Pilkey, poultry; O. C. Turquist, horticulture and forestry; Margaret Larsen, Audrey Linde, Jeanette Peterson and Marie Fast, English, speech and dramatics; Retta Bede, Verna Stokke and Bernice Frohreich, home economics; Winnifred Erickson, Ruth Emerson and Jeanette Peterson, music; Herschel Lysaker, E. F. Bennett and Clarence Blatchford, physical education; Fae Hughbanks, business training; A. O. Nordvold, science; Dr. R. O. Sather, school physician. The position of school nurse will be filled by October first.

Homecoming And Alumni Reunion, October 27

The date for Homecoming and Alumni Reunion at the Northwest School has been set for Saturday, October 27. The Alumni Association, at the 1944 meeting, voted to hold its reunion and annual meeting in conjunction with Homecoming for the duration of the war.

The football game scheduled for Homecoming will be Walsh County Aggies from Park River, North Dakota, vs Northwest Aggies. The lifting of travel restrictions permits the North Dakota school to resume athletic relations with the Minnesota Agricultural School Conference.

Plans for Homecoming will be worked out by special faculty and student committees and these plans will be announced in the October "Northwest School News."

Parents' Day And 50th Anniversary Program Planned

The date of November 3, originally set for Parents' Day and the observance of the 50th anniversary of the founding of the Northwest Experiment Station, may be postponed until later in the month of November. The date may be changed in order to secure President J. L. Morrill, Dean C. H. Bailey and other speakers for the anniversary program. Features of Parents' Day will be the home project show, meeting of the Northwest School Parents' Association, dinner for parents in the dining hall, and anniversary program.

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Fall Rains Cause Crop Losses

Heavy fall rains falling during the week of September 6 to 12 have caused considerable loss to unthreshed grains and potatoes in the Red River Valley. Precipitation, varying from 3 inches in the Crookston area to 8 or 9 inches in Kittson and Roseau counties, has flooded fields in the poorly drained areas to the extent that many crops cannot be harvested until after the ground is frozen. The high water table in the soil will stop fall plowing of land in many areas.

Favorable threshing weather prior to September 6 enabled many farmers to get much of the grain threshed or combined. Even though the harvest was delayed by late seeding, yet much more of the crop was saved than was the case in 1944.

Continued losses from excessive rains in the Red River Valley will continue until better surface drainage can be secured. When water is standing on the fields is a good time for a farmer to map out a surface drainage system. By placing a series of stakes now in lines where surface drainage can be secured, the farmer can then plow out dead furrows to mark the ditch lines. The later work needed to make an effective surface ditch depends on the depth of ditch required. Blade graders can be used to widen and deepen the surface ditches where the land is flat; however, for the deeper cuts, scrapers such as Fresno, tumble bug and other types should be used in such a way that the fill is made in the lowest holes. Fields surface-ditched in the fall so the water can run off into the road or drainage ditches should be early fields for seeding the following year.

Comprehensive surveys should be made of new drainage areas before new drainage ditches are located.

In Memoriam

Pvt. Roy E. Morvig of Shevlin, a student at the Northwest School in 1941-42, was killed in action in Czechoslovakia on May 5, 1945. Roy was inducted into the army on November 15, 1944, and was sent into action in Germany on April 28, 1945.

Roy was active in 4-H club work and was the winner of a Sears, Roebuck and Company scholarship at the Northwest School.

Memorial services for Roy were held at Shevlin, Minnesota, on August 12.

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gold olio curtain, and an entirely new cyclorama installed on a new arrangement of tracks.

Excellent Assembly Programs Assured Oct. 3 And 7

Mr. George Grim of the editorial staff of the "Minneapolis Star Journal and Tribune" has been secured to give the opening address on the school assembly programs at the Northwest School. He will speak on Wednesday, October 3. Mr. Grim visited all of the battle fronts of World War II during hostilities and the European theater since Germany's surrender. He will give a firsthand picture report on the war and problems of maintaining world peace.

Faculty members of the music and English departments will present a program on Sunday evening, October 7, at 7:30 p. m. in the Northwest School auditorium. Members of the music staff who will appear on the program include the Misses Winnifred Erickson, instructor in voice; Ruth Emerson and Jeanette Peterson, instructors in piano. Staff members from the English department who will take part on the program include the Misses Margaret Larsen, Audrey Linde, and Marie East.

Interesting Entertainment Programs Scheduled

Lyceum attractions, feature films, football games, cross-country meets, school and class parties have been scheduled as extra-curricular entertainment events at the Northwest School for the fall term of school beginning on October first. Six lyceum attractions, with three each term, have been booked with the University of Minnesota Department of Concerts and Lectures. Three to four feature films will be shown each term. There will be two all-school parties, two dances and parties and class parties during the school term as Saturday night entertainment features.

In addition to the week-end entertainment features, a Sunday program is planned for each week. The Sunday program provides for Bible study with the Y. M. C. A. and Y. W. C. A. groups at 8:45 a. m. and the joint meetings at 7:30 p. m. in the school auditorium with pastors of Crookston churches as speakers.

The schedule of leading events for the fall term includes: October 1—registration of freshmen and juniors; October 2—8:00 a. m. to 12:00 noon, registration of Seniors and Advanced; 1:15 p. m., regular classes start; October 3, 7:00 p. m., boys' pow wow and girls' frolic; October 6, joint Y. M. and Y. W. C. A. reception and all-school party, gymnasium; October 10, football, Warren vs. Northwest School, 3 P. M.; October 13, football, Crookston Cathedral vs Northwest Aggies; outdoor festival and picnic supper; October 20, football, East Grand Forks vs Northwest Aggies, here, 2 P. M.; movie, 7:30 P. M. October 24, lyceum program, Doris Eaton Mason; October 27, football, Homecoming game, Walsh County Aggies here, 2:00 P. M.; Homecoming lance and party; November 2, football, Crookston Central vs Northwest Aggies; November 3, Parents' Day and 0th Anniversary program, 9:00 a. m. to 5:00 p. m.; lyceum program, Spendeos, 7:30 p. m.; November 10, football, West Central vs Northwest Aggies; November 11, Memorial Service program, 11:30 a. m.; November 29, Thanksgiving; December 8, lyceum program, Howell Glass Blowers; December 5, Interclass song contest; December 21, closing day of fall term.



ROBERTSON HALL

Dormitory for girls; accommodations for 96 girls (75% of girls enrolled).



STEPHENS HALL

The largest boys' school dormitory; (for underclassmen).



SENIOR HALL

Boys' dormitory for upper classmen.

Mars Barley Produces Good Yields

A great deal of interest has been manifest in the production performance of some of the new varieties of cereal crops which are now in the process of being increased and released to growers. Mars barley has been the center of interest of the new releases from the Minnesota Station. First reports from growers, who received 7 bu. lots last spring under contract, are now coming in to the Experiment Station. The reports indicate that from 17 to 70 bu. have been produced from each bushel of seed planted. The yields of Mars barley from two increase fields at the Northwest Station were 51.3 and 41

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New Staff Members Announced

Miss Winnifred Erickson of Litchfield, Minnesota, has been appointed as instructor in music at the Northwest School to succeed Miss Georgene Hanson. Miss Erickson graduated, with distinction, from the University of Minnesota, class of 1944, in music education. While in the University, she was a member of the University Symphony Orchestra and University Chorus.



Miss Erickson

Miss Erickson was an instructor in high school vocal music at Spooner, Wisconsin, last year. She will have charge of all vocal music, band and orchestra at the Northwest School this year.

Miss Jeanette Peterson of New Ulm, Minnesota, has been appointed as instructor in English II and music. This position was held by Mrs. Marcille Goldsberry during the winter term last school year. Miss Peterson, a classmate of Miss Ruth Fast, is a graduate of Hamline University, class of 1944. Miss Peterson, an honor student at Hamline University, majored in both English and music.



Miss Peterson

Her work in music at the Northwest School will be confined principally to piano instruction. Miss Peterson has had one year's successful teaching experience at Dassel, Minnesota.

Mr. Alvin O. Nordvold, former instructor and band director at Warren, has been appointed instructor in Science at the Northwest School to succeed A. O. Naplin. Mr. Nordvold, a member of the Engineers' Combat Battalion of the 15th Army, just received his discharge from the Army at Camp McCoy, Wisconsin.

Mr. Nordvold, a graduate of St. Olaf College in 1932 with a B. A. degree, has taken graduate work in music at the University of Southern California and received his B. M. degree from Minneapolis College of Music in 1937. He has had seven years of successful teaching experience and was instructor in Science and band director at Warren from 1939 to 1942.

Mr. and Mrs. Nordvold and son Duane will live at Stephens Hall where Mr. Nordvold will be supervisor of the dormitory for boys.

NORTHWEST SCHOOL BRIEFS

***News Regarding Northwest School Alumni and Former Students in Military Service:

***Alfred Julian Wiger A/S, 787-31-10, Co. 45-401, U. S. N. T. C., San Diego, 33, California.

***S 2/C Alvin O. Naplin 984-79-08, ATB TEE 250, Coronado 55, California.

***John Robert Grenier, S 1/C Aer. M., 702-11-04, U. S. S. Orlando (PF99), c/o Fleet Postoffice, San Francisco, California.

***Lt. Lydia Dahlen, 22nd Station Hospital, APO 959, c/o Postmaster, San Francisco, California. Miss Dahlen is a former nurse and instructor of the Northwest School.

***Lt. John Fleur arrived from Neurnberg, Germany, in July and spent a 30-day leave with his parents. He reported to Camp Bowie, Texas, at the end of his leave.

***Selmer Johnson received a discharge from the Seabees in July; he served with the Seabees for three years. His last trip was seven months to the Mariannas island, and he also served in Alaska, the Aleutians and various islands in the South Pacific. Mr. and Mrs. Johnson (Wilma Coss) are making their home in Oregon.

***PFC Victor C. Hanson arrived in New York on August 2 from the European theater. He will receive a furlough before redeployment.

***Sgt. Lawrence A. Anderson spent a 30-day rest leave, in July, at the home of his parents at Argyle. He later returned to Santa Anna, California, for reassignment. He has been in service three years, serving 26 months of his time as airplane mechanic in Africa and Italy.

***S/Sgt. Marion Erlandson visited his parental home at Stephen in July. He has returned from the European war theater.

***Sgt. Lawrence E. Simonson arrived at the personnel center for redeployment in August. He has served in England, North Africa and Italy with the 353 Bomb Squadron, 301 Bomb Group.

***Sgt. Wilfred Knutson arrived home on August 1 from Germany where he had participated in the campaign for about ten months. He entered the service in April 1942. Upon completion of his furlough, he will report for redeployment.

***PFC Alton T. Knutson 37577270, Med. Det. F. A. T. C., C. T. C., A. P. O. 627, c/o Postmaster, New York, N. Y.

***Ens. Ellsworth Zutz, M. T. B., RON 9, c/o Fleet Postoffice, San Francisco, California.

***Lt. A. Melvin Pearson, U. S. S. J. R. Y. Blakely (DE-140) c/o Fleet Postoffice, San Francisco, California.

***Donald W. Jorgensen, A. M. 2/C 63998865, U. S. S. Enterprise (CV-6) V-12 Div., c/o Fleet Postoffice, San Francisco, California.

***Cpl. Clarence Peterson 37273204, 1492 SCU Comp. Maint. Unit, 4th So. C. Recl. Ctr., Atlanta, Georgia.

***Pvt. Gene E. Johnston 37803418, A. S. N., Co. B 177th Bn. 96 Reg. I. R. T.

C., Camp Hood, Texas.

***Pvt. Lowell Bjella 37594437, Regt. Hdq. Co., 503 Parachute Regt., A. P. O. 321, c/o Postmaster, San Francisco, California.

***Pvt. John (Orville) Thureen 37776856, Headquarters Company, 2nd Bn., 161st Inf., A. P. O. 25, c/o Postmaster, San Francisco, California.

***Pvt. Bert Tollefson, Co. B, 66 Bn. 14 Tng. Regt., Camp Fannin, Texas.

***Paul W. Auer, I. M. 1/C, U. S. S. Seminole (AKA104), c/o Fleet Postoffice, San Francisco, California.

***Pvt. Richard J. Bonner 46026850, 76th Q. M. T. Co., 14th Bn., Camp Lee, Virginia.

***Harris E. Mortenson S 2/C, U. S. N. R. S., Naval Station, Seattle 99, Washington.

***Ens. Dell Durbahn 457724, N. T. S. (Tactical Radar), Hollywood Beach Hotel R. 690, Hollywood, Florida.

***Cpl. Donald M. Nelson is visiting his parental home at Kennedy. He served with the 96th Depot Repair Squadron in England, France and Germany. He will later report to Camp McCoy, Wis., for redeployment.

***Donald Hanson, GM 3/C, U. S. S. Atlanta, Div. 2, c/o Fleet Postoffice, San Francisco, California.

***Pvt. Robert Schneider 37801846, Co. B 152 Bn., 91st Regt. I. R. T. C., Camp Hood, Texas.

***Donald G. Milner GM 1/C, U. S. S. Inch, DE 146, c/o Fleet Postoffice, San Francisco, California.

***Sgt. Harry Tangen is an instructor of R. O. T. C. He is living at 1330 Detroit, Denver, Colorado.

***Pvt. Vernon T. Hoppe 37788172, Inf. Co. 1, 4th Platoon, A. P. O. 21241, c/o Postmaster, San Francisco, California.

***Kenneth St. Michel 7871155 S 2/C, Spec. Projects for Air, San Clements Island, San Diego, California.

***Pvt. N. Erwin Muzzy 37805340, 15th Bn. 86th Co., Camp Lee, Virginia.

***Lt. Harry B. Ward is stationed at Randolph Field, San Antonio, Texas, as an instructor in B-29s.

***Brig. Gen. Martinus Stenseth 011014, Hq. Iceland Base Command, APO No. 610, c/o Postmaster, New York, N. Y.

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

***Rosemary Altepetter is enrolled as a Cadet Nurse at St. John's Hospital, Fargo, N. D.

***R. J. Christgau, a former instructor at the Northwest School, is now employed in the vocational rehabilitation division of the Veterans Administration where he will assist in setting up the vocation advisement office at the Mankato State Teachers College, Mankato. Mr. Christgau returned from service as a field director with the American Red Cross in the Pacific last January and now makes his home with his family in Minneapolis. He spent 26 months overseas.

***Marian Lindholm will enroll as a student at the Moorhead State Teachers College this fall.

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***Helen and Florence Hess visited the campus on July 12. They are employed in the office of the So. Pacific Railway Co., San Francisco, California.

***Ensign Eleanor A. Torkelson is employed as a nurse at the U. S. Naval Hospital, Fort Eustis, Virginia.

***Silas B. Hviding is now employed as superintendent with the Peavey Elevators with headquarters at Marshall, Minnesota.

MARRIAGES

***Miss Mildred Clapp, formerly of Hallock, to S/Sgt. Jotham Jansen of Hallock on Saturday, August 4.

***Miss Glendora V. Hoven of Crookston to Y 3/C Merton E. Anderson of Crookston on July 26 at Crookston.

***Miss Ruth Lucille Whitehurst to Donald G. Milner GM 1/C U. S. N. R., on June 16 at Norfolk, Virginia.

***Miss Irene Kliner of Euclid to Richard Miska of Angus on Wednesday, July 25, at Euclid.

***Miss Margaret Forfang of Hallock to Emory L. Cameron of Hallock on June 16.

***Miss Georgene Hanson of Minneapolis to T/Sgt. Phillip E. Peteler on Saturday, August 11, at Minneapolis. Mrs. Peteler was a member of the music staff at the Northwest School for the past two years.

***Miss Juanita LaDuc to Mr. Charles Lightning at Detroit Lakes on July 26.

***Miss Evelyn Ellinger to Mr. G. Eugene Musselman of Crookston on Saturday, June 9, at Crookston.

***Miss Dorinda Johnson of Newfolden to Sgt. Harry Tangen, formerly of Menahga, on Thursday, July 5, at the post chapel, Fitzsimons General Hospital, Denver, Colorado.

DEATHS

***Lester Knutson, formerly of Ashby, died on April 17 at his home in Fergus Falls, Minnesota. He graduated from the 3-year course at the Northwest School in 1938.

Two Flower Shows**Held In 9th District**

The Ninth District Minnesota Horticultural Society held two district flower shows during the summer. The first show was held at New York Mills on August 17 and the second show was held on August 18 at Roseau. The committee on arrangements for the regional shows consisted of C. M. Pesek, president of the Ninth District Horticultural Society of Crookston, L. H. Oftedahl, Halstad; O. C. Turnquist, secretary, and T. M. McCall of the Northwest School.

Dr. Leon Snyder, extension horticulturist of University Farm, St. Paul; O. C. Turnquist, and C. M. Pesek appeared on the program at New York Mills and Roseau. R. A. Trovaaten, commissioner of the State Department of Agriculture, was a speaker at the New York Mills program.

The Pesek trophy, awarded annually to the individual with the highest score on exhibits for the entire ninth dis-

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MARS BARLEY PRODUCES**GOOD YIELDS**

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bushels per acre. Wisconsin 38 barley, in an increase field comparable with Mars on fallow, produced an identical yield of 51 bushels per acre. Comparable samples of 200 bushels of both Mars and Wisconsin barley are being sent from each of the three branch Experiment Stations in Minnesota to maltsters for a comprehensive malting test this year.

The Experiment Station has released the 1945 growers of Mars barley from their grower's contracts. The variety can now be secured from growers at a contract price of \$3.00 per bushel. Limited quantities of seed can be secured from the Experiment Station for 1946 planting. A list of Red River Valley growers of Mars barley is being prepared for distribution by O. C. Soine, agronomist at the Northwest School.

PARENTS' DAY AND 50TH**ANNIVERSARY PROGRAM**

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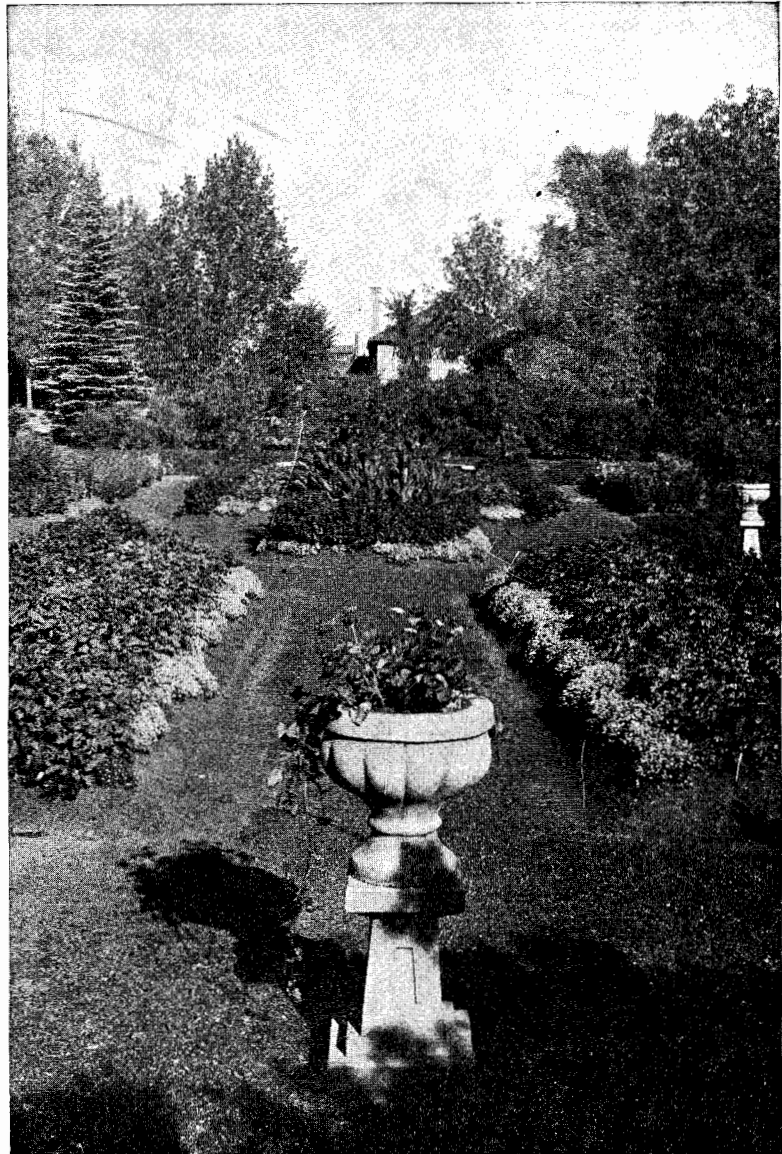
The date for Parents' Day will be announced in the October issue of "Northwest School News."

TWO FLOWERS SHOWS HELD**IN 9TH DISTRICT**

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trict, was won by Mrs. G. M. Griffin of Perham, sweepstakes winner at the New York Mills show. Mrs. George Parr of Roseau won sweepstakes at the Ninth district show. Mr. Harold Thomforde of Crookston won the Oftedahl trophy for the highest scoring exhibit of gladiolus.

The Red River Valley Development Association furnished the prize ribbons for both flower shows.



A NORTHWEST SCHOOL CAMPUS SCENE
The Sunken Flower Garden