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Homecoming and Alumni Reunion, October 27

Homecoming and Alumni Reunion, at the Northwest School, scheduled for October 27, promises to be the most colorful event at the Northwest School since the outbreak of World War II. With the number of alumni and former student war veterans increasing daily, a real reunion and Homecoming is in prospect. Veterans from all theaters of war will be present and be given recognition at the various programs during the day and evening. The five-year reunion of all classes with numbers ending in 0 and 5, beginning in 1910, are to be held this year. Arrangements for the class reunions are to be made by the last-named officers of the classes.

Homecoming celebrations will start with the torchlight parade of football players, coaches and fans to the Homecoming bonfire on Friday night, October 26. The Homecoming Day program will start with the assembly program at 11:30 a.m. The program committee has given its assurance that the entertainment features, including the skit and music, will equal programs given in former years. The Walsh County Agricultural School football team and coaches will be guests of the school for the assembly program and

the Homecoming dinner. The Park River Agricultural School team, old traditional rivals in the Agricultural School Conference, will be welcomed back into Conference competition in the game scheduled for 2:30 p.m. on Saturday.

The Homecoming dinner will be served at the Dining Hall at 6:00 p.m. The capacity enrollment of students will limit the number of alumni who can be served at the dinner. Returned service men and women will be given preference for table reservations as long as banquet hall space lasts. Service men and alumni should make dinner reservations with the Banquet Committee prior to Homecoming Day, if possible.

Following the dinner, the annual Alumni Association meeting will be held in the school auditorium at 7:30 p.m.

The climax of the day's celebration will be the alumni and all-school crowning of the Homecoming queen and the grand march by alumni and students by classes. The day's festivities will be brought to a close with the dance in the gymnasium and the school party in the Aggie Inn.

Eight Special Scholarships Awarded To Students

Seven scholarships worth \$50 each and one worth \$25 were awarded to Northwest School students for the current school year. The Sears, Roebuck and Company donated five \$50 scholarships and one \$25 scholarship to boys of the Red River Valley counties who have done outstanding work in home projects or 4-H club work.

The two Herman Miller scholarships of \$50 each, gifts from the Miller Insurance Agency of Crookston, were awarded to high ranking 4-H club members in Polk county.

The selection of winners of the special awards was made by the Northwest School Scholarship Committee from recommendations made by county 4-H club agents and home project supervisors.

Northwest School students awarded Sears, Roebuck and Company scholarships for outstanding achievement in home project work include: Jack Blom, Baudette; Dewayne Bolme, Gully; Richmond Lapp, St. Vincent; and Ray Moses, Pelican Rapids. Russell Sorteberg of Ross, and Wilfred Taus of Strathcona were awarded scholarships (Continued on Page 2, Col. 1)

Pow Wow And Frolic Held On October 3

The annual Girls' Frolic and Boys' Pow Wow were held at the Northwest School on October 3. The Girls' Frolic was held in the Aggie Inn with the introduction of the freshmen girls as the main feature of the program. At the Boys' Pow Wow, students and faculty discussed the extra-curricular activity opportunities afforded students at the Northwest School.

Following the separate meetings of boys and girls, a joint meeting and program was held in the school auditorium with E. N. Reiersgard as general chairman. A. M. Foker, chairman of the Athletic Committee, introduced coaches H. Lysaker, E. F. Bennett, and Clarence Blatchford to speak on the major sports program of the school. Captains and co-captains responding for the various school teams included: FOOTBALL—Menford Brekke of Greenbush and Jack Blom of Baudette; CROSS-COUNTRY—Richard Nisbet of Fisher; BASKETBALL—Russell Evje of Gully and Armin Ross of Fisher; SWIMMING—Allan Nesland of Thompson, N.D., and Maurice Bergh of Hallock. Other speakers included (Continued on Page 4, Col. 2)

Northwest School Has Large Enrollment

E. N. REIERSGORD

The enrollment at the Northwest School for the year 1945-46 is the largest for the first week of school for the past three years. The total number of students enrolled the first week was 366 as compared to 339 in 1943 and 351 last year. The enrollment at the end of the second week had reached 383 with fourteen more to register the beginning of the third week.

The enrollment by classes for the first week was as follows: Freshmen—93 boys and 26 girls; Juniors—73 boys and 34 girls; Seniors—59 boys and 30 girls; Advanced—30 boys and 20 girls, and one student enrolled as Special.

The attendance has been remarkably (Continued on Page 2, Col. 1)

New Instructors Complete Teaching Staff

Mrs. Lila R. Hage of Ulen has accepted the position of instructor in



Mrs. Hage

English I and dramatics left vacant by the late resignation of Miss Marie Ruth Fast. Mrs. Hage comes to the Northwest School with several years of successful public school teaching experience. For the past two years she has been teaching in the Hennig Public Schools. She is a graduate of Concordia College and has taken summer session work in her field at the Universities of Colorado, Washington and Minnesota. The work in dramatics at the school will be under her direction.

Miss Phyllis Holm, formerly of East Grand Forks and more recently of Minneapolis, has been appointed school nurse and instructor to succeed Miss Ida Tweten. Miss Holm received her degree of Bachelor of Science in Public Health Nursing at the University of Minnesota in 1945. Since graduation, Miss Holm has served as Assistant Floor Supervisor at the Minneapolis General Hospital.



Miss Holm

She is a member of the National Organization of Public Health Nurses.

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Harvest Delayed By Wet Weather

Crop losses from the excessive rainfall reported in the August-September issue of the Northwest School News" continued to increase through the last three weeks of September. The greatest losses were caused by work stoppage at the critical harvest period for potatoes and sugar beets. The wet, inclement weather aggravated the labor situation in the potato and sugar beet areas in that much transient and contracted labor moved out of the Red River Valley counties. The labor situation had eased by October 10 through the concerted action of potato and sugar beet growers and employment agencies, several hundred Prisoners of War, Mexican Nationals, Jamaicans and local workers, including women and school children. Some twenty days of favorable weather were needed to complete the harvest of all Red River Valley crops and complete the fall plowing. Due to the influx of seasonable labor for the potato harvest, the housing of the labor proved to be an acute problem. Farmers with good bunkhouses had less difficulty in securing competent workers than those without housing facilities. Business men, commerce associations and growers of sugar beets and potatoes worked together in setting up housing and eating facilities for the Prisoners of War. The return of the farm boys now in service and the civilian population which moved out of the region for war work will do much to relieve the seasonal labor shortage which has existed here during the war years.

NORTHWEST SCHOOL HAS LARGE ENROLLMENT

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good considering the amount of farm work yet to be done. Students have been going home on Friday afternoons to help with this work. It is hoped that most of the work will be finished by October 27 so that everyone can enjoy and take part in the Homecoming celebration. Many former students and alumni and a record number of service men and women have indicated that they will be present for Homecoming this year.

EIGHT SPECIAL SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED TO STUDENTS

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on the basis of high achievement in 4-H club work.

Franklin Zak of Euclid and Pauline Finkenbinder of Crookston were awarded the Herman Miller scholarships for their outstanding achievements in 4-H club and home project work.



1945 NORTHWEST SCHOOL CROSS-COUNTRY SQUAD

The 1945 Northwest School cross-country squad is pictured above with their coach, E. F. Bennett. Reading from left to right: (seated on ground)—Leo McMahon, Goodridge; Perry Haglund, Roseau; 1st row: Warren Mosbeck, R. L. Falls; Peter Schirrick, Jr., R. L. Falls; Reuben Hanson, Trail; Richard Nisbet, captain, Fisher; Coach Bennett; Orvin Stubstad, Barnesville; Donovan Grenier, R. L. Falls; Harvey Degerness, Garry; 2nd row: Francis Mireault, Dorothy; Robert Jauhola, Hallock; Conrad Wiger, Ulen; Carroll Swenson, Fertile; Donald Steinhauer, T. R. Falls; Roy Stola, Beltrami; David Hamre, Gary; Norris Pederson, Bejou; Edwin Johnson, Pelican Rapids; (not on picture)—Arvid Olson, Lengby; Milo Lundell, Argyle; Eldo Jobe, Eldred.

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.

Outdoor Festival Enjoyed By Students

The "Outdoor Festival" held at the Northwest School on Saturday evening, October 13, was a decided success. There was excellent participation by all classes in contests and games. The program started with the outdoor picnic dinner and weiner roast. Fires for the weiner roast were made by the Freshmen class.

In the class competitive games following the picnic dinner, the Advanced class ranked first with a score of 12 points. The other classes ranked in order named: Juniors—second, Seniors—third, and freshmen—fourth.

Y. M. And Y. W. C. A. Reception Held

The annual Young Men's and Young Women's Christian Association reception to new students was held in the Northwest School gymnasium on Saturday evening, October 6. A receiving line and group contests provided a full evening of getting-acquainted games. Wm. Barron of the faculty committee served as announcer for the group contests. The student committee group leaders were Geneva Iverson, Wayne Cameron, Jack Blom, Patricia Kurtz, Anna Mae Ecklund, Ray Moses, Katherine Moe, Menford Brekke, Doris Krogstad, Melvin Capistran, Ruth Norum, and Edward Anderson. The members of faculty who served on the general arrangements committee included the Misses Retta Bede, Ruth Emerson, Fae Hughbanks and Wm. Barron and H. W. Soderburg.



A. O. Nordvold

A. O. Nordvold has been appointed instructor in Science at the Northwest School to succeed A. O. Naplin. Mr. Nordvold is a graduate of St. Olaf College and has taken graduate work at the University of Southern California and received his B. M. degree from Minneapolis College of Music.

1945 N. W. Aggie Gridiron Notes

H. LYSAKER, Coach

In spite of a slow start due to late threshing operations and early season injuries, the football players at the Northwest School are molding into a fast, well-balanced team that plays clean, smart and hard-hitting football. Competition for regular positions on the team is unusually keen this year due to the large squad.

After only five days of practice, the Aggies defeated a fighting Warroad aggregation in a 13 to 7 thriller with the game in doubt until the final whistle. The following Wednesday, after just two more days of practice, found the Warren Ponies visiting our campus. Their team was nicely coached using a tricky offense; however, after a slow start the Aggies showed a complete reversal of form in overpowering their lighter opponents 34 to 7. October 13 was a drastic day for the Golden Warriors when they bowed to their old rivals, Crookston Cathedral. Cathedral capitalized on several downs the first half. The Aggies, however, outfought and outscored them the second half, final score being 31 to 7.

On Saturday, October 20, the Green Wave from East Grand Forks plays here with all indications for another tough football game. Park River Aggies play here for our Homecoming on October 27 completing our home schedule. The Northwest Aggies play away from home on November 2 at Crookston Central and November 10 at Morris where they will attempt to keep "Old Ossie" for another year. The last two games away from home are the ones the boys are really gunning for; the Agricultural School Con-

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H. A. Pflughoeft, District Club Agent, To Make Headquarters At St. Paul

H. A. Pflughoeft, district 4-H club agent, who has made his headquarters at the Northwest School, has been transferred to the state 4-H club office at University Farm, St. Paul. He took up his new duties on October 15.



H. A. Pflughoeft

The 4-H club work of the state has been reorganized whereby the 4-H club district offices at Crookston and Morris have been consolidated with the district 4-H club agents are to become supervisors of larger areas than they now have. The increasing number of full-time county 4-H club agents will permit each of the district supervisors to serve a larger number of counties than formerly.

Superintendent T. M. McCall, in commenting on the accomplishments of Mr. Pflughoeft in his 4-H club work stated, "The 4-H club work in the Red River Valley counties has made tremendous growth during the past two decades to the extent that more than 10,000 boys and girls are now enrolled in club work in this district. The 4-H Club Week at the Northwest School has grown from an attendance of 250 to 1100."

The 4-H club work in the counties has developed to the extent that now some seven counties have full-time 4-H club agents and all counties have club agents from six to nine months of each year.

Faculty Members Present Programs

Members of faculty from the departments of music and English, at the Northwest School presented programs at the joint meetings of the Y.M. and Y.W.C.A. on October 7 and 14 in the school auditorium.

On October 7, the Misses Ruth Emerson and Jeanette Peterson appeared as soloists with piano numbers. Miss Peterson opened the program with Beethoven's Sonata, First and Second Movements; Miss Emerson presented La Cathedral Engloutie by Debussy and Polonaise in A Flat by Chopin. Miss Audrey Linde of the English Department read "Benefits Forgot" and Miss Margaret Larsen gave a selected list of original poems. The program was concluded with a two-piano number "Argonaise" by Massenet, played by the Misses Emerson and Peterson.

On the October 14 program, Miss Winnifred Erickson, of the music department, appeared as soprano soloist. Miss Erickson sang "Prayer" by Guion and "How Beautiful Upon the Mountain" by Harker. Superintendent T. M. McCall spoke on the subject of "Fruit Bearing."

Alumni Association To Meet October 27

Harvey Pederson of Argyle, president of the Northwest School Alumni Association, has announced that the annual meeting of the Alumni Association will be held in the school auditorium at 7:30 p.m. on October 27.

Graduates of the Northwest School who have not paid their one-dollar membership fee to the Association are urged to do so at once before the an-

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1945 NORTHWEST SCHOOL FOOTBALL SQUAD

Pictured above is the 1945 Northwest School Football squad with their coach, Herschel Lysaker. **1st Row** (left to right): Kenneth Price (81), Stephen; Curtis Simmons (90), Crookston; Paul Proulx (35), Argyle; Melvin Capistran (82), Stephen; James Muzzy (40), T. R. Falls; Jack Blom co-captain, (83), Baudette; Menford Brekke, co-captain (85), Greenbush; Maurice Bergh (92), Hallock; Ray Moses (88), Pelican Rapids; Ray Johnson (39), Alvarado; Leroy Nelson (84), Fosston; Alden Peterson (89), Hallock; Willis Wagner (87), Fisher; **2nd Row** (left to right): Allen Olson (28), Lake Park; Robert Sorvig (2), R. L. Falls; David Short (43), Euclid; Harold Walters, Jr. (32), Crookston; Raymond Lien (38), Pinewood; Roy Green (25), Fergus Falls; David Sorvig (27), R. L. Falls; James Thibodo (41), Stephen; Armin Ross (33), Fisher; Reinholt Sorenson (31), Baudette; Robert Svisdahl (20), Crookston; Edward Nelson (36), Kennedy; Franklin Zak (43), Euclid; Earl Proulx (14), Argyle; **3rd and 4th rows** (left to right): Larry Younggren, Northcote; Phillip Halliday, Fosston; Glen Roningen, Nielsville; Earl Davis, Crookston; Milton Berg, Fertile; David Erickson, St. Paul; James Holm, Greenbush; Earl Crane, Crookston; Kenneth Poole, Kennedy; Arnold Tingelstad, Pelican Rapids; Reuben Bagstad, Badger; Dale Zutz, Radium; Larry Bergh, Hallock; Chester Van Raden, Fertile; Harris Hanson, Hallock; H. Mann; Gerhard Ross, Fisher; Howard Rhoil, Fertile; Wayne Cameron, Hallock; James Hendrix, Crookston; Donald Sheridan, Nielsville; Earl Green, Fergus Falls; Wm. Dennis, Humboldt; Owen Imsdahl, Baudette; Floyd Anderson, Stephen.

Northwest School Briefs

***Lt. Cyril Sorrels visited the Northwest School campus on October 16. He has received an honorable discharge from the military service; he was in service for three and one-half years and took part in the North African, Italian and German campaigns.

***Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Clark are now living in Minneapolis and their address is 4605 Drew Avenue South, Minneapolis 10, Minnesota. Mr. Clark is a director of the Federal Seed Laboratory in Minneapolis. Mr. Clark was an instructor at the Northwest School and Station for a number of years.

***Pvt. Robert E. Samuelson is visiting at the home of his parents in Crookston while on a 30-day furlough from a military camp in Jackson, Mississippi.

***Cpl. Marlan J. Augustine's (17108930) address is: Army Radio Station, P. O. Box 204, Alexandria, Virginia.

***The address of Lt. (jg) Virginia Bede, U.S.N.R., is U.S. Naval Separation Center (W.R.), B.D.Q. 708, Great Lakes, Illinois.

***Mr. and Mrs. Selmer Johnson (Wilma Coss) are now making their home at 594 Coplen Park, Spokane, Washington.

***The new address of Pvt. Richard J. Bonner (46026850) is: 1st School Co., Brks. 401, 4th Serv. Co. Reclamation Center, Atlanta, Georgia.

***Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Kroulik and daughter visited the Northwest School campus on August 13.

***New address: Sgt. Herbert A. Johnson, 37776608, Co. E. 126th Inf. A.P.O. 32, c/o Postmaster, San Francisco, California.

***Mr. and Mrs. Robert Davids, Sr. are now making their home at 465 Oliver Avenue, South, Minneapolis 5, Minnesota. Mr. Davids is employed as manager of the seed division of the Northwest Cooperative Mills.

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

***1st Lt. Elesia Simonson, A. N. C., has received her honorable discharge from military service. Her address is Box 144, Albert Lea, Minnesota.

MARRIAGES

***Miss Doris Sjostrand to George H. Kelley, U.S.N., at Lancaster, Minnesota, on Saturday, October 6.

BIRTHS

***To Dr. and Mrs. L. T. Christensen (Dorothy Evans) of Hancock, Minnesota, a daughter Catherine Ann on October 4.

**PLAN TO ATTEND
Parents' Day
And
Anniversary Program
Northwest School, Nov. 17**

Livestock Association Has Annual Fall Meeting

The annual fall meeting of the Board of Directors of the Red River Valley Livestock Association was held in Crookston on September 26. All officers were re-elected for the fiscal year of 1945-46 and plans were made for the forthcoming livestock show and sales at the Winter Shows which will be held February 4-8, 1946. With the governmental restrictions on travel and meetings removed, the directors voted unanimously to proceed with the full pre-war program of Livestock Association activities which includes meetings, livestock judging contests, 4-H and open livestock show, livestock sales and industrial show. Livestock Show superintendents include: Paul Engelstad, Thief River Falls, general superintendent; County Agent Carl Ash, Crookston, superintendent of admissions; County Agent Howard Balk of Bagley, cattle superintendent; County Agent Frank Forbes of Warren, swine superintendent; George Landsverk of Ada, sheep superintendent; Glen Prickett, assistant state club agent of University Farm, St. Paul, superintendent of 4-H Club Show; assistant superintendents of 4-H Club Show—County Agent Ernest Palmer of Thief River Falls and W. H. Turner of Detroit Lakes, Becker county 4-H club agent; H. G. Zavoral of University Farm, St. Paul, superintendent of livestock judging contests and County Agent Howard Grow of Hallock, assistant superintendent of livestock judging contests.

The Livestock Sales Committee appointed by the president included: Andrew Johnstad, Beltrami; Emil Lerud, Twin Valley; E. E. Carmen, Ada; Fred Bradley, Beltrami; Harold Rosendahl, Warren; A. A. Habedank of Ada, treasurer and clerk; O. M. Kiser of Crookston, secretary. A. J. Dexter, agricultural development agent of the Northern Pacific Railway Company, was appointed manager of the Winter Shows livestock sales.

The officers re-elected for 1945-46 were: president—T. M. McCall, Northwest School, Crookston; vice-president—J. H. Sargent of Crookston; treasurer—A. A. Habedank, Ada; secretary—O. M. Kiser, Crookston. The Building Committee for the year includes O. M. Kiser, J. H. Sargent, P. M. Finkensbinder and Paul Engelstad.

POW WOW AND FROLIC HELD ON OCT. 3

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Superintendent T. M. McCall, Miss Retta Bede and Miss Fae Hughbanks. Community singing was led by Miss Winnifred Erickson, instructor in music. Soloists taking part on the program were Miss Winnifred Erickson, soprano, and A. O. Nordvold, tenor. The Misses Retta Bede, Fae Hughbanks, and Audrey Linde represented the faculty on the Girls' Frolic committee and they were assisted by a student committee consisting of Doris Krogstad of Fertile; Geneva Iverson, Goodridge; Katherine Moe, Lancaster; and Dolores Hamre of Beltrami.



DORIS E. MASON

Doris Eaton Mason, sculptress, will open the University lyceum programs to be presented at the Northwest School this year. Miss Mason will appear on the assembly program of October 24. Miss Mason has been studying and practicing art for the past fifteen years. She received her master's degree in this field at the University of Iowa and she is also a graduate of the University of Idaho.

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION TO MEET OCTOBER 27

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nual business meeting. Send remittances to Treasurer of Northwest School Alumni Association, care of Northwest School, Crookston.

The officers of the Alumni Association are: Harvey Pederson of Argyle, president; Mrs. Erling Anderson of East Grand Forks, vice-president; Clarence Sargent of Crookston, secretary; and Walter Stromstad of Beltrami, treasurer.

1945 N. W. AGGIE GRIDIRON NOTES

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ference title is at stake in the game with West Central on November 10.

Sixty-four boys are out for the team, with thirteen lettermen, representing twenty different communities. Five of the thirteen lettermen were regulars last year.

Members of the football squad are listed on page three of this issue of the "Northwest School News."

NOTICE

The Northwest School wants names and addresses of former students and alumni in armed forces of the United States. 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.