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FARMERS' WEEK AND WINTER SHOWS TO BE HELD FEBRUARY 4-8, 1946

The Northwest School Farmers' Week and Red River Valley Winter Shows, Crookston, will again operate in all departments February 4-8, 1946. After a curtailment of activities during war years, the Winter Shows Board of Managers is planning for a record show and meetings for the Victory year.

Day and evening meetings have been planned and speakers have been engaged. The sequence of events of Winter Shows week will follow the pattern of the pre-war years. Monday, the opening day, will be devoted to interstate livestock and crops judging contests for subcollegiate teams and district general and dairy judging contests for high schools. Tuesday has been designated as Governor's Day with the Honorable Edward Thye, governor of Minnesota, as guest of the Winter Shows and sharing the evening speaking program with John Brandt, president of Land O' Lakes Creameries. Garden clubs of the district and crops men of the Red River Valley

and 4-H clubs of the area will hold meetings on February 5. Women's meetings will be held on Wednesday through Friday, with clothing, foods, and health featuring the three days.

Livestock men will have judging of livestock classes February 5 and 6 with their speaking program on February 6. Livestock sales will feature the program for February 7 and 8. Potato growers of the Red River Valley will meet on February 7.

Congressman Walter Judd will be the evening speaker on February 6, and a speaker will be secured to speak on peacetime uses of atomic energy for the last evening program scheduled for February 7.

Speakers who are outstanding authorities in their fields have been secured to speak on the programs during the week. A full program of music has been arranged to augment the speaking program. Printed programs of Winter Shows activities will be available early in January.

Winter Term Opens January 7

The winter term at the Northwest School will open with registration on January 7 with dormitory and housing space for students still at a premium.

A number of veterans of World War II will be enrolled for the winter term to take special and regular course work. Classroom and laboratory facilities are ample to take care of war veterans providing adequate housing can be secured. A re-survey of housing facilities in Crookston is being made for students who cannot be accommodated at the school dormitories. Service men will be permitted to take special courses if they so desire. Special courses and separate sections in classes will be set for veterans when the number of applicants justify such action.

National Honor Society Chapter Installed

The Northwest School Chapter of the National Honor Society had its first induction ceremony on December 14 when eight students were inducted as Charter members. The election of officers of the Northwest School Chapter will take place at the beginning of the winter quarter. The Charter members are Gladys Auer of Waubun; Geneva Iverson of Goodridge; Jack Blom of Baudette; Gerhard Ross of Fisher; Ruth Norum of Hallock; Peter Schirrick, Jr. of Red Lake Falls; Kenneth Miller of Crookston, and Doris Krogstad of Fertile.

The Crookston High School Chapter of the National Honor Society conducted the induction ceremony. High school students participating in the program were Margaret Linster, Martha Larson, John Helgeson, and Janna Oppegaard. (Continued on Page 2, Col. 2)

Scholarship And Athletic Awards Given For Fall Term

The fall term Awards Assembly was held at the Northwest School on Wednesday, December 19. Twenty members of the 1945 football squad were awarded letters and service bars, nine cross-country runners qualified for letters and service bars, and seven students received Honor Roll certificates.

Members of the football squad awarded letters and service bars included: BARS—Kenneth Price of Stephen, Curtis Simmons of Crookston, Raymond Lien of Pinewood, Ray Moses of Pelican Rapids, Jack Blom of Baudette, Alden Peterson of Hallock, Melvin Capistran of Stephen, Menford Brekke of Greenbush, Raymond Johnson of Alvarado, Wayne Cameron of Hallock, James Muzzy of Thief River Falls; LETTER—Willis Wagner of Fisher, Earl Proulx of Argyle, Earl Crane of Crookston, Maurice Bergh of Hallock, Armin Ross and Gerhard Ross of Fisher, Reinholt Sorenson of Baudette, Paul Proulx of Argyle, David Erickson of St. Paul; CAPTAIN'S STAR—Jack Blom and Menford Brekke. A. M. Foker, chairman of the Athletics Committee, made the awards.

The retiring co-captains of the 1945 football squad, Jack Blom and Menford Brekke, passed the captain's star to the co-captain elects of the 1946 squad Curtis Simmons and James Muzzy.

Coach Herschel Lysaker presented the (Continued on Page 2, Col. 1)

Alumni Association Elects Officers

At the annual meeting of the Northwest School Alumni Association, held on October 27, Clarence Sargent of Crookston was elected president and Myrna Larson of Argyle was elected secretary. Officers holding over until 1946 are Mrs. Erling Anderson of Seattle, Washington, vice-president, and (Continued on Page 4, Col. 2)



NORTHWEST SCHOOL BAND

Pictured above is the Northwest School band for the 1945-46 school year. FRONT ROW (reading from left to right)—Helen Smeby, Winger; Lorraine Anderson, Fisher; Marcel Flicek, Mahnomen; Iris Sinclair, Stephen; Ruth Norum, Hallock; Gerhard Ross, Fisher; Charles Korinta, Detroit Lakes. BACK ROW (from left to right) (seated)—Gladys Auer, Waubun; Anna Mae Ecklund, Lowry; (standing) A. O. Nordvold, director; Marjorie Balstad, Fosston; John Lapp, St. Vincent; Kenneth Miller, Crookston; David Sorvig, R. L. Falls; Frank Rossi, Warroad; Miss Winnifred Erickson, director; (seated) Colleen Skeie, Winger; Edward Nelson, Kennedy; DeWayne Bolme, Gully; Margaret Balstad, Fosston.

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Dramatic And Choral Groups Present Christmas Play

The one-act play "Mimi Lights the Candle" was presented by the dramatics class and choral groups at the Northwest School on Sunday evening, December 16. The play was given under the direction of Mrs. Lila Hage. The background Christmas carols were sung by the Advanced choir under the direction of Miss Winnifred Erickson. A large number of out-of-town guests were present for the play. The players did excellent work in portraying their respective characters and the play was well received by the audience.

Students who took part in the play were: Helen Reitmeier, Crookston; Gladys Auer, Waubun; Coleen Skeie, Winger; Edith Quantock, Argyle; Margaret Johnson, Leonard; Pauline Fink-binder, Crookston; Wayne Cameron, Hallock; Jeanette Johnson, Pelican Rapids, and Delores Hamre, Beltrami.

SCHOLARSHIP AND ATHLETIC AWARDS GIVEN FOR FALL TEAM

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Ruettell sweater, Most Valuable Player Award in Football, to Menford Brekke.

Athletic A's and service bars were awarded to the following members of the 1945 cross-country team: BARS—Reuben Hanson of Trail, Peter Schirrick, Jr. of Red Lake Falls, Captain Richard Nisbet of Fisher (also Captain's star), Adolph Hapka of Argyle, Orvin Stubstad of Barnesville, Donald Steinhauer of Thief River Falls; LETTERS—Harvey Degerness of Gary, Warren Mosbeck of Red Lake Falls, Conrad Wiger of Ulen. These awards were made by Coach E. F. Bennett. Richard Nisbet, captain of the 1945 squad, passed the captain's star to the newly-elected co-captains of 1946, Reuben Hanson and Adolph Hapka.

E. N. Reiersgord, Registrar, presented Two-Semester Scholarship Certificates to the following students: William Ash of St. Vincent, Phyllis Lerud of Twin Valley, Edward Nelson of Kennedy, Dorman Olson of Badger, Ellen Thayer of Bagley, Julian Wiger of Ulen, and Franklin Zak of Euclid.

NORTHWEST SCHOOL PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

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son county; John Hapka of Argyle, Marshall county; Oliver Thormodson of Dalton, Ottertail county; Howard Rioux of Baudette, Lake of the Woods county; Magnus B. Magnusson of Roseau, Roseau county; Mrs. Anton Pulkrabek of Angus, Polk county; and Clark Nelson of Clearbrook, Clearwater county.

All-School Christmas Dinner And Program Held Dec. 16

The traditional all-school Christmas dinner was held in the Northwest School dining hall at 5:00 P. M. on Sunday, December 16. Potted red-fruited Jerusalem cherries with branches of evergreens and red candles were used for background decorations of the dining room. The students decorated their tables in themes suggestive of the Christmas season. A committee of judges from the faculty ranked the table decorations and awarded prizes to the three highest scoring tables. Hosts and hostesses of the best tables, in order, were: John Lapp, Edith Quantock; Bennett Moen, Myrtle Gunderson; and Allen Thureen, Ruth Norum.

Superintendent T. M. McCall presided at the program and extended Christmas greetings from the faculty. A faculty quartette, composed of the Misses Winnifred Erickson and Ruth Emerson, A. O. Nordvold and H. Lysaker, sang three Christmas songs with Miss Jeanette Peterson as accompanist. The community singing of Christmas carols was led by Miss Erickson.

The judges committee for the table decorations included the Misses Audrey Linde, Verna Stokke, Retta Bede, and Mrs. T. M. McCall. The school entertainment committee, with E. N. Reiersgord as chairman, arranged the program and dining room decorations.

Full Program Planned For Livestock Breeders, Feb. 4-8

The Red River Valley Livestock Association is focusing attention, at the forthcoming Red River Valley Winter Shows at Crookston February 4-8, on the major problem of rebuilding breeding livestock herds of the area. The dispersal of purebred herds in beef and dairy cattle and swine during war years, due to labor shortages, has reduced foundation herds in the Valley to a dangerous low. The Association is offering liberal premiums for livestock classes in the open and 4-H club competition to encourage both new and old livestock breeders. The Livestock Sales Committee has received consignments of outstanding animals from the leading breeders of the Red River Valley for the Winter Shows livestock sales on February 7 and 8.

Two hundred and thirty-seven animals have been consigned for the two-day sale. The consignment for the February 7 sales include: 77 bred gilts of Duroc Jersey, Chester White, Hampshire, Spotted Poland China and Berkshire breeds; 51 bred ewes of Hampshire, Shropshire and Columbia breeds and 5 Holstein cattle. The consignments for the February 8 beef cattle

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NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY CHAPTER INSTALLED

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Registrar E. N. Reiersgord has been appointed faculty adviser to the Northwest School Honor Society with Superintendent T. M. McCall as sponsor.

Football Season Closes

H. LYSAKER

1945 turned out to be another successful football season at the Northwest School with the Northwest Aggies winning their fifth straight Agricultural School Conference championship.

The Aggies played an unusually stiff schedule of seven games during the first six weeks of school, finishing the season with three wins, three losses, and one tie.

October 6 found the Northwest Aggies being hosts to a fighting Warroad team with the Aggies winning 13 to 7. October 10, the Warren Ponies invaded the Aggie campus, and even though they did present a tricky offense they came out on the short end of the affair 34-7. October 13, the Aggies lost their first game to a veteran Crookston Cathedral team 31-7. October 20, the Green Wave from East Grand Forks next visited our gridiron field; final score, 6-6. October 27, Homecoming game, found the Northwest School again resuming athletic relations with the Park River Aggies; the visitors eked out a 21-20 win. November 2 found the Aggies losing a heartbreaker to Crookston Central, 6-0. The Aggies, after knocking at their opponent's goal line all afternoon, finally weakened and permitted Central to score on a long pass in the waning minutes of the game. November 10, the Aggies played almost flawless ball against a fighting Morris team and won the all-important championship game, 18-0.

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Parents' Association

Has Annual Meeting

More than 500 parents of Northwest School students were in attendance at the annual meeting of the Northwest School Parents' Association on Saturday, November 17. A committee consisting of Oscar Thureen of East Grand Forks, Mrs. Frank Quigley of St. Vincent, and Superintendent T. M. McCall was appointed to devise ways of utilizing Parents' Association funds for the best interests of the school. Resolutions urging speed in the erection of the new dormitory for girls, increased facilities for laboratory work in livestock and poultry courses, and the change-over of Senior Hall for girls were adopted.

Officers and county directors elected for 1946 were: Alfred G. Hallstrom of Red Lake Falls—president; Mrs. W. J. Cumming of East Grand Forks—vice-president; and Nils Pederson of Bejou, secretary-treasurer. County directors elected were: Oscar Hamre of Gary, Norman county; Frank Winkler of Beaulieu, Mahnomen county; C. M. Dahlsad of Georgetown, Clay county; A. M. Sorvig of Red Lake Falls, Red Lake county; Charles Korinta, Sr. of Detroit Lakes, Becker county; Arthur Thorson of Goodridge, Pennington county; W. S. Ash of St. Vincent, Kitt-

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Senior Class Wins Song Contest Trophy

The Senior class won the Interclass Song Contest and the '37 class trophy at the Northwest School on Saturday evening, December 15. The Advanced class won a close second, followed in order by the Freshmen and Junior classes. The classes were very close in the judge's rating with only 16 points on a total of 300 separating the highest and lowest scores. The 1945 contest, as a whole, was considered the best in years with effective presentations of the special numbers given by each class.

Miss Lillian Floan of Fertile directed the Senior class in the contest with
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Cross-Country Team Wins Championship

E. F. BENNETT

The Northwest School cross-country team completed its most successful season to date when it won the Agricultural School Conference meet at Morris on November 10. It was an undefeated season for the Northwest Harriers, they having previously met and defeated Morris 17-37 in a dual meet at Crookston. They next travelled to Grand Rapids and defeated the North Central School's runners 22-33, climaxing their season at the Morris Conference meet and winning Crookston 22, Morris 47, Grand Rapids,
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750 In Attendance At Parents' Day And 50th Anniversary Program

The November 17 combined program at the Northwest School, honoring the parents of school students and observing the 50th anniversary of the founding of the Northwest Experiment station, was declared a success by school officials. There were 750 in attendance at the anniversary program. The parents of the students were guests of the students and school at the noonday dinner in the Dining Hall. The Parents' Association, with 400 parents in attendance, held their annual meeting with the election of officers for 1946.

Highlights of the afternoon program included addresses on the 50th anniversary of the founding of the Northwest Experiment Station by Dr. C. H. Bailey, dean and director of the Minnesota Experiment Station, University Farm, St. Paul; Dr. A. A. Dowell, former superintendent of the School and Station 1927-1937, and Superintendent T. M. McCall. A message of greeting was read from C. G. Selvig of Santa Monica, California, and superintendent of the School and Station 1910-1927.

Dean C. H. Bailey pointed out the details of organization of the Minnesota Experiment Station in which regional branch stations were established to conduct work on problems peculiar to each of six districts in Minnesota. Dr. Bailey paid high tribute to the superintendents and their co-workers at the Northwest School for their part in the development of both the School and Station.

Dr. A. A. Dowell reviewed the effects of the 1929 financial crash, the depression of the early thirties and the drought years on the school attendance and the general farming program of the Red River Valley. In discussing the distress of the farmers in the middle thirties, Dr. Dowell warned his audience that low prices of farm commodities may again prevail and that farmers now should get the farm financing in order to meet reverses which may come to agriculture during the industrial reconversion period.

Superintendent T. M. McCall referred to the period from the founding of the Experiment Station in 1895 to 1910 as the "Exploratory Period" of experiment station work. It was not until a complete drainage system had been established in 1909 that long-time crop and fertilizer experiments could get underway. He stated, "The Experiment Station has, since its establishment, been the source of information and foundation stock for new and better varieties of farm crops and foundation stock for livestock and poultry breeders. The Northwest School has furnished agricultural leadership which has played a prominent part in the development of the Red River Valley as a diversified farming region. T. A. Hoverstad played a prominent part in the organization of the Red River Valley Dairymen's Association; Superintendent Wm. Robertson took a leading part in working out
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50TH ANNIVERSARY PROGRAM SPEAKERS

Pictured above are University staff members who took part on the program, November 17, observing the 50th anniversary of the founding of the Northwest Experiment Station. Reading from left to right: Dr. C. H. Bailey, dean and director of the Minnesota Experiment Station; Superintendent T. M. McCall, Northwest School and Station 1911-45 and superintendent 1937-45; Dr. A. A. Dowell, Division of Agricultural Economics, former superintendent of Northwest School and Station 1927-37.

Northwest School Briefs

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

***Arnold Torkelson of Thompson, N. D. is enrolled as a Senior at the University of North Dakota, where he is majoring in chemical engineering.

***Berget Torkelson of Thompson, N. D. is a student Cadet nurse at the Deaconess Hospital, Grand Forks, N. D.

***Noel Hanson was a Northwest School campus visitor on December 1. He was in the Northwest territory in connection with his work as a research worker on noxious weeds; he is vice-president of the North Central Weed Control Conference. Mr. Hanson is an assistant agronomist in the College of Agriculture, University of Nebraska, Lincoln.

***Torleif Boe of McIntosh, who recently received his honorable discharge from military service, visited the campus on December 1. While in service, he was a member of the 10th Mountain Division Ski Troop and served in the Aleutians and Mediterranean theater of war in Italy.

***Ben Hurner has accepted a position as manager of the Cass-Clay Co-operative Creamery at Moorhead, Minnesota. His address is 912, 1st Avenue North, Moorhead.

***Byron Hess has received his honorable discharge from military service and is now enrolled as a student in the College of Agriculture, University of Minnesota. His address is 2348 Buford Avenue, St. Paul 8, Minnesota.

***George Roisum received his honorable discharge in October from military service. He is now living at 713 N. Snelling Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota.

***John Rader, formerly of Warroad, has received his honorable discharge from the army and is now attending school in Minneapolis.

***William Merdink, AM 1/C, U.S.N., has been transferred to a camp at Kansas City, Kansas, to which point he has been transferred to complete his pre-flight training with the Navy Air Force. He saw active service in the South Pacific before beginning his aviation training.

***Cpl. Ralph Hvidsten is stationed at the U.S. Marine Corps base at Camp Pendleton, California.

***M/Sgt. Bert A. Merdink has received his honorable discharge from the army air forces. He spent ten months as a flight engineer on a B-29 bomber which was credited with 31 missions over the Japanese homeland.

***Pvt. Orville Thureen is stationed in Japan. He was inducted into the service on October 14 and received his training at Camp Hood, Texas, before going overseas in March.

***Sgt. Allan Merdink, who has served in the armed forces the past four and one-half years, has received his honorable discharge. He served 37 months overseas.

New Addresses:

***Pvt. Raymond D. McGovern, A.S.N. 37808666, Co. A, 113 Bn., 78 Regt., (Continued in Col. 3)

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION ELECTS OFFICERS

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Walter Stromstad of Beltrami, treasurer. The Association voted to hold its annual meeting on the last Saturday in June of 1946.

SENIORS WIN SONG CONTEST TROPHY

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Evangeline Hallstrom of Red Lake Falls as her accompanist. The leaders and accompanists for the other classes were: **ADVANCED**—Doris Krogstad of Fertile, director; Delores Hamre of Beltrami, accompanist; **JUNIORS**—Phyllis Magnussen of Roseau, director; Beulah Stromstad of Beltrami, accompanist; **FRESHMEN**—Wilford Dostal of Angus, director; Marjorie Ophus of Erskine, accompanist.

Members of the music staff who assisted with the contest were the Misses Winnifred Erickson, Ruth Emerson, Jeanette Peterson, and band director A. O. Nordvold. Faculty class advisers assisted their respective classes with the general arrangements for the contest. Professor Hywel C. Rowland, director of music at the University of North Dakota, served as critic judge of the contest.

750 IN ATTENDANCE AT PARENTS' DAY AND 50TH ANNIVERSARY PROGRAM

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a drainage program for the region and promoting farm institutes; Superintendent C. G. Selvig, 1910-1917, took the leadership in the organization of the Northwest School Farmers' Week and Red River Valley Winter Shows, the Red River Valley Development Association, and the Red River Valley Livestock Association; Dr. A. A. Dowell served as president of the Red River Valley Winter Shows, the Red River Valley Livestock Association, and the Red River Valley Dairymen's Association." It was announced that a summary statement of the accomplishments of the Experiment Station was published and available to the public as the November issue of the "Northwest School News."

The students of the school presented, as their part of the program, music by the school band and massed chorus, a piano solo by Ruth Norum of Hallock, a style revue and a one-act play. The school band appeared under the direction of A. O. Nordvold, Miss Winnifred Erickson directed the massed choir, and Mrs. Lila Hage and Miss Audrey Linde directed the one-act play. H. H. Lysaker, supervisor of summer home project work of students, gave a report on the accomplishments of boys and girls in project work. In the style revue, 116 girls participated; this was under the direction of the Misses Retta Bede and Verna Stokke of the Home Economics Department. Tailored woolen dresses and suits were modelled by 36 advanced girls; the Junior girls modelled cotton dresses made during the summer as home projects, while the Freshmen exhibited aprons made during the fall term. Miss Lillian Floan served as announcer for the dress revue.

NORTHWEST SCHOOL BRIEFS

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Camp Joseph T. Robinson, Arkansas. ***Robert R. LaPlante, F 1/C E.M., U.S.S. Shakori (ATF 162) Detail, U.S. N.T.S., Newport, Rhode Island.

***PFC Lowell Bjella 32594437, Hqs. and Hqs. Co. 511 P.I., 11th Airborne Div., A.P.O. 468, c/o Postmaster San Francisco, California. He is stationed in Japan.

***Alfred Julian Wiger, S 2/C 7873110, Draft 21654 from Shoemaker, c/o Fleet Postoffice, San Francisco.

***Irwin R. Johnson, A.S. 984-93-88, U.S. Naval Trng. Center, Co. 45-519, San Diego, 33, California.

***Orrin T. Madson, S 2/C, U.S. N.R.S., 1st Bn., Shoemaker, California

MARRIAGES

***Miss Phyllis Gilbertson of Hawley to Donald W. Jorgensen, A.M. 1/C, U.S.N.R., of Stephen, at Hawley on Friday, November 23.

***Miss Irene Gruhot, formerly of Argyle, to Pvt. Louis Capistran of Stephen at Argyle on October 17.

***Miss Violet Lindholm of Kennedy to Fred Praedy of Lancaster on Monday, October 29, at Lancaster, Minnesota.

***Miss Marlys Hanson of Gary to Merriam C Stark of St. Paul on Sunday, November 4, at Ada, Minnesota.

***Miss Edna Balstad of Fosston to Henry J. Moen of Fosston on November 11.

***Miss Eleanora Johnson of Pelican Rapids to Manley Tollerud on November 9 at Pelican Rapids, Minnesota.

***Miss Grace Johnson of Newfolden to Edward Hodik of Newfolden at Thief River Falls, Minnesota, on October 31.

***Miss Evelyn Sorvig to Donald A. Radzak at Red Lake Falls on November 10. They will make their home at 1325 Hawthorne Avenue, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

BIRTHS

***To Mr. and Mrs. Paul Nornes (Norah Hamre), a daughter, on November 13 at Gary, Minnesota.

FULL PROGRAM PLANNED FOR LIVESTOCK BREEDERS, FEB. 4-8

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sale include: 48 Hereford, 33 Angus, and 21 Shorthorn.

A nationally-known auctioneer, H. B. Sage of Bozeman, Montana, has been secured for sale auctioneer. A. J. Dexter, agricultural development agent for the Northern Pacific Railway, of St. Paul, will again serve as sales manager. The sales committee membership includes Andrew Johnstad, Beltrami; A. A. Habedank, Ada; Fred Bradley, Beltrami; Emil Lerud, Twin Valley, George Hanson and O. M. Kiser of Crookston; and E. E. Carmen of Ada.

CROSS-COUNTRY TEAM WINS CHAMPIONSHIP

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52. The time for the 2.1 miles at Morris was 11:1" for a new Conference record cutting some 36 seconds off the old record. The time in all meets run by the Crookston team was outstanding. They broke old records in every meet they ran this year.