

# Northwest School News

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## NORTHWEST SCHOOL FARMERS' WEEK AND WOMEN'S MEETINGS AND RED RIVER VALLEY WINTER SHOWS

CROOKSTON, MINNESOTA

February 23, 24, 25, 26, 27—1948

### World And National Affairs To Be Theme Of Evening Meetings

World and national affairs will be the general theme for the evening meetings of the forthcoming Red River Valley Winter Shows at Crookston. National authorities have been secured as speakers for the three evening sessions of February 24, 25, and 26.

United States Senator Joseph H. Ball and Minnesota's governor, Luther W. Youngdahl, will head the list of speakers from Minnesota. Senator Joseph Ball is scheduled to speak on Wednesday evening, February 25, and will use as his subject "Critical Domestic and Foreign Affairs." Dr. W. E. Petersen, professor in dairy husbandry at the University of Minnesota, who has just returned from a three-months study of agricultural conditions in England and the Scandinavian countries, will appear on the Wednesday evening program with Senator Ball. Minnesota's governor, Luther W. Youngdahl, will not only discuss the critical problems confronting the citizens of Minnesota, but will give a brief resume of his observations on his recent trip to Sweden. Professor Dmitri Stein, a member of the Electrical Engineering staff of the North Dakota Agricultural College, will speak on the Thursday evening program of February 26 with Governor Luther Youngdahl. Professor Stein was born in Russia and received his education in Germany. He did not subscribe to the Nazi principles of government, but was retained as a teacher in electrical engineering during the war. Following the war, he was one of the first specialists employed by the allied government in the rehabilitation of the electric generating plants in Berlin. He will speak on the subject "Soviet-American Relations in the Jointly Occupied Zone of Berlin."

The evening programs will open on Tuesday, February 24, with Dr. Christopher Norborg of Washington, D. C., as speaker. Dr. Norborg, a former member of the staff of the University of Minnesota, served as Chief of Special Studies for the Office of Strategic Services in northern Europe during World War II. In his residence at Moscow, he observed

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### Meeting For Livestock Men On February 25

Livestock men from the Red River Valley counties of Minnesota and North Dakota will have a big week at the forthcoming Red River Valley Winter Shows and Northwest School Farmers' Week, Crookston, February 23-27, inclusive. Outstanding events pertaining to livestock, livestock exhibiting, production, and sales of purebred livestock, will be featured on different days throughout the entire week. The livestock judging contests will be the big feature of the opening day, February 23, with the judging starting in the open and 4-H club classes on Tuesday, February 24. The highlight of February 24 will be the judging of the Junior Futurity Heifer Calves, a new classification for the Red River Valley Winter Shows.

Wednesday, February 25, has been set aside for the livestock meetings. Director P. E. Miller, of the Minnesota Agricultural Extension Service, will discuss the saving of feed in our livestock program; Dr. W. E.

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**LUTHER W. YOUNGDAHL**, The Honorable Luther W. Youngdahl, Governor of the state of Minnesota, will speak at the Red River Valley Winter Shows on Thursday evening, February 26.

### Sixteen Farm Families To Receive Awards

Red River Valley Development Association plaques will be awarded to sixteen farm families selected by committees in each of the sixteen Red River Valley counties to receive the "Valley Farmer and Homemaker" recognition. During the past nine years, 136 farm families in the Red River Valley counties have been given the distinction of being Valley Farmers and Homemakers. T. M. McCall, president of the Red River Valley Development Association, in commenting on the Valley Farmer and Homemaker Awards, said, "The recognition given by the Development Association to farm families who have contributed most in the substantial improvement of their communities, is, in my estimation, one of the finest recognitions given by any group to farm folk. The county committees have made wise selections each year of the families to receive recognition in their respective counties. Naturally, the older farm families have been selected for the recognition because evi-

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### Winter Shows News Broadcast Daily Over KILO

Radio Station KILO, of Grand Forks, will again broadcast news of the Winter Shows daily, Monday through Friday. The radio broadcast period of 5 to 5:30 p.m. has been selected as the most suitable time for a Red River Valley listening audience. On Wednesday, February 25, the annual 4-H Club Radio Speaking Contest will be broadcast over KILO during the period 4:00 to 5:00 P.M. Radio Station KTRF of Thief River Falls will also have live broadcasts from the Winter Shows during the week.

Maynard Speece, radio program director for KUOM, University Station, Minneapolis, and Larry Haeg, agricultural news radio commentator for WCCO, will be at the Winter Shows on February 24 and 25 to secure transcriptions for their respective agricultural programs.

Other radio stations throughout the Red River Valley area will be carrying regular news items concerning the Winter Shows at their regular news broadcast time.

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### Students Show Talent In Variety Night Acts

The annual all-student Variety Night program held at the Northwest School on January 23 won high praise from the judges of the various contests. A total of thirty-four students competed in the three classes of the contest. Prizes were awarded to individual acts, acts with two students, and acts with three or more students.

In the Individual act, Florence McMillan of Mahanomen, soloist, won first honors by singing "Serenade of the Bells" and "Smoke Gets In Your Eyes." Betty Bonnette of Angus ranked second with the reading "We Shook the Family Tree." LuElla Brekke of Greenbush, soloist, won third honors with her singing of "That's My Desire."

In the group of two individuals, Duane and Leslie Ness of Ada ranked first with a trumpet duet, and Clarice Thureen of East Grand Forks and Diane Swenson of Dale ranked second in a two-piano number "Dizzy Fingers." Mary Randall of Gonvick and Vernice Lange of Clearbrook ranked third with a two part one-act play "The Census Taker."

The "Quaint Piano Quartette" ranked first in the class of three or more individuals with their novelty rendition of "The Country Gardens." Members of the quartette were Dorothy Finkenbinder and Marlys Sargent of Crookston, Marjorie Ophus of Erskine, and Elizabeth Lapp of St. Vincent. A black-face boys' quartette ranked second, and the quartette included Wilford Dostal of Angus, Maynard Trelstad of Fertile, Raymond Stromstad of Lockhart, and Verdie Pederson of Gary. The "Red River Ramblers" boys' quartette won third honors, and the quartette members were Verne Matson of Fosston, Quenton Matson of Trail, Gaylan Eisert of Euclid, and David Nelson of Clearbrook.

Clarice Thureen and Carol Thibodo of Stephen served as accompanists for the music numbers on the program, and Donald Miller of Crookston and Wilford Dostal served as program announcers. Judges for the contest were the Mesdames O. C. Soine, H. D. Fausch, and Nels Hanssen. Miss Jean Kjolrie, a member of the English faculty, presented the awards.

**Attend**  
**LIVESTOCK SALES**  
 Red River Valley Winter Shows  
 February 26 and 27

### National Honor Society Inducts New Members

Twelve students at the Northwest School were inducted into the Northwest School Chapter of the National Honor Society at the assembly program held on February 4. William Ash of St. Vincent, a member of the Advanced class and president of the local Chapter, was assisted by the other officers in the induction ceremonies.

The new members elected to membership on the basis of scholarship, character, and leadership were: Charles Korinta of Detroit Lakes, Larry Bergh of Hallock, Marvlyn Vesledahl of Winger, Clarice Thureen of East Grand Forks, Orville Halstenggaard of Gary, William Waterworth of Newfolden, Ada Torgerson of Underwood, Dorothy Finkenbinder of Crookston, Earl Waterworth of Newfolden, Marlys Sargent of Crookston, Eunice A. Peterson of Stephen, and LeRoy Johnson of Stephen.

Officers and members taking part in the induction ceremonial were William Ash, Manvel Green of St. Thomas, North Dakota, Arlone Thorson of Climax, Harris Hanson of Hallock, and E. N. Reiersgard, faculty adviser.

### Northwest School Briefs

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

\*\*\*Phyllis Lerud is a student at the University of Minnesota, Minneapolis.

\*\*\*Reuben Hanson is enrolled at Concordia College, Moorhead.

\*\*\*JoAnne Quigley is a student at the University of Minnesota, Minneapolis.

\*\*\*Doris Krogstad is attending Lutheran Bible Institute, Minneapolis.

\*\*\*Mavis Hasbargen is employed in an office at Roseburg, Oregon.

\*\*\*Herman Skyberg was elected to a two-year term on the board of directors of the Minnesota Crop Improvement Association at the annual meeting held during the week of January 17.

\*\*\*NEW ADDRESS: Cpl. Martin A. Chilson 6935220, 318th Fighter Sqdn. (All Weather), Hamilton Field, California.

\*\*\*NEW ADDRESS: Mrs. George Kelley (Doris Sjostrand), 3417 West 44th Street, Minneapolis 10, Minnesota.

\*\*\*NEW ADDRESS: Mrs. Raymond Ahmann (Helen Auer), 611½-6th Avenue South, Grand Forks, North Dakota.

#### MARRIAGES

\*\*\*Miss Virginia Winifred Bede to William E. Thirlkel, Jr., on December 26, 1947, at Washington, D. C.

#### BIRTHS

\*\*\*To Mr. and Mrs. Jack Christensen of Crookston, a son, July 24, 1947.

### Senior Class Play To Be Given March 11

The Senior Class has selected, for its class play this year, the three-act play, "Little Women," which is based on the familiar novel by Louisa M. Alcott. A cast of sixteen players has been selected and they are now all hard at work, under the direction of Miss Alice Anderson, coach. The cast includes: Gloria Filipi, Florence MacMillan, Marvlyn Vesledahl, Diane Swenson, Ada Torgerson, Manvel Green, Marlys Sargent, Marjorie Ophus, Donald Miller, Larry Bergh, Duane Nelson, Michael Harty, Delphine Hedlund, Dorothy Finkenbinder, Carol Thibodo, and Mavis Jensen. Beth Lapp and Dorothy Kolling will serve as prompters.

The play will be given in the Northwest School auditorium at 8:00 P.M., Thursday, March 11.

### Potato Growers Will Gather For Meetings And Shows

A high-quality potato show is assured in both the open and 4-H club classes for the forthcoming Red River Valley Winter Shows. Many of the new potato varieties which have originated at the Minnesota Experiment Station will be on display during the week.

Potato growers of the Red River Valley will gather for their annual Potato Day at the Winter Shows on Thursday, February 26. A program of information on subjects of vital interest to potato growers will be given by specialists in many fields of potato production. Ben Aarestad of Halstad, president of the Red River Valley Potato Growers' Association, will preside at the potato meeting. The proposed program of regional research work with potatoes will be presented by Dr. Harold Macy, associate director of the Minnesota Experiment Station, St. Paul. Other authorities appearing on the program and their subjects include O. C. Turnquist, St. Paul—"New Varieties of Potatoes for Minnesota"; Carl J. Eide, St. Paul—"Summary of Cooperative Spraying Experiments in the Control of Potato Leaf Diseases"; R. C. Rose, St. Paul—"Present Status of Ring Rot"; William Case, Grand Forks—"Problems in Marketing Red River Valley Potatoes."

#### MEETING FOR LIVESTOCK MEN ON FEBRUARY 25

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Petersen, professor in dairy husbandry, University of Minnesota, will speak on "The Livestock Situation As I Saw it in Western Europe." Sugar beet growers of the Red River Valley who have been feeding sugar beet tops and who observed the feeding of beet tops in Montana last year will conduct a panel discussion, under the leadership of County Agent Carl G. Ash, of Crookston. Others assisting on the panel will include County Agent Frank Forbes of Warren, V. M. Gibbons of Crookston, Walter Ross (continued on page 4, col. 3)

## Pillsbury Wheat Awards To Be Made At Winter Shows

The state-wide contests for the best bread and durum wheats for the Philip W. Pillsbury trophies will be held again at the Red River Valley Winter Shows at Crookston, February 23-27. Beautiful trophies and ten dollars in cash will be awarded to the growers of the best hard spring and durum wheats. Wheat champions at the Winter Shows win, also, the regular open class and county prizes offered by the Red River Valley Development Association and the Minnesota Crop Improvement Association.

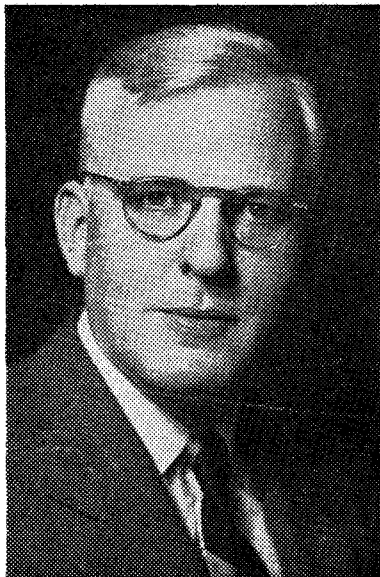
Winners in the state Pillsbury wheat awards will have the samples entered in the national wheat contest held in Chicago in early March. Wheat samples must be full one peck in quantity to compete for state or national honors. G. C. Gerlach of Red Lake Falls was the winner of the 1947 Pillsbury Trophy for bread wheat.

## Poultry Show And Meetings To Be Held This Year

The poultry show will again be a feature of the Red River Valley Winter Shows. The ban on poultry shows, which was in effect last year, brought about by the introduction of the Newcastle Disease in Minnesota, has been lifted. Harold Thomforde, secretary of the Northern Minnesota Poultry Association, states, "We will be having our 39th annual poultry show this year. There is excellent interest on the part of poultry men in the 1948 shows, and we expect to have our poultry building filled to (continued on page 4, col. 2)



**DR. W. E. PETERSEN**  
Dr. W. E. Petersen will be one of the speakers on the Wednesday, February 25, evening program.



**DR. CHRISTOPHER NORBORG**  
Dr. Christopher Norborg will speak on Tuesday evening, February 24, of Red River Valley Winter Shows week.

## Interesting Program Scheduled For Crops Men

Crops men of the Red River Valley will have an interesting day at the forthcoming Red River Valley Winter Shows and Northwest School Farmers' Week on Tuesday, February 24.

A special business meeting of soil conservation district supervisors from the Red River Valley districts of Minnesota and North Dakota has been called by Director Arthur Libby, soil conservation director from Moorhead. The business session will start at 10:00 a.m. Speakers for the morning session include M. A. Thorfinnson, Agricultural Extension Division of Minnesota; Wm. E. Still from the Goodyear Rubber Company; Wm. Bennit, Hastings, president of the State Soil Conservation Service; George Peterson, associate editor of the Minneapolis Star-Journal. The Red River Valley Crops and Soils Association will sponsor a noon luncheon for the crops men, which will be followed by the afternoon crops meeting.

Men who will speak on the crops program are Wm. Bennit, John H. Parker, director of Midwest Barley Improvement Association, Milwaukee, who will discuss the barley improvement program for the midwest; Claude S. Halderman, Agricultural Service Department of Cargill, Inc., Minneapolis, will speak on Sunflowers—A Crop for the Red River Valley; Dr. L. M. Stahler, U. S. Department of Agriculture, Lamberton, Minnesota and Professor R. S. Dunham, of the Division of Agronomy and Plant Genetics, will discuss the use of herbicides such as 2, 4-D and other chemicals in the control of weeds and woody plants. Crop varieties in the Red River Valley for 1948 (continued on page 4, col. 1)

## Attractive Program Arranged For Women's Meetings

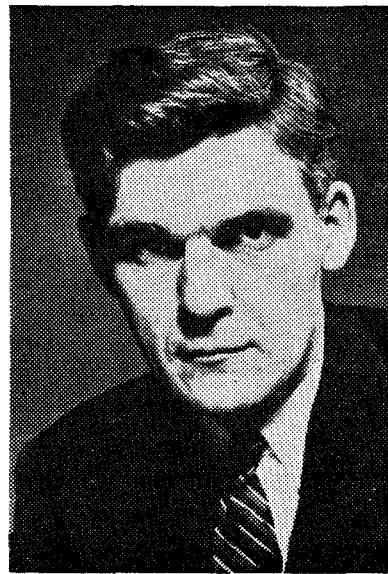
A program of more than usual interest has been arranged for the women at the forthcoming Red River Valley Winter Shows, with the daily program starting on Tuesday, February 24, and continuing through Friday, February 27.

On Tuesday, February 24, the joint meeting of women and members of the Ninth District Horticultural Society will be held at the First Methodist Church in Crookston. The Ninth District Horticultural Society is an organization made up of some twenty affiliated garden clubs of the Red River Valley area. Garden clubs of the area are sending delegates to take part on a panel discussion of garden and flower problems, and specialists Parker Anderson and Leon Snyder, from the Agricultural Extension Division, University of Minnesota, will discuss tree and ornamental planting problems.

On Wednesday, February 25, Miss Eva Blair of the Home Economics Extension, St. Paul, will speak on the subject of "Observations of Living Conditions in Western Europe." Mrs. Viola Battey, Assistant Probation Officer in connection with District, Juvenile, and Municipal Courts in Ramsey County, St. Paul, will speak on the subject "The Juvenile Court Meets the Delinquent Girl."

On Thursday, February 26, Mrs. Luther W. Youngdahl, wife of the governor of Minnesota, will speak on her observations made on her recent trip to Sweden. Mrs. Ann Bystrom, of the Ann Pillsbury Home Service Center, Minneapolis, will discuss "Modern Trends in Foods."

For the closing program on Friday, February 27, Mrs. J. E. Madden of Crookston, librarian, will discuss (continued on page 4, col. 1)



**JOSEPH H. BALL**  
U. S. Senator Joseph H. Ball will speak at the Red River Valley Winter Shows on Wednesday evening, February 25.

## Program Arranged For 9th District Garden Clubs

The Ninth District Horticultural Society will hold its annual meeting and program as one of the features of the Tuesday program at the Red River Valley Winter Shows at Crookston on February 24. Delegates from the twenty-six garden clubs of the Red River Valley counties will attend the meeting. Mrs. John Franklin of Roseau, president of the Ninth District Society, will preside at the meetings. Professors Leon Snyder and Parker Anderson of the Agricultural Extension Division, St. Paul, will speak on the basic principles of farmstead and home grounds beautification and farm shelter. B. C. Beresford, horticulturist at the Northwest School, will lead the panel discussion with the club delegates on varieties of crop plants for planting in 1948.

### ATTRACTIVE PROGRAM ARRANGED FOR WOMEN'S MEETINGS

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notes on new books and give a book review. A lecture-demonstration on "Hobbies" will also be given by Mrs. John E. Crimmins of Minneapolis.

An excellent program of music has been arranged for the women's meetings, with music groups from the Northwest School and Crookston High School, Miss Winnifred Erickson, soloist, from the Northwest School, and Richard Eagle, violinist, Crookston High School. An organ prelude will be given each day, with Mrs. Elmer F. Anderson, Ruth Emerson and Alpha Morck as organists.

### WORLD AND NATIONAL AFFAIRS TO BE THEME OF EVENING MEETINGS

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the Soviet foreign policy in day-to-day action. He has published many books; his most famous one, however, is "Operations Moscow" which will be the subject of his address on Tuesday evening.

An excellent program of incidental music has been arranged for the evening meetings, which include programs by the Crookston Municipal Band, musicians from the Northwest School and the University of North Dakota.

### INTERESTING PROGRAM SCHEDULED FOR CROPS MEN

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will be discussed by Dr. O. C. Soine of the Northwest School and Station.

Educational exhibits on crops, crop diseases, corn borer control, and flax growing will be featured daily throughout the Winter Shows week.



DMITRI STEIN

Dmitri Stein will be one of the speakers at the Red River Valley Winter Shows on Thursday evening, February 26.

### POULTRY SHOW AND MEETINGS TO BE HELD THIS YEAR

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capacity with high-quality exhibits. Because of the rapid increase in the rabbit industry in the Red River Valley, we are having classifications for rabbits in our show this year."

The Northern Minnesota Poultry Association will hold its annual luncheon meeting at noon on Wednesday, February 25. Turkey problems will be the discussion theme for the annual meeting. Dr. W. A. Billings, national authority on turkey production, will be the chief speaker. Other poultry problems will come for discussion. Turkey producers of the Red River Valley are invited to attend this meeting. Requests for information regarding the poultry show and meeting and reservations for the poultry men's luncheon should be made to Mr. Harold Thomforde, Secretary, Crookston, Minnesota.

### SIXTEEN FARM FAMILIES TO RECEIVE AWARDS

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dences of their work in the community and county development are readily seen. We realize that we can never give due recognition to all of the farm families who deserve it; however, we are getting around to the most deserving families as fast as the years permit."

The Valley Farmer and Homemaker Plaques will be presented to the farm families at the recognition banquet, which will be held on Thursday evening, February 26, of Red River Valley Winter Shows Week. Governor and Mrs. Luther W. Youngdahl will be honored guests at the banquet. Dr. C. H. Bailey, Dean and Director of the Minnesota Experiment Station, St. Paul, and Governor Youngdahl will be the chief speakers at the recognition dinner.

## 4-H Club Program Feature Of Winter Shows Week

4-H club exhibits and 4-H club meetings will be outstanding features of the 1948 Red River Valley Winter Shows. Glen J. Johnson of St. Paul, district supervisor of 4-H club activities for Northwestern Minnesota, is general superintendent of the 4-H Club Department at the Winter Shows.

4-H club activities will start with the livestock judging contests on Monday, February 23. Livestock exhibitors in the 4-H club classes will be getting their livestock ready on Monday for the judging of 4-H club livestock classes on Tuesday, February 24. A prominent feature of the livestock show this year will be the competition in the Junior Heifer Calf Futurity, in which 4-H club members, Future Farmers of America, and Northwest School students will compete for the coveted Blue Ribbon classes. Twenty-six calves have already been entered in this Heifer Calf Futurity contest. A recognition dinner will be given the Junior Heifer Calf Futurity exhibitors and the cooperating livestock breeders on Tuesday evening.

Wednesday, February 25, is designated as 4-H Club Program Day, with 4-H dairy demonstrations during the morning and the recognition dinner at the Elks Club Wednesday noon and the radio speaking contest Wednesday afternoon.

The 4-H club corn and potato exhibits will be on display in the crops exhibit room. Assistant superintendents in the 4-H club department are G. E. May, county agent, Moorhead, and Julian Johnson, county agent, Red Lake Falls.

### MEETING FOR LIVESTOCK MEN ON FEBRUARY 25

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of Fisher, and Lee Munger of Warren. O. M. Kiser, animal husbandman at the Northwest School and Station, will give a brief summary of the feeding of sugar beet tops in the fattening of Western lambs. The livestock disease situation in Minnesota will be discussed by Dr. W. A. Billings, extension veterinarian from the University of Minnesota. C. O. Ebling, editor of Stock and Dairy Farmer, Duluth, will also give a brief address.

The proposed potato feeding trials for livestock, which are to be carried on through the cooperation of the United States Department of Agriculture and the states of Minnesota and North Dakota, will be discussed by H. D. Fausch of the Northwest School and Station faculty.

The climax of the Livestock Day program will be the livestock breeders' Dutch Lunch at 5:45 P.M., at which time Senator Joseph Ball will be the principal speaker.

### PLAN TO VISIT

Educational and Industrial Exhibits,  
Livestock, Poultry and Crops

Winter Shows Buildings and Armory