

# Northwest School News

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## Northwest School Fall Term Opens On September 27

Monday, September 27, will mark the opening of the 43rd year of the Northwest School of Agriculture. An advance enrollment of 433 students was recorded on September 17. A new record of membership in the fourth or Advanced year will be established this year with more than one hundred students now enrolled. Other classes will be as large as in former years.

Dormitory rooms for boys on the campus are inadequate to care for the large number of boys who wish to attend. Twenty or more boys have now secured rooms at private homes in Crookston. Additional rooms in homes in Crookston are still available. A number of rooms are still available in the dormitories for girls. A total of 136 girls and 297 boys have registered to date.

A full program of extra-curricular activities has been arranged for the school year. The major sports for fall include football and cross-country with basketball and swimming starting before the end of the fall term. Athletic sports for the winter term are basketball, swimming, and wrestling. Hockey will be conducted only as an interclass activity. Crops and livestock judging and debating will be subcollegiate activities of the winter term. An excellent program of entertainment has been arranged for the school year which features lyceum attractions, movies, school and class parties, and athletic games.

## Water Storage Tank Under Construction

Reinforcing steel for the concrete base of the new 75,000 gallon water tank at the Northwest School and Station is now on the ground. A. W. Hoglund, contractor from Crookston, will supervise the excavating for and the placing of the concrete base for the water tank. A total of 160 cubic yards of reinforced concrete will be put in place to support the steel structure.

The contract for the tank has been let to the Chicago Bridge and Iron Works Company, Chicago, Illinois. According to the present schedule, the tank should be completed by November 15.

Water for the storage tank will be pumped out of the water line now supplying the campus. The additional water storage space will give the school and station adequate water for fire protection and at the same time give a much better water pressure in the buildings than we now have.

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## New Faculty Members Announced

The Northwest School of Agriculture opens its fall term on Monday, September 27, with an advance capacity enrollment of 433 students. E. N. Reiersgard, Registrar, reports a new high record of enrollment in the fourth or Advanced year of more than one hundred students.

Registration of new students will be held at the Northwest School on Monday, September 27. Former students will register on Tuesday morning, September 28, with all classes starting at 1:15 P.M. on that day.

Superintendent T. M. McCall reports a full staff of instructors in all departments. A number of new staff members have been appointed to fill the vacancies created by the resignation of former staff members. John N. Ward of Duluth, a graduate of the University of Minnesota, will serve as Science instructor and counselor for the Senior boys' dormitory. Mr. Ward, a veteran of World War II, served as chief of the Technical Intelligence Section, Engineer Research and Development Laboratories, Ft. Belvoir, Virginia, and Tokyo, Japan.

Miss Borgni Skorpen of Valley City, North Dakota, succeeds Miss Jeanette Peterson as instructor in third year English. Miss Skorpen graduated with honors from Concordia College, and taught English in the New York Mills High School last year.

Miss Betty Indihar of Gilbert, Minnesota, succeeds Miss Ruth Emerson as instructor in piano. Miss Indihar graduated, with distinction, from the Department of Music, University of Minnesota, in 1947. During the past school year, she was a graduate student at the University. While at the University, Miss Indihar received

the Emil Oberhoffer Memorial Fel-

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## Parents' Day To Be Held November 6

The 29th annual Parents' Day at the Northwest School will be held on Saturday, November 6. Parents of Northwest School students will be honor guests of the school and students for the noonday dinner on that date. Plans are underway to entertain some 500 parents on that occasion. A full day's program is being arranged, and parents will have opportunity to visit the dormitories, school buildings and the annual student home project show. The student program will be held in the school auditorium at 2:00 P.M. The girls taking home economics summer projects will stage their annual style review as a feature of the afternoon program. A summary and demonstration of boys' home projects, music by student music groups, and a one-act play will be the other features of the program.

Officers and directors of the Northwest School Parents' Association will hold their annual meeting at 11:00 A.M. in the school library. The general business session of the parents' association will be held in the school auditorium at 1:30 P.M. Dr. C. H. Bailey, dean and director of the Minnesota Experiment Station, University Farm, St. Paul, has been invited to speak at the Parents' Association meeting.

An entertainment program has been planned for the parents and students for the evening of Parents' Day.

## Homecoming, October 16

Homecoming at the Northwest School this year, on October 16, will be one week earlier than the traditional Homecoming date due to schedule difficulties in securing an Agricultural School Conference football game. The West Central-Northwest School Aggie football game will be the major attraction for Homecoming to the alumni and students of both schools.

Homecoming festivities will start with the bonfire and pep fest on the evening of Friday, October 15. A special assembly program will be held at 11:30 A.M. on Homecoming day, October 16. The football game has been scheduled for 2:00 P.M. with the Homecoming dance and party starting at 8:00 P.M.

Attendance at the Homecoming dance and party will be limited to students, former students, and alumni. Guest permits will be issued at the door to former students and alumni. Alumni and former students may each bring one guest. Upon the presentation of the guest permit, the person or persons will be ad-

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John Ward



Borgni Skorpen



Betty Indihar

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### Flower Show Winners Announced

Three very successful flower shows were held in the Red River Valley by the Ninth District Horticultural Society during the week of August 10. Local garden and flower societies and societies from nearby counties cooperated in making each of the shows outstanding events. 949 exhibits were judged in the three shows which were held at Hawley on August 10, Crookston on August 11, and Warroad on August 12.

Mrs. Andy Hanson of Stephen, Minnesota, the highest scoring exhibitor of the three flower shows in the Ninth District, won the Pesek Trophy, with Harold Thomforde of Crookston, Minnesota, as second place winner. Other high-point winners in the district flower show competition were Mrs. Art Hanson, Delores Peterson, and Jack Shaffer of Stephen, B. C. Beresford of Crookston, and P. W. Campbell of Cass Lake.

In the gladiolus section of the district flower shows, Harold Thomforde of Crookston won the Oftedahl trophy with a total of 50 points. Other high-point winners were Mrs. J. E. Breuning of Cass Lake, Mrs. Andy Hanson of Stephen, and Mrs. Milton Hanson of Thief River Falls. At the Hawley show, Mrs. Robert Burrill was high-point winner in the open class for garden flowers, with Harold Thomforde of Crookston, winner in the gladiolus section. At the Crookston show, the Ninth District winners, Mrs. Andy Hanson of Stephen and Harold Thomforde of Crookston, were high-point exhibitors. At the Warroad show, Mrs. Frank Searles won top honors in the general flower show, with Harold Thomforde of Crookston ranking first in gladiolus.

Premium ribbons for all district shows were furnished by the Red River Valley Development Association. Judges for the three flower shows were Mrs. Edith Campbell of Detroit Lakes, Hawley show; Mrs. Peter Grant of Stephen, Crookston show; and Mrs. John Franklin of Roseau, Warroad show.

Officers of the Ninth District Horticultural Society are Mrs. Andrew Hanson of Stephen, president; Mrs. Arnold Viker of Fertile, vice-president; B. C. Beresford of the Northwest School, Crookston, secretary-treasurer; and G. DeMers of Ada, delegate-at-large.

PLAN TO ATTEND HOMECOMING,  
OCTOBER 16

### NEW FACULTY MEMBERS ANNOUNCED

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lowship and two graduate assistantships.



Lola Mehl

Two graduate nurses will be employed in the Student Health Service. Miss Lola Mehl of Thief River Falls, a graduate of the Bethesda School of Nursing, St. Paul, and a graduate of the University of Minnesota in public health nursing, will serve as instructor and senior clinic nurse. Serving as general staff nurse will be Miss Marie Torkelson of Strandsquist, a graduate of the Bethesda School of Nursing, St. Paul. Dr. O. K. Behr of the Crookston Clinic will be the school physician this year.



Marie Torkelson

Ralph M. Larson of Crookston, a former student in physical education at the Bemidji State Teachers College and University of North Dakota, will assist Coach Herschel Lysaker with coaching of football and basketball and serve as assistant counselor for a boys' dormitory. Mr. Larson won letters in basketball at Bemidji Teachers and the University of North Dakota.

In addition to the new staff members, other members of the Northwest School faculty include: T. M. McCall, Superintendent; O. C. Soine—Agronomy; E. N. Reiersgard, Registrar; Wm. Barron, A. M. Foker, and H. W. Soderburg—Agricultural Engineering; the Misses Retta Bede, Verna Stokke, and Julia Shea—Home Economics; B. C. Beresford—Horticulture; O. M. Kiser and H. D. Fausch—Animal Husbandry; John N. Ward—Science; A. M. Pilkey—Poultry Husbandry; T. M. Pulkrabek—Veterans' Training; H. H. Lysaker—History, Social Science, Athletic Coach; the Misses Alice M. Anderson, Jean Kjørli, Margaret Larsen, and Borgni Skorpen—English and Speech; the Misses Winnifred M. Erickson and Betty Indihar—Music; E. F. Bennett and Ralph M. Larson—Assistant Coaches; Miss Fae Hughbanks—Business Training; Miss Lola Mehl—Instructor and Sr. Clinic Nurse, and Miss Marie Torkelson, General Staff Nurse. Dr. O. K. Behr of Crookston will be the school physician this year.

### NOTICE

The "Northwest School News" will be published bi-monthly throughout the entire year, beginning with this issue.

### Alumni Committee Plans Memorial Drive

Dr. Kenneth Albertson of Crookston, chairman of the Alumni Association Committee on a memorial for World War II veterans, has completed plans for the memorial fund drive. All alumni and friends of the Northwest school will be solicited by letter with return envelopes for contributions of \$1.00 or more for the memorial fund. If alumni respond promptly, the committee plans to have the drive completed by Homecoming on October 16.

The Memorial Committee selected a bronze plaque for the names of the fourteen Northwest School students and alumni who gave their lives in World War II. Funds collected over and above the cost of the memorial plaque will apply on a memorial electric organ for the school.

Alumni and readers of the Northwest School News are urged to reply promptly to the request of the committee which should be in the mail by October 1.

### Livestock Association Officers Elected

The annual reorganization meeting of the directors of the Red River Valley Livestock Association was held at the Hotel Wayne, Crookston, on August 4.

Officers re-elected for the year were: T. M. McCall of Crookston, president; J. H. Sargent of Crookston, vice-president; A. A. Habedank of Ada, treasurer; O. M. Kiser of Crookston, secretary. Division superintendents in the livestock division for the 1949 Red River Valley Winter Shows were appointed and plans made for the show which will be held February 21-25, 1949. Superintendents appointed were Paul Engestad of Thief River Falls, general superintendent of the livestock show, with County Agent Carl G. Ash of Crookston assisting as general superintendent of livestock, and Glen J. Johnson of St. Paul, district 4-H club supervisor, as superintendent of 4-H club livestock and crops show, and O. T. Magnuson of St. Paul, superintendent of Junior Heifer Calf Futurity Show. The departmental superintendents elected were: Howard Balk of Bagley—cattle division; Frank Forbes of Warren—swine division; George Landsverk of Ada—sheep division, J. E. Wilder of Crookston was appointed superintendent of admissions.

The sales committee members for the 1949 shows are Andrew Johnstad of Beltrami, Wm. Strickler of Euclid, Fred Bradley of Beltrami, Emil Lerud of Twin Valley and George Hanson of Crookston, with O. M. Kiser, as secretary of the committee, A. A. Habedank, treasurer, and A. J. Dexter of the Northern Pacific Railway, St. Paul, as general manager.

Directors present for the meeting included T. M. McCall, O. M. Kiser, (continued on page 4, col. 3)

## Minnesota No. 2 Hogs Introduced At Northwest Station; 105 Sold

More than 500 swine breeders and farmers attended the dedication of the new Minnesota No. 2 breed of swine and sale held at the Northwest School and Station on Saturday, September 18.

Superintendent T. M. McCall presided at the formal dedication program which was held on the Northwest School campus area immediately south of the Animal Products Building. Temporary bleachers were erected under the boulevard elms for the open-air dedication exercises. Dr. C. H. Bailey, dean and director of the Minnesota Experiment Station, made the dedicatory address and presented the new Minnesota No. 2 swine to the state and nation. Mrs. Doris Dahl, wife of a prominent breeder of Minnesota No. 2 hogs, of Dassel, Minnesota, christened the breed by breaking a bottle of buttermilk over the back of one of the Northwest Station herd boars. John Olson of Worthington, president of the Inbred Livestock Registry Association, accepted the Minnesota No. 2 hog into the Registry Association. Other speakers on the morning program were Professor W. H. Peters, chief of the Division of Animal Husbandry, University Farm, St. Paul, and T. H. Fenske, associate director of field operations for the Minnesota Experiment Station, and Superintendent Mark Thompson of the Northeast Experiment Station, Duluth.

Included in the parade of the Minnesota No. 2 swine were two herd boars and eighty-seven sale pigs from the Northwest Station and one herd boar and eighteen sale pigs from the Northeast Station, Duluth.

The Minnesota No. 2 hog was produced at the Northwest Experiment Station by crossing the Yorkshire, a bacon breed, on a fast-developing inbred strain of Poland China, a fat-hog type. The new hog is a product of the research work done in swine by the Minnesota Experiment Station as a cooperator in a Regional Swine Breeding Project. Dr. L. M. Winters, geneticist of the Division of Animal Husbandry, University Farm, St. Paul, has directed the regional cooperative swine breeding work in Minnesota and through his direction two breeds of swine, the Minnesota No. 1 and Minnesota No. 2 hogs have been developed. The swine breeding work at the Northwest Station has been under the direction of O. M. Kiser and H. D. Fausch of the Animal Husbandry Division.

### Auction Sale

The sale of 105 head of spring boars and gilts of the Minnesota No. 2 swine started promptly at 12:30 noon with C. L. Cole, livestock auctioneer and farm manager of Romeo, Michigan, as auctioneer. Dr. L. M. Winters, state director of the Regional Swine Breeding Laboratory

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## Football Season Opens On October 1

H. H. Lysaker

Twenty-eight lettermen in football, including eight regulars, are expected to return to the Northwest School this fall. Lettermen returning are: Co-Captains Charles Vind of Crookston and Ted Johnson of Strathcona; LeRoy Swanson, Wannaska; Duane Moe, Beltrami; Donald Simmons, Crookston; Earl Peterson, Georgetown; Charles Mondor, Hallock; Thomas Hughes, Strathcona; Wilfred Dostal, Angus; Charles Brantner, Dilworth; James Brubakken, Crookston; Rodney Webster, St. Vincent; Richard Widseth, Gonvick; Larry Bergh, Hallock; Larry Younggren, Hallock; Steve Pauluk, Lancaster; Tom Lapp, St. Vincent; DuWayne Wahlstrom, Salol; Dwaine Roland, Stephen; Allan Magnuson, Roseau; Harvey Lunning, Gonvick; Glen Johnson, Strathcona; James Holm, Greenbush; Forrest Mosher, Beltrami; Gordon Vind, Crookston; Dale Erickson, Malung; Chester VanRadon, Fertile; and Wilfred Taus, Strathcona.

The football schedule for the Northwest School team will be as follows: October 1, Roseau—there; October 6, Fosston—there; October 9, Warroad—here; October 16, Morris—here (Homecoming); October 22, Morris—there; October 29, Frazee—there; November 2, Bagley—here; November 4, Mayville, N. D.—here; November 11, Cathedral High (tentative).

### HOMECOMING, OCTOBER 16

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mitted to the Homecoming dance by paying the prevailing admission charge.

## Faculty To Present Sunday Evening Program

The fall series of Sunday evening programs at the Northwest School will be opened on Sunday, October 3, with a program by members of the music and English faculty. The program will be held in the school auditorium at 7:30 P.M. An invitation to attend is extended to parents of students and friends of the school.

Members of the music staff taking part in the program are Miss Winnifred Erickson, soprano, and Miss Betty Indihar, pianist. Selected readings will be presented by members of the English staff and include Miss Margaret Larsen, Miss Jean Kjørli, Miss Borgni Skorpen, and Miss Alice Anderson.

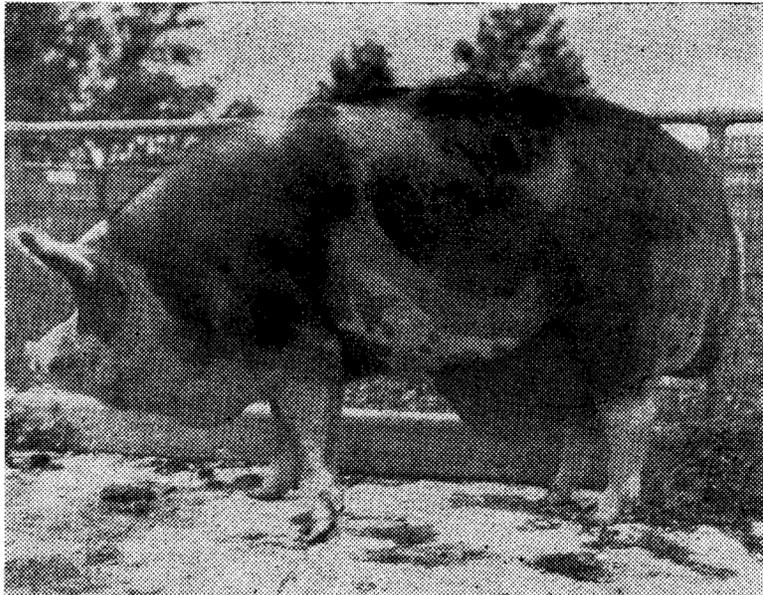
## Enrollments in Junior Heifer Calf Futurity Open Until November 1

Students of the Northwest School, 4-H club members, and F. F. A. members may enroll in the Junior Heifer Calf Futurity Contest, sponsored by the Red River Valley Livestock Association, until November 1. Boys or girls who enroll in this contest should follow the instructions and rules for the contest. Copies of the rules are available at the Northwest School.

In addition to the premiums awarded at the Red River Valley Winter Shows, for the heifer calf classes, \$200 has been given by the Red River Valley Dairymen's Association for supplementary prizes.

Breeders of purebred cattle in the Red River Valley are making special concessions to boys and girls entering the heifer calf futurity contest. A Northwest School student, to enroll

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Pictured above is the Minnesota No. 2 hog which was accepted into the Inbred Livestock Registry Association on September 18 at a dedication program held at the Northwest School.

## Northwest School Briefs

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

\*\*\*Donald E. LaPlante graduated from Golden Gate College, San Francisco, California, on June 12.

\*\*\*James Muzzy of Thief River Falls was named Minnesota's outstanding 4-H dairy club member, one of the high honors of Minnesota State Fair week. He was selected on the quality of the dairy animal he exhibited at the State Fair, his dairy club record for more than three years, and on oral examination given by University of Minnesota dairy specialists. He has also won prize ribbons at the Pennington county fair. He is part owner of Muzzy and Sons dairy herd, and as such recently won grand championship Holstein dairy herd honors at the North Dakota State fair. He has won the dairy showmanship championship three times at the Red River Valley Shows in Crookston.

\*\*\*Wallace Miller of New Prague, Minnesota, and Werner Weindorf visited the Northwest School campus on August 5. Ray Stow of St. Paul visited the campus on July 20.

\*\*\*Benjamin M. Bakkegard, a former member of the music faculty at the Northwest School, will be an assistant professor of music education in the University of Texas at Austin for the coming school year. He received his Doctor's degree in music from Columbia University, New York, in June.

### Marriages

\*\*\*Miss Judith Wick of Duluth to Donald N. Hanson of Trail on August 26 at Bemidji, Minnesota.

\*\*\*Miss Alice Ellert to Franklin J. Phillips on September 16 at Oil City, Pennsylvania.

\*\*\*Miss Jennette Johnson of Pelican Rapids to Irvin H. Tollerud on June 20 at Pelican Rapids, Minnesota.

\*\*\*Miss Harriet Ann St. John to Duane A. Walsberg on August 22 at Moorhead, Minnesota.

\*\*\*Miss Annie Bujnovski to Harold Kasprick of Angus on September 1.

\*\*\*Miss Angela Vonasek to Robert Useldinger of East Grand Forks on July 20 at Tabor, Minnesota.

\*\*\*Miss Edith Quantock of Argyle to Leif D. Thrane of Kindred, N. D., on July 18 at Grand Forks, North Dakota.

### Births

\*\*\*To Mr. and Mrs. Jessie DuChamp (nee Gunhild Nesland), a son, on July 19 at Plummer, Minnesota.

\*\*\*To Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin M. Bakkegard (nee Ardelle Hamlett) a daughter, Marilyn Ardelle, on July 20 in New York City.

\*\*\*To Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Musselman, a son, Larry Allan, on June 24 at Venice, California.

## Weather Summary For August O. C. Soine

Rainfall for the first eight months of the year at the Northwest School and Station has exceeded the 48-year average for the same months by 5.28 inches. The Crookston area formed a dividing line between the area of heavy summer rainfall of the Northwestern counties of the Red River Valley and the counties to the south with a deficiency in midsummer precipitation.

The rainfall for the month of August as recorded at the Northwest School was 4.19 inches. This amount exceeds the 48-year average for this month by 1.31 inches, and is the third consecutive month of above-average rainfall for this area. The total precipitation for the year is 20.35 inches as compared to 15.07 inches, the long-time average as given in the following table.

Month	1948 Precipitation	Av. 48-Year Precipitation
January	0.62 in.	0.51 in.
February	1.11 in.	0.64 in.
March	1.27 in.	0.83 in.
April	1.47 in.	1.62 in.
May	1.29 in.	2.67 in.
June	4.67 in.	3.14 in.
July	5.73 in.	2.78 in.
August	4.19 in.	2.88 in.
Total	20.35 in.	15.07 in.

The mean temperature for the month was 68.3 degrees which was slightly above the long-time average of 67.2 degrees but slightly below the 70.4 degrees for August, 1947.

## ENROLLMENTS IN JUNIOR HEIFER Calf Futurity Open UNTIL NOVEMBER 1

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roll, should get a certification from his instructor in animal husbandry or his county 4-H club leader if he is enrolled in a 4-H club project.

Osgood Magnusson, state 4-H club agent, is chairman of the Junior Heifer Calf Futurity Contest committee of the Red River Valley Livestock Association. Mr. Magnusson announces that the judging of the futurity calves will be a feature of the Tuesday program of the forthcoming 1949 Red River Valley Winter Shows in February. Arrangements are being completed to furnish housing for contestants in the contest.

## LIVESTOCK ASSOCIATION OFFICERS ELECTED

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and J. H. Sargent of Crookston, Wm. Strickler of Euclid, Charles Brantner of Moorhead, Rudy Gysland of Gary, Paul Engelstad of Thief River Falls, and Andrew Johnstad of Beltrami.

## WATER STORAGE TANK UNDER CONSTRUCTION

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The new water tower will be of the flat-oval type of construction and be of an approximate height of 125 feet.

## MINNESOTA NO. 2 HOGS INTRODUCED AT NORTHWEST STATION; 105 SOLD

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for Minnesota who directed the work in the production of the Minnesota No. 1 and No. 2 new breeds of swine, gave the performance record of the new breed introductory to the sale. O. M. Kiser and H. D. Fausch of the Northwest Station staff were in charge of all local arrangements for the sale.

The sale was a decided success with buyers from six states purchasing breeding stock. The sale average for the 105 head of the spring boars and gilts was \$181.18. The 37 gilts from the Northwest Station averaged \$184.86; the 50 Northwest Station boars averaged \$185.30. The Duluth station gilts averaged \$193.50 and boars \$133.75 for a station average of \$166.66. Two boars from the Northwest Station herd tied for a top sales price of \$400 each and the purchasers were A. W. Anderson and Sons of Clarkfield, Minnesota, and Lucie and Slater of Augusta, Illinois. A Northwest School alumnus, Kermit Greenley, a Hybrid seed corn dealer and owner of Pride Farm, Dassel, Minnesota, bought the top gilt for \$260.00 and second high gilt for \$255.00. Kermit also bought several head of other gilts and boars for use in his community.



David E. Starry

David E. Starry will speak at the 11:30 A.M. assembly program at the Northwest School on October 15. His subject will be "West Indian Witchcraft." Mr. Starry is a world traveler and authority on witchcraft and voodoo. For his lecture, Mr. Starry will have a unique collection of drums and curios that throw revealing lights on both the method and the madness of witchcraft.