

Northwest School News

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Fall Term Opens September 26

The fall term at the Northwest School opens with registration of all new students on Monday, September 26; former students may register on September 26 and from 8:00 a. m. to 11:00 a. m., Tuesday, September 27. An orientation program and tour for all new students will be held on Tuesday morning, 9:00 a. m. to 11:00 a. m., preceding the opening assembly at 11:30 a. m. Classes officially start at 1:15 p. m., Tuesday, September 27.

A full crew of men have been busy all summer in getting the school buildings in shape for the opening of school. Many new improvements have been made in the school buildings and many more are in the process of completion. The gymnasium floor has been re-surfaced, the playing courts on the gymnasium floor have been re-stripped, and new gymnasium floor finish has been applied. New plumbing has been installed in Senior and Robertson Halls. A painting program for the interior of the dining hall has been started under the direction of John Hopkins of Minneapolis, adviser to the University on interior decorating of University buildings. Plans are to complete the decorating of the Aggie Inn, kitchen, and first floor rooms and halls this year and redecorate the main dining room in 1950.

The three vacancies on the teaching staff have been filled and a new general staff nurse has been appointed to fill the position held last year by Marie Torkelson.

There have been no changes in the courses of study offered at the school this year. A number of veterans and high school graduates have enrolled for special work.

Advance room reservations indicate a full attendance of 425 students for the fall term.

Memorial Plaque To Be Unveiled On November 11

A memorial bronze plaque honoring the Northwest School students who gave their lives in World War II will be unveiled as a part of the Armistice Day program at the Northwest School on November 11 at 11:30 A. M. Local posts of the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Disabled Veterans, and National Guard Company G will cooperate in the memorial service.

The bronze memorial plaque, purchased from contributions of alumni and friends of the school, will be placed with the plaques of World War I on the present Soldiers' and Sailors' Memorial monument located at the entrance to the campus quadrangle.

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New Faculty Members Announced

The Northwest School was fortunate in securing very able instructors to fill the three vacancies on the teaching staff and the vacancy as general staff nurse created by resignations during the summer months.

Miss Sally Ann Maher of Bozeman, Montana, has been appointed as piano instructor to succeed Miss Betty Indihar. Miss Maher, a graduate of Carleton College, graduated "with distinction" in the Department of Music. She has had one year of teaching experience in music at Pipestone, Minnesota. While at Carleton College, she was a piano student of Felix Witzinger, concert pianist, who is now on the faculty of Syracuse University.



Miss Maher

William Carl Sundberg of Minneapolis, Minnesota, was appointed to succeed John Ward, instructor in Science.



Mr. Sundberg

Mr. Sundberg, a graduate of the University of Minnesota in 1949, comes highly recommended to teach Science subjects such as Chemistry, Physics, General Science, and Biology. Mr. Sundberg will also serve as preceptor of Robertson's Hall, boys' dormitory. The Sundbergs and their two children will reside in the preceptor's apartment in Robertson Hall.

The nurses, Misses Lola Mehl and Marie Torkelson, resigned to accept full-time positions in their respective fields.

Miss Thea Myren of Grygla, a graduate of the Fairview Hospital School of Nursing in Minneapolis, has been appointed as Instructor and Senior Clinic Nurse to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Miss Lola Mehl. She is also a graduate of the Thief River Falls High School and has had one year of training at Concordia Col-



Miss Myren
lege, Moorhead.

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Homecoming Set For October 22

Homecoming at the Northwest School has been set for Saturday, October 22. The major attraction for the day will be the annual clash between the football teams from the Northwest School and West Central School for Agricultural School Conference honors. While the Northwest School has held the championship trophy (Ossie) for a number of years, yet the winner in the game can seldom be determined until the last whistle in the game has been blown.

Other features of Homecoming will be the torchlight parade, bonfire, and pepfest on Friday evening, October 21; the assembly Homecoming program at 11:30 A. M., and the evening Homecoming dance and party in the gymnasium. The football game is scheduled to start at 2:00 P. M. Gala features of Homecoming will be the decorations on the dormitories, gymnasium and school buildings, the crowning of the Homecoming queen, and the dinner for members of the football teams and their coaches.

Attendance at the Homecoming dance and party will be limited to students, former students, and alum-

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1949-1950 Teaching Staff Announced

All positions of the teaching staff of the Northwest School for the 1949-50 school year are filled. Members of the faculty, as announced by Superintendent T. M. McCall, are:

A. M. Foker, H. W. Soderburg and William Barron—agricultural engineering; E. N. Reiersgard—registrar and mathematics; O. C. Soine—agronomy; O. M. Kiser and H. D. Fausch—animal husbandry; A. M. Pilkey, poultry husbandry; B. C. Beresford—horticulture and forestry; Miss Margaret Larsen, Mrs. Alice Ittner, Miss Jean Kjorlie, and Miss Borgni Skorpén—English, speech and dramatics; the Misses Retta Bede, Julia Shea, and Verna Stokke—home economics; the Misses Winnifred Erickson and Sally Maher—music; H. H. Lysaker and E. F. Bennett—physical education and athletics; Miss Fae Hughbanks—business training; Wm. C. Sundberg—science; the Misses Thea Myren and Darlene Finney—school nurses; and T. M. Pulkrabek and John A. Campbell—veterans' on-the-farm training program. The school physician will be announced later.

Additional subjects taught by regular instructors include history, civics, sociology, economics, marketing, applied art, public health, home nursing, first aid, and journalism.

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Red River Valley Livestock Association Elects Officers

The annual fall meeting of the directors of the Red River Valley Livestock Association and the Junior Heifer Futurity Committee of the Association was held at Crookston on September 7. In the reorganization of the board of directors for the year 1949-50, T. M. McCall was re-elected president of the Association; Wm. Strickler of Euclid, was elected vice-president; other officers re-elected were A. A. Habedank of Ada, treasurer, and O. M. Kiser of Crookston, secretary.

Committees appointed for the year, included: **LIVESTOCK SALES COMMITTEE**—Andrew Johnstad of Beltrami, chairman; Emil Lerud, Twin Valley; George A. Hanson, Crookston; A. A. Habedank, treasurer; Fred Bradley, Beltrami; O. M. Kiser, secretary; A. J. Dexter of the Northern Pacific Railway, St. Paul, Sales manager; **BUILDING COMMITTEE**—P. M. Finkenbinder of Crookston, chairman; J. H. Sargent, Crookston; Wm. Strickler; Paul Engelstad, Thief River Falls; O. M. Kiser; **JUNIOR HEIFER FUTURITY COMMITTEE**—Wm. Strickler, chairman; Osgood Magnuson, district 4-H club agent, St. Paul; County Agent Frank Forbes, Warren; County Agent Howard Balk, Bagley; Clarence Sargent, Crookston, and Orville Eng of Ada, secretary.

Superintendents of the livestock departments at the Red River Valley Winter Shows re-elected for the coming year are: Paul Engelstad of Thief River Falls, general superintendent of livestock shows and concessions; J. E. Wilder, Crookston, superintendent of exhibition admissions; Carl G. Ash, Crookston, superintendent of livestock; G. C. Landsverk of Ada, superintendent of sheep division; Howard Balk, superintendent of cattle division; G. E. May of Moorhead, superintendent of 4-H livestock and heifer futurity; F. W. Forbes, superintendent of swine division; O. M. Kiser, general secretary of livestock show and sales; Osgood Magnuson, general superintendent of 4-H club division.

For the livestock judging contests, H. G. Zavoral of St. Paul was appointed superintendent, with H. D. Fausch of the Northwest School, Crookston, manager of livestock judging contests.

The Red River Valley Livestock Association directors voted to add a new class to the Heifer Calf Futurity Division; the new class is to be called the Advanced Senior Futurity which would include the Junior Heifer Futurity calves shown at the 1948 Winter Shows which will have calves at side.

Football Outlook Promising

Football Coach H. H. Lysaker is optimistic and hopeful regarding the prospects for a Conference championship football team at the Northwest School this year. Four regulars from the 1948 team are expected back as a nucleus for the 1949 team; thirteen other lettermen are also returning who should qualify for positions on the first team. A large number of new students will give the lettermen competition for berths on the Aggie squad. Some sixty to seventy boys have indicated their intentions to try out for the football squad this year.

Returning regulars are DuWayne Wahlstrom, co-captain, Warroad; Duaine Moe, co-captain, Beltrami; Richard Widseth, Gonvick; and Dennis Driscoll, East Grand Forks. Other returning lettermen are: George Huard, Grand Forks, No. Dak.; Tom Lapp, St. Vincent; Robert Colson, Angle Inlet; Philip Hamre, Beltrami; Charles Brantner, Moorhead; Peter Fehr, East Grand Forks; Chester VanRaden, Fertile; Russell Milner, Clearbrook; Wayne Purrington, Ada; Kenneth Szymanski, Thief River Falls; Ted Zumbusch, Warren; John Munter, Fosston. Other boys who have written saying they will be out for football practice are: Charles Gustafson, Beltrami; Ivan Wold, Roseau; Duane Mondor, Hallock; Andrew Nielsen, Euclid; Gordon Love, Euclid; John Johnson, Pelican Rapids; David Frislie, Greenbush; Kenneth Ewing, Crookston; Paul Rundell, Lengby; Leo Ash, St. Vincent; and LeRoy Zak, Angus.

The tentative football schedule for 1949 is as follows: September 30, Warroad—There; October 4, Fosston—Here; October 8, Mayville, N. D.,—Here—tentative; October 12, Thief River Falls—Here; October 22, Morris—Here (Homecoming); October 25, Fosston—There; October 28, Fertile—There; November 4, Morris—There; November 11, Cathedral—tentative.

NEW FACULTY MEMBERS ANNOUNCED

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Miss Finney

Miss Darlene Finney of Georgetown will serve as General Staff Nurse to succeed Miss Marie Torkelson. Miss Finney is a 1949 graduate of the Nurses' Training Department of St. Luke's Hospital, Fargo.

John Ward, instructor in Science, and Miss Betty Indihar, instructor in piano, enrolled for graduate work at the University of Minnesota at the close of the school year last March. Miss Indihar completed her graduate work and received her Master's Degree at the end of the second summer session.

Rainfall Summary For August, 1949

The rainfall for the month of August was only 0.73 inches as recorded at the Northwest School and Station, Crookston, and reported by O. C. Soine, agronomist at the Station. This is the lowest precipitation recorded for this month since 1930 when the amount was 0.52 inches. The rainfall varied from a trace to a high of 0.28 inches and occurred on eight different days. The total rainfall for the first eight months of 1949 is still 3.80 inches above average; and, according to the records, August and April are the only two months below normal.

The following data gives the rainfall up to the present time as compared to the 49-year average.

Month	1949 Precipitation	49-Year Av. Precipitation
January	1.96 in.	0.51 in.
February	0.80 in.	0.64 in.
March	0.84 in.	0.83 in.
April	0.12 in.	1.62 in.
May	7.24 in.	2.67 in.
June	3.35 in.	3.14 in.
July	3.90 in.	2.85 in.
August	0.73 in.	2.88 in.

TOTAL18.94 in. 15.14 in.

The month was warmer than usual as indicated by a mean temperature of 70.80 degrees which is 2.65 degrees above normal. The highest temperature of 98 degrees occurred on August 29. The month was characterized by a record number of 18 clear days.

District Flower Show Winners Announced

More than 900 entries were made in the three district Flower Shows held by the 9th District Horticultural Society in the Red River Valley during the week of August 8, according to B. C. Beresford of the Northwest School, secretary of the 9th district organization.

The shows held this year were the best held by the Society in many years. The shows were held at Fertile on August 8, Cass Lake on August 9, and Middle River on August 10. Mrs. Frank Searle of Warroad won possession of the C. M. Pesek bronze trophy for having the highest number of merit points accumulated at any one of the three shows. Mrs. J. E. Bruening of Cass Lake won possession of the L. H. Oftedahl gladiolus trophy by scoring the most points in the gladiolus division at the three shows. The local garden clubs at each of the three show locations staged the shows this year and provided meeting places for the district meetings. The judges at the different shows were E. A. Zitzer of Crookston—Fertile show; J. S. Jones, secretary of the Minnesota Farm Bureau, St. Paul—judged the show at Cass Lake; and Mrs. John Franklin of Roseau judged the show at Middle River.

The Red River Valley Development Association furnished the premium (continued on Page 4. Col. 2)

600 Farmers Attended Field Crops Day

Perfect weather brought out a record attendance for the Field Crops Day at the Northwest School and Experiment Station on July 19.

A large number of visitors were on hand at 10:30 A. M. to make a tour of the Swine Breeding Project and see the test litters of Minnesota 2 swine. O. M. Kiser, animal husbandman at the Northwest Station, conducted the tour of the Swine Breeding Project.

Members of the Red River Valley Crops and Soils Association held their annual meeting in the school library at 10:30 A. M.

The Crops Day speaking program was held on the campus in the afternoon with O. C. Soine, Northwest School and Station agronomist, presiding. Members of the Experiment Station staff of University Farm, St. Paul, who spoke on the formal program included Dr. C. H. Bailey, dean and director of the Minnesota Experiment Station; Dr. Harold Macy, associate director; Dr. H. K. Hayes, chief of the Division of Agronomy and Plant Genetics, and Dr. E. C. Stakman, chief of the Division of Plant Pathology and Botany.

The tour of the field plots was made with O. C. Soine, agronomist, and B. C. Beresford, horticulturist, as tour leaders.

H. L. Thomas, E. R. Ausemus, J. W. Lambert, and J. J. Christensen of University Farm assisted O. C. Soine on the tour of the small grain and grass plots; Carl J. Eide, Paul Fridlund and O. C. Turnquist, also of University Farm, assisted B. C. Beresford on the tour of the potato experimental plots. Portable public ad-

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Water Storage Tank Completed

The new 75,000-gallon water storage tank at the Northwest School and Station, which was completed in early August, is now in service. The round-oval tank supported by large tubular steel legs stands 125 feet high and is a landmark that can be seen for some fifteen miles. The water storage tank, a long-needed improvement at the Northwest School, will give ample water capacity to give adequate fire protection and provide better and more uniform water pressure.

Adequate pressure on the water mains on the campus created new problems in developing leaks in weakened sections of the cast iron water mains. Chemical action, due to high lime content in the soil, ruined some 275 feet of 4-inch cast iron water mains that had been in place only fifteen years. The replacement of the ruined water mains has now been completed.

The six-inch water main from Crookston was not adequate to supply water fast enough for essential fire protection to School and Station buildings; the new water storage tank will insure as good fire protection as can

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Faculty To Present Program Sunday, October 2

The traditional faculty Sunday evening program will be presented to the students and friends of the Northwest School at 8:00 P. M., on Sunday, October 2. Members of the faculty taking part on the program will be the Misses Winnifred Erickson, soprano; Salley Maher, pianist; Jean Kjorlie, Borgni Skorpen, and Margaret Larsen, readers.

Parents' Day Scheduled For November 23

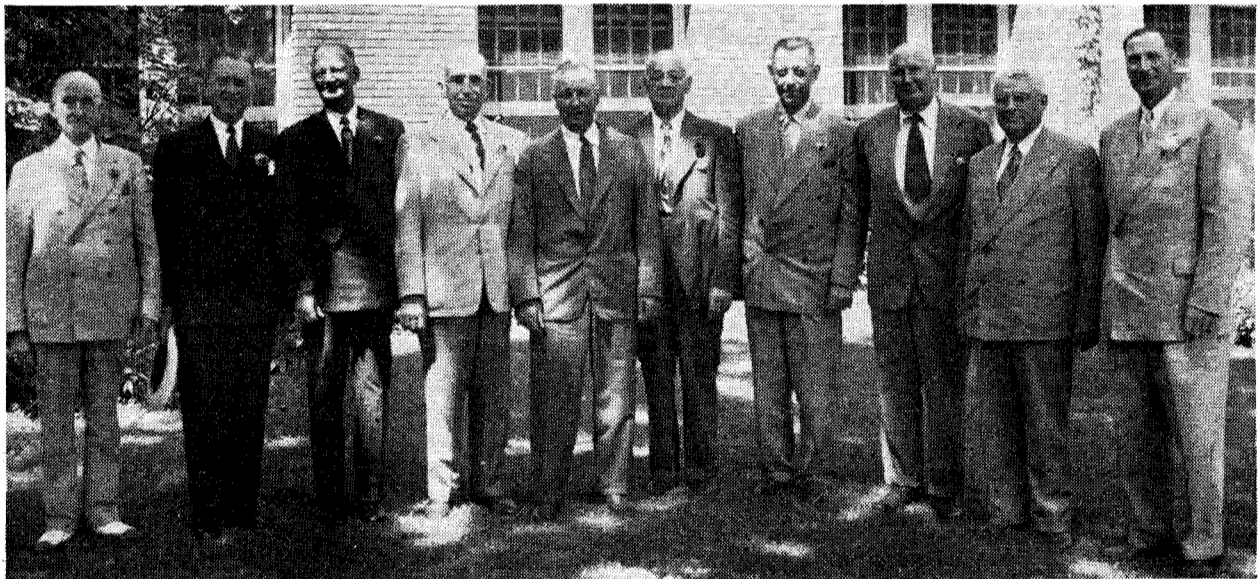
A change of date for Parents' Day from the traditional first Saturday in November will be made this year. Wednesday, November 23, the day before Thanksgiving, has been selected for the parents to be guests of the school. Parents will have opportunity on the morning of that date to visit regular classes, view the annual student home project show, and attend the annual meeting of the Northwest School Parents' Association. Dinner for the parents will be served at the school dining hall from 11:30 A. M. until 1:00 P. M. A student program will be presented at 1:30 P. M. followed by the coffee hour at 3:45 P. M.

The new date arrangement for Parents' Day will permit the parents to take their students home for the Thanksgiving Day week-end holiday.

Memorial Services Held For Mrs. C. G. Selvig

Final rites for Mrs. C. G. Selvig, wife of former Superintendent of the Northwest School and former Congressman C. G. Selvig, were held at the Oakdale Cemetery at Crookston on Tuesday, September 6. Mrs. Selvig passed away at her home in Santa Monica, California, on July 5.

The Reverend Abner S. Haugen of Crookston conducted the memorial and committal service. A large number of friends of the Selvig family from the Red River Valley counties attended the memorial service. The Selvig family was represented at Crookston by C. G. Selvig and daughter Margaret, and Mr. and Mrs. Odin Selvig, of Houston, Minnesota, a brother and sister-in-law of Mr. Selvig.



Pictured above are members of the Board of Regents of the University of Minnesota who visited the Northwest School and Station on July 8. Reading from left to right: Fred B. Snyder, chairman, Minneapolis; Dr. J. L. Morrill, president of the University, Minneapolis; George W. Lawson, St. Paul; Ray J. Quinlivan, St. Cloud; A. J. Olson, Renville; E. E. Novak, New Prague; J. S. Jones, St. Paul; Richard L. Griggs, Duluth; A. J. Lobb, Rochester, and Herman Skyberg, Fisher. Members of the Board of Regents who were unable to accompany the tour group and not included in the picture above are: James F. Bell, Minneapolis; D. C. Gainey, Owatonna, and Sheldon V. Wood, Minneapolis.

Words by
Anne Sisley

THE VALLEY AGGIE

Music by
Rose Polski

fast
slow

On To our Ag - gies cheer. Oh... Ag - gies cheer, let's boost for our A.
To our foot - ball team we... say, let's GO! We're proud of you to -

c. day. With its King of all Falls and its dear old hills we're as
we... know you'll fight with its all your might and

happ - y as can be... With... friends so true, and a
we'll all shout HOO - RAY! Just watch us roar when you

will to do for our A. C. to we stand... So
make a score we're with you to the end... So

slower

let us sing till the valley'll ring for the best school in the land...
play the game and win the fame. our hon - or to defend...

DO YOU REMEMBER THIS SONG? PLAN TO BE AT "HOMECOMING"
ON OCTOBER 22 TO HELP US SING IT.

R. R. Valley Crops And Soils Association Has Meeting; Officers Elected

The Red River Valley Crops and Soils Association held its annual business meeting at the Northwest School and Station on the morning of Crops Day, July 19. Annual reports of the officers were presented and officers and county directors were elected.

Officers and directors elected to serve for the year 1949-50 were: Albert Kopecky of Angus, president; V. M. Gibbons of Crookston, vice-president; Carl Ash of Crookston, secretary; and Otto Hoppe of Crookston, treasurer. County directors elected were: W. S. Ash, St. Vincent—Kittson; Gustav Kveen, Roseau—Roseau; Robert Backstrom, Warren—Marshall; Peter Sherrick, Red Lake Falls—Red Lake; John O. Hanson, Bagley—Clearwater; V. M. Gibbons, Crookston—W. Polk; Melvin Flaskerud, Fosston—E. Polk; D. J. Nichol, Hendrum—Norman; Oscar J. Olson, Lake Park—Becker; Theodore Peet, Wolverton—Wilkin; Wm. A. Ohlragge, Ottertail—E. Ottertail; Theo. Thompson, Fergus Falls—W. Ottertail; Bert Vigen, Thief River Falls—Pennington; Albert Gillie, Williams—Lake of the Woods; Anton Auer, Mahnomen—Mahnomen; and H. M. Trowbridge, Comstock—Clay.

MEMORIAL PLAQUE TO BE UNVEILED ON NOVEMBER 11

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Parents of boys whose names appear on the plaque will be guests of the school at the noonday luncheon.

DISTRICT FLOWER SHOW WINNERS ANNOUNCED

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ribbons for all of the district shows. Officers of the 9th District Horticultural Society are: Mrs. E. M. Evans, of Middle River, president; Mrs. Edward Anderson, of Newfolden, vice-president; and B. C. Beresford of Crookston, secretary-treasurer.

WATER STORAGE TANK COMPLETED

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be had in Crookston. An automatic switch control for the operation of the water pumps will be installed in the pump-house shortly.

HOMECOMING SET FOR OCTOBER 22

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ni. 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 admitted to the Homecoming dance by paying the prevailing admission charge.

Northwest School Briefs

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

***Glen Holmquist, formerly of Hallock, graduated from Gustavus Adolphus College in June, 1949. He will teach at Amboy, Minnesota, this coming school year. He visited the campus on August 30.

**Major Clayton Isaacson recently graduated from the Air Force's Command and Staff School at Maxwell Air Force Base, Montgomery, Alabama. He is now serving as Director of Operations for the jet equipped First Fighter Group at March Air Force Base, California.

***Mrs. C. A. Grindahl (nee Gladys Christopherson) visited the campus on September 2. Her address is 7519 Girard South, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Marriages

**Miss Betty Engebretson of St. Paul to Glen Holmquist, formerly of Hallock, on January 28, 1949. They will make their home at Amboy, Minnesota.

***Miss Mary Ellen Leighton, of Minneapolis, to Willard J. (Jim) Johnston, Jr., of Nisswa, on April 9. Their address is 2877 Holmes Avenue South, Apt. 4, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

***Miss Shirley Mae Kruse of Thief River Falls to Robert A. Sorvig of Red Lake Falls on September 2, at Thief River Falls. They will make their home at Red Lake Falls, Minnesota.

***Miss Alveda Anderson, of Roseau to Einar Scholin of Thief River Falls on August 27 at Thief River Falls. They will make their home at Thief River Falls, Minnesota.

***Miss Arlene Hedlund of Roseau to Howard M. Brandt, on August 20, at Roseau. They will make their home at Roseau, Minnesota.

***Miss Marlene Erickson of Erskine to Armin Ross of Fisher, on September 3, at Erskine, Minnesota. They will make their home near Fisher, Minnesota.

Births

***To Mr. and Mrs. Norval Torkelson of Warren, a daughter, Caroline Joyce, on September 8.

***To Mr. and Mrs. Ira Mjelde (Marjorie Ophus) a daughter, Jan Elizabeth, on August 19.

***To Mr. and Mrs. E. John Brad-dock (Audrey Hylland) a son, Michael John, on August 11 at Spokane, Washington.

600 FARMERS ATTEND CROPS DAY

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dress systems were used in the field tours.

The day's program was concluded with an open forum discussion of crop production problems with T. H. Fenske, associate director of field operations as forum leader, with members of the Minnesota Experiment Station staff taking part. Also taking part in the discussions was C. E. Mickel of University Farm, St. Paul.