

# Northwest School News

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## Parents' Day To Be Held November 23

The 30th annual Parents' Day will be held at the Northwest School of Agriculture on Wednesday, November 23. About 500 parents of Northwest School students will be guests of the school for the visitation of classes, noonday dinner, and afternoon program.

The visitation of classes will start at 9:00 a. m. The annual meeting of the Northwest School Parents' Association will be held at 11:00 a. m., in the school auditorium. Oliver Thormodson of Dalton, president of the Parents' Association, has called a meeting of the directors of the Association for 10:15 A. M. in the school library.

Exhibits of crops, collection projects, sewing, and baking will be features of the Student Home Project Show to be held in the school gymnasium.

A student program for the parents will be held in the school auditorium at 1:30 p. m. More than one hundred girls will take part in the style revue in which they will model clothing made during the summer months. A one-act play will be given by members of the Play Production class under the direction of Miss Jean Kjørli. Students taking part in the play include: Elaine Kopecky, Angus; Betty Lou Hoff, Lake Hubert; Joanne Lerud, Twin Valley; Sue Carol Mery, Bagley, Raymond Price, Stephen; Charles Brantner, Moorhead; and Clayton Brandt, Roseau.

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## Northwest Aggies Close Successful Football Season

The Northwest Aggies football team turned in another good record for their 1949 year. The record for the season was outstanding considering the fact that twenty-nine of the 1948-49 championship squad were lost to the team through graduation.

By having some twenty-seven boys arriving at school early for pre-season practice, Coach H. H. Lysaker had the team in presentable shape for the opening game the first week of school.

There was plenty of competition for starting positions this year due to the fact that there were only three regulars back from last year's undefeated team. This competition helped mold together a fast-charging eleven. Uniforms were issued to seventy-six boys from forty-one communities during the first week of school. This year's freshmen squad proved to be better than average with Assistant Coach Ralph Larson working out with about twenty-five Frosh boys every evening.

The Northwest Aggies won their first two games by defeating Warroad High 32 to 15 and Fosston High 16 to 0. In an evenly matched game with Thief River Falls High, an alert Thief River Falls player recovered an Aggie fumble behind the goal line to win the game by a score of 6 to 0. The Northwest Aggies lost the Homecoming game to a very rugged team from West Central School of Morris by a score of 12 to 6. The high-ranking high

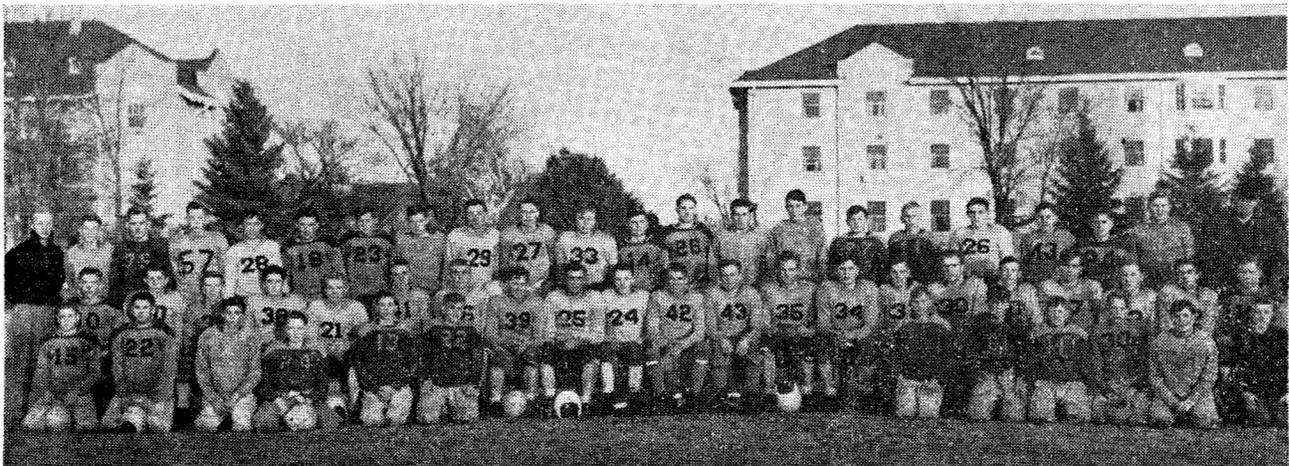
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## 400 Attend Homecoming

More than 400 alumni, former students and other guests were in attendance at the annual Homecoming at the Northwest School on October 22. The Homecoming celebration started on Friday evening, October 21, with a torchlight parade led by the Pepsters, followed in order by members of the football squad with their Coach H. H. Lysaker, and the four school classes. The "pep fest" was held around a huge bonfire south of the athletic field.

The Homecoming assembly was held in the school auditorium at 11:30 a. m., on Saturday. Music for the program was supplied by the Northwest School band under the direction of Miss Winnifred Erickson; Superintendent T. M. McCall gave the address of welcome and presided at the program. Music was also provided by a girls' sextette including Harriet Bolstad, Fosston; Alice Joy Christensen, Pinewood; Eunice Peterson, Stephen; Marilyn Stai, Pinewood; JoAnne Lerud, Twin Valley, and LaVonne Skeie of Winger. The new coach of athletics, Coach Ralph Smith, at the West Central School at Morris introduced the members of the West Central School's football squad; H. H. Lysaker, coach of the Northwest School's football team introduced the members of the Northwest Aggies football team. The humorous "Homecoming skit" put on by the students of the Northwest School, under the direction of O. C. Soine, depicted the troubles of the West Central coach in organizing the West Central Aggie

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1949-50 NORTHWEST SCHOOL FOOTBALL TEAM

Pictured above is the 1949-50 Northwest Aggies football team. Reading from left to right: FRONT ROW—Rodney Mosher, Ronald Olson, Albert Chruz, James Letnes, Carrol Jensen, Ronald Rotvold, Darrell Stangl, John Colson, Robert Kresl, John Fladiand, Dennis Sheriock, Jerry Brantner; SECOND ROW—Rodney Pape, Conrad Hapka, Ivan Lindstrom, Harvey Lunning, Larry Younggren, Perry Brantner, Charles Holmquist, Everett Lloyd, Earl Peterson, Joel Vesledahl, Charles Brantner, Dennis Driscoll, DuWayne Wahlstrom, Thomas Lapp, John A. Johnson, Chester VanRaden, Philip Hamre, Andrew Nielsen, Russ Milner, Bruce Bohnsack, Gordon Love; THIRD ROW—Ralph Larson, Ass't. Coach; Virgil McNamee, Donald Holy, Duane Halstensaard, Robert Colson, Marwood Hamrick, John Munter, Robert Dahl, Kenneth Sczymanski, Ronald Dahl, Theodore Zumbusch, LeRoy Zak, Leo Ash, Loren Johnson, Donald LaVoy, Maynard Helgaas, Richard Swenson, Frank Olson, Robert Johnson, Roland Brule, Dennis Johnson, Coach H. H. Lysaker.

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### New Futurity Classes Set Up For R.R. Valley Winter Shows

A special dinner meeting of the directors of the Red River Valley Livestock Association was held at Crookston on October 26. The directors voted to increase the premium payments to exhibitors in livestock classes, inaugurate a swine and sheep Futurity Contest for junior exhibitors, and revise the articles of incorporation of the Association.

The inauguration of the swine and sheep Futurity for junior exhibitors, according to T. M. McCall, president of the Association, is another phase of the program of the Red River Valley Livestock Association's promotional campaign in getting purebred herds and flocks re-established in the Red River Valley.

The 4-H club classes for gilts and ewe lambs will now be open to F. F. A. members and students of the  
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### Basketball Season Will Be Interesting

H. H. LYSAKER

The Northwest School Aggies started working hard on Monday, November 14, for their first game of the season with Fisher's A and B teams. Over one hundred boys are expected to turn out for practice. After the first week of practice, the group will be cut and placed into three squads, each working out daily. The squads will be A, B, and freshmen teams respectively.

Six lettermen are on hand from last year's Conference champions. Lettermen returning are Captain Charles Brantner of Moorhead; Richard Widseth, Gonvick; Ronald Dahl, Kennedy; Perry Brantner, Georgetown; Earl Munter, Fosston, and Dennis Driscoll, East Grand Forks. Two regulars from last year's team, Co-captain James Brubakken of Crookston and Leon Wosick of Stephen, who were being counted on this year, were not able to return for their fourth year of school work. Captain Brantner and Dick Widseth are regulars from last year's team. An attractive schedule of games has been arranged.

The 1949-50 Basketball schedule is as follows: November 21, Fisher—here; November 22, Climax,—there; November 29, Twin Valley—there; December 3, Fosston—there; December 6, Crookston Central—here; December 8, Frazee—there; December 13, Fertile—there; December 15, Sacred Heart and Erskine—here; January 7, Karlstad—here; January 11,  
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1949-50 CROSS-COUNTRY TEAM, NORTHWEST SCHOOL

Reading left to right. FRONT ROW—Henry Troska, Gerald Beck, Erwin Dahle, Donald Mosbeck, Roger Kasprick, Lyle Kasprick; BACK ROW—Coach E. F. Bennett, Clifton Johnson, Elwood Johnson, Wesley Luchau, Richard Nagle, Arne Filipi, Raymond Wallenberg.

### PARENTS' DAY TO BE HELD NOVEMBER 23

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Music for the program will be furnished by the girls' glee club of sixty-five voices, under the direction of Miss Winnifred Erickson, and the boys' octette under the direction of Miss Sally Maher. A summary of the boys' summer home project work will be presented by a number of students under the direction of H. H. Lysaker, home project leader.

O. C. Soine, agronomist, and B. C. Beresford, horticulturist, will be in charge of the boys' home project exhibits, while the Misses Retta Bede and Verna Stokke will be in charge of the home economics exhibits.

### Health Examinations Of Students Given On October 25-26

A staff of six doctors from the University of Minnesota's Student Health Service, Minneapolis, and Dr. Martin Janssen of Crookston, school physician at the Northwest School this year, completed the annual health examinations of Northwest School students on October 26. The health examinations required two days. The complete health examinations of students includes also the susceptibility tests for the common communicable diseases and the subsequent necessary vaccinations and immunizing inoculations. In case a Mantoux test is positive, free chest X-rays are given. Complete health examination reports are furnished parents of students attending the school each year. The Student Health Service staff at the school consists of two graduate nurses, three student part-time helpers, and a school physician.

### Cross-Country Team Wins All Meets

The cross-country squad enjoyed one of its most successful seasons at the Northwest School this year. Coach E. F. Bennett's 1948 inexperienced team developed into one of the best-balanced teams the school has had, and as a result, turned in a very good record for the 1949 contests. With the large number of candidates out for the team this year, the school has excellent prospects of another winning team in 1950.

By a score of 24 to 31, the Northwest Aggies won their first conference meet against the West Central Aggies at Morris. In the triangular meet between the Northwest Aggies, North Central Aggies, and Crookston High School, the Northwest Aggies won with a final low score of 18 points with North Central and Crookston High School tying for second place with 51 points each. In a return meet with Crookston High School, the Northwest Aggies swept the meet with all seven men of the team crossing the tape ahead of the first Crookston High runner.

The final Agricultural School Conference meet of the season was held at Grand Rapids with the Northwest School again emerging victorious to win the conference championship with a low score of 27 points, with West Central 32 points, and North Central 61 points.

### R. R. V. Winter Shows Feb. 20-24, 1950

The thirty-ninth annual Northwest School Farmers' and Homemakers' Week and Red River Valley Winter Shows will be held in Crookston Feb.  
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### Winter Term Opens January 3

Registration for the winter term at the Northwest School will take place on Tuesday, January 3.

Class schedules for students returning for the winter term will be made out in advance in order to simplify registration whereby all classes can be registered in one day. New students or former students, not in attendance during the fall term, should report early on registration day for advisement. For the winter term, a number of rooms will be available for new students in both boys' and girls' dormitories.

### Interclass Song Contest And Christmas Program Scheduled for December

The annual student Christmas program, given by the student music and public speaking groups of the Northwest School, will be held on Sunday, December 11, at 8:00 p. m.

On Thursday, December 8, the 32nd annual Interclass Song Contest will be held in the school auditorium. The contest will begin at 7:30 p. m. Try-outs for class song leaders and accompanists will be held during the last days of November.

Parents of students and the public are invited to attend these programs.

### National Honor Society Chapter Elects Officers

Leroy Johnson of Stephen, a member of the advanced class at the Northwest School of Agriculture, was elected president of the Northwest School Chapter of the National Honor Society of the 1949-50 school year. Other officers elected were: Alice Joy Christenson of Pinewood, vice-president, and Elaine Kopecky of Angus, secretary-treasurer. Other members of the National Honor Society, in attendance at the school this year, are Lucille Swenson of Lake Park, Dennis Driscoll of East Grand Forks, Eunice A. Peterson of Stephen, Richard Widseth of Gonvick, and Peter Fehr of East Grand Forks.

Faculty adviser to the Honor Society is E. N. Reiersgard, Registrar of the school.

### BASKETBALL SEASON

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Twin Valley—here; January 14, Brookings, S. D.—here; January 18, Sacred Heart—there; January 25, Fosston—here; January 28, Dilworth—here; February 3, Morris—there; February 4, Brookings, S. D.—there; February 8, Climax—here; February 11, Grand Rapids—here; February 15, Mentor—here; February 17, St. James, Grand Forks—there; February 24-25, Aggie tournament at Crookston (Brookings, Morris, Grand Rapids, Crookston); February 28, Crookston Central—there.

## Alumni Present Memorial Plaque Armistice Day

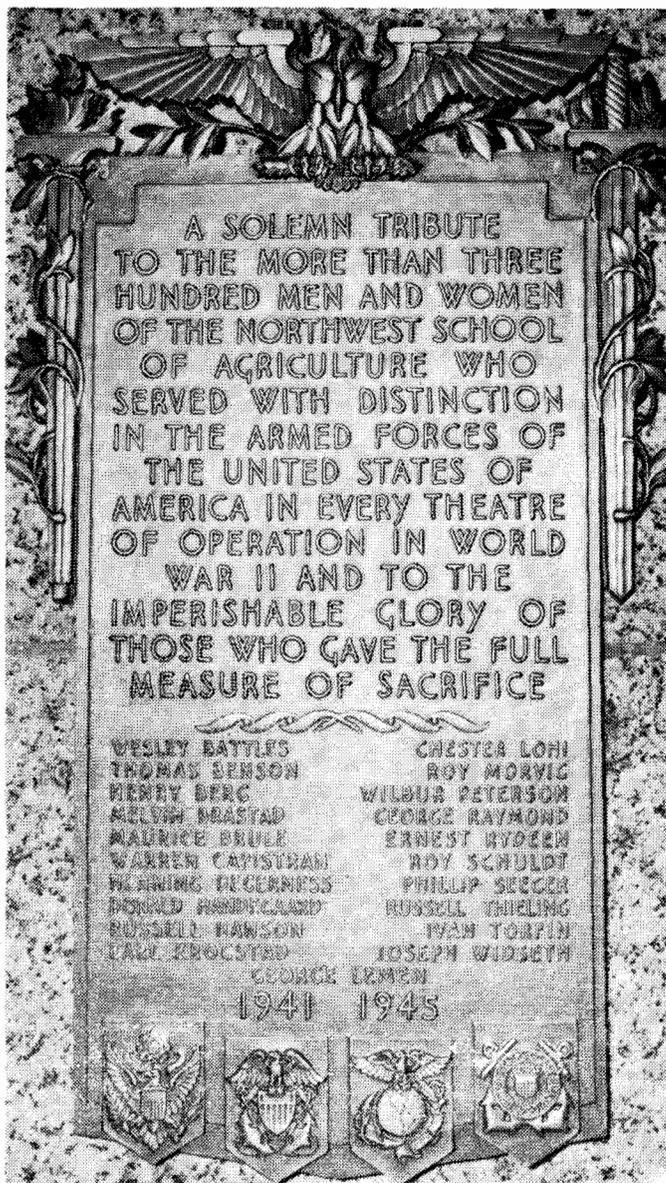
An impressive Armistice Day memorial service was held at the Northwest School at 11:30 a. m., on November 11. The Veterans' Council of Crookston and the Northwest School Alumni Association cooperated with the faculty and students in dedicating a new bronze plaque in memory of twenty-one former students and alumni who gave their lives in World War II and paying tribute to gold star veterans of World War I and IL.

Herman F. Skyberg of Fisher, Northwest School Class of '16 and a member of the University of Minnesota Board of Regents, gave the Armistice Day address in the school auditorium. A tribute to the war dead of former students and alumni of both World War I and World War II from the Northwest School was given by Superintendent T. M. McCall. The Advanced Choir, under the direction of Miss Winnifred Erickson with Miss Sally Maher as accompanist, sang "Peace Hymn" by G. W. Warren, "Madame Jeanette" by A. Murray, and "Battle Hymn of the Republic" by Steffe. Following the program in the school auditorium, the color bearers and color guards with their commanding officers led the march of the parents, faculty and students, to the Soldier's and Sailors' Memorial Monument for the dedication of the bronze plaque and the placing of the wreath.

At the monument Kenneth Miller of Crookston, president of the Northwest School Alumni Association, gave the address at the unveiling of the memorial plaque and formally presented the plaque to the Northwest School. The response was given by Superintendent T. M. McCall. Ronald Dahl of Kennedy, president of the Senior class, paid tribute to the Northwest School war dead of World Wars I and II and placed the wreath on the monument.

The salute was fired by a firing squad from the National Guard, Company G of Crookston. Officers of the Veterans' organizations taking part in the service were George Richards, commander of the Crookston post of the American Legion; George Jackson, commander of Disabled Veterans; and Christian Fischer, service officer of the Veterans of Foreign Wars who served also as officer of the day.

Thirty-nine parents and members of families of the gold star boys named on the new bronze plaque were guests of honor at the program and later were guests at a dinner in the Aggie Inn of the school dining hall.



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team. Pep fest songs and cheers concluded the Homecoming assembly.

Diane Swenson, Homecoming queen of 1948, and a student at Moorhead State Teachers' College, crowned Elaine Kopecky of Angus, the 1949 Homecoming queen, during the intermission between halves of the afternoon football game. The runners-up in the Homecoming Queen contest were named as attendants to the queen and included Estelle Eisert, Euclid; Mae Nurmi of Angora; Deloris Jackson, Greenbush; and Joyce Anderson of Caledonia, North Dakota. The formal presentation of the Homecoming Queen and her attendants was made at the Homecoming dance and party at the gymnasium on Saturday evening.

A dinner for the members of the football teams from Morris and Crookston and the cross-country teams from North Central School of Grand Rapids and the Northwest School was held at the Aggie Inn of the school Dining Hall at 6:30 p. m. The dinner was served under the direction of Miss Julia Shea, dining hall manager, and her class members enrolled in Quantity Cookery. H. D. Fausch served as toastmaster at the dinner with speeches made by football coaches H. H. Ly-saker, Northwest School; Ralph Smith, West Central School of Morris, and E. F. Bennett, Northwest School cross-country coach. Other speakers on the program included E. N. Reiers-gord, A. M. Foker of the Northwest School and the captains of the various teams.

The Stephens Hall dormitory was awarded the "A Club" bronze trophy for having the best Homecoming outside decorations in the dormitory decorations contest; Robertson Hall ranked second, with the New Dormitory and Senior Hall ranking in order as stated.

Homecoming was concluded with the dance in the gymnasium and the party in the Aggie Inn. The Larson orchestra of Ada supplied the music at the dance.

**R. R. VALLEY WINTER SHOWS  
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ruary 20 to 24, inclusive, in 1950.

Outstanding authorities in important departments of agricultural and home economics research are being secured for the daytime educational meetings to be held during the week. Men and women of national and international fame will appear on the three evening programs beginning on February 21.

The livestock, crops, poultry, and industrial shows open on February 20 and continue through February 24. The annual livestock sales will be held on February 23 and 24. Premium lists for the Winter Shows are now available. Printed programs for the meetings will be available in February.

**Northwest School Briefs****\*\*\*News Regarding Graduates and Former Students of the Northwest School:**

\*\*\*Surges Amundson is studying Mechanical Technology at Cogswell College, San Francisco, California. His address is 87 Coleridge Street, San Francisco, California.

\*\*\*Miss Anne Simley, who served as an instructor in English and Speech at the Northwest School for eight years, is now completing her twentieth year at Hamline University, St. Paul, as an assistant professor in Speech and Dramatics. In one of her classes in speech this year she has Beverly Johnson, who is the daughter of Chester Johnson (one of her former English students at the Northwest School).

\*\*\*Andor Lindberg visited the Northwest School campus on October 8. He is a dairy products inspector for the upper peninsula of Michigan for the State Department of Agriculture, Bureau of Dairying. His headquarters are at Gaylord, Michigan.

\*\*J. W. Mlinar, former instructor and Registrar at the Northwest School, is now living in Kansas City, Missouri. His address is Apartment 112, Ambassador Hotel, Broadway at 36th Kansas City, Missouri.

\*\*\*Heimer W. Swanson will graduate in agricultural education from the University of Minnesota, St. Paul, in December.

\*\*\*Raymond Hogenson visited the campus on October 17. He is a public accountant with his office for public accountant services in St. Paul, Minnesota.

\*\*\*Dorothy Kolling is attending the University of Minnesota, Duluth Branch.

\*\*\*Clarice Thureen, Thomas Hughes, Phyllis Magnuson and Delphine Hedlund are students at Concordia college, Moorhead.

\*\*Earl Waterworth is attending Bemidji State Teachers College, Bemidji.

\*\*\*Diane Swenson, Florence McMullan, Phyllis Anderson, and Dorothy Finkenbinder are attending the State Teachers College at Moorhead.

\*\*\*Lundell Swenson, Manuel Green, James Thibido, and Beverly Kurtz are students at the North Dakota Agricultural College at Fargo, North Dakota.

\*\*\*Gloria and Ruth Giese are students at Gustavus Adolphus College at St. Peter, Minnesota.

**Marriages**

\*\*\*Miss Myrtle Nisbet, formerly of East Grand Forks, to Theodore Peterson, of Portland, Oregon, on September 16, in Vancouver, Washington. They are making their home in Portland.

\*\*Miss Betty Craft of Red Lake Falls to James Engelstad of Thief River Falls on September 17 at Thief River Falls.

\*\*\*Miss Colleen Skeie of Winger to Orval Aakhus of McIntosh on Septem-

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**NEW FUTURITY CLASSES SET UP FOR R. R. V. WINTER SHOWS**

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Northwest School who purchased purebred gilts and lambs before January 1, 1950. Such lambs and gilts will compete in the 1950 Futurity classes at the Red River Valley Winter Shows, which will be held February 20-24, Tuesday, February 21, has been set aside as a special day for the judging of 4-H club and Futurity classes of livestock at the Winter Shows.

Paul Engelstad of Thief River Falls was appointed as general superintendent of livestock and concessions for the 1950 Winter Shows.

**NORTHWEST AGGIES CLOSE SUCCESSFUL FOOTBALL SEASON**

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school team from Fertile was held to a 12 to 12 tie game. In the final game of the season, the Northwest Aggies journeyed to Morris for the West Central Homecoming. Northwest Aggies won their game at Morris by a score of 12 to 0 and returned the Conference trophy "Ossie" to the Northwest School.

**NORTHWEST SCHOOL BRIEFS**

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ber 18 at Winger, Minnesota. They are making their home at Grand Forks, North Dakota.

\*\*\*Miss Mildred Bystal of Ashby to Nelvin Thormodson of Dalton on September 25.

\*\*\*Miss Lois Galle to Wm. C. Whiting on October 5, at Seattle, Washington. Mrs. Whiting was a member of the English faculty at the Northwest School during the 1943-44 school year.

\*\*\*Miss Arlene Vesledahl of Winger to Marvin Zahl of Winger on June 24. They are making their home near Winger., Minnesota.

\*\*\*Miss Marilyn Tangen to Willis Wagner of Fisher on October 15 at Fisher, Minnesota.

\*\*\*Miss Eloise Kleve of Fertile to Lester Casavan of Crookston on October 24 at Estelline, South Dakota.

\*\*\*Miss Ada Torgerson of Underwood to Herbert Wagstrom of Underwood on September 18. They will live at Underwood, Minnesota.

\*\*\*Miss Grace Dahlen of Thief River Falls to Arnold S. Hammer of Thief River Falls on September 24. They will make their home in Seattle, Washington.

\*\*\* Miss Jeanette Bergh of Hallock to Willis Bedard of Northcote on October 9. They are making their home at Northcote, Minnesota.

**Births**

\*\*\*To Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Cymbaluk (nee Arlene Thoreson) a daughter, on October 10, at Crookston, Minnesota.

\*\*\*To Mr. and Mrs. Anton Goodyke (nee Claire Wimpheimer) a son, on October 1, at Crookston. Their home is at Euclid, Minnesota.

**Deaths**

\*\*\*Oscar M. Wedul of Thief River Falls on October 2, at Thief River Falls.