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New Faculty Members Announced

The Northwest School and Experiment Station has again been fortunate in securing able replacements for faculty members who resigned during the year. New members of the teaching staff are as follows:

Rudolph M. Stolen of St. Paul was appointed to fill the position formerly held by Lavon J. Sumption as Assistant Animal Husbandman in the School and Experiment Station. Mr. Stolen took over his duties on July 1 and has assisted H. D. Fausch, senior member of the Animal Husbandry staff, in the many research projects in their department.

Mr. Stolen is well known in the Red River Valley as he served as county agricultural agent in East Polk county for a number of years. Mr. Stolen left



R. M. Stolen

the county agent work in 1945 to serve as Director of Public Relations for Land O' Lakes Creameries, Inc. In 1946 he became manager of the Herd Improvement Division of Land O' Lakes Creameries. He returned to the University of Minnesota for graduate work in 1951-53 and received his Master of Science degree in Animal Husbandry this year, and in addition has most of his course work completed toward his Ph. D. degree. Mr. and Mrs. Stolen and their two sons are residents on the school campus.

Robert L. Singelstad has been appointed as successor to Mrs. Jean Kjorlie Miller as instructor in sophomore English, debating, and play production.



R. L. Singelstad

Mr. Singelstad, whose home is at Emmons, Minnesota, graduated from Waldorf Junior College, Forest City, Iowa, in 1950, and received his Bachelor of Arts degree at Concordia College, Moorhead, in 1953. During his time in college, he took an active part in dramatics and debating. He will reside at Robertson hall.

Miss Mary Joan Croal of Fargo, North Dakota, has been appointed to succeed Miss Shirley Peterson as instructor in piano and assistant in vocal music. Miss Croal graduated from Carleton College, Northfield, Minnesota, where she received her Bachelor of

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Fall Term Opens September 28; Record Enrollment Assured For Fall Term

The 48th year of the Northwest School of Agriculture will, according to advance enrollments, be a banner year in student attendance. With 432 room reservations and twenty non-resident students, a total attendance of 452 is assured.

The registration plan used in past years will be followed again this year. All freshmen and new students should register early on Monday, September 28; former students may register on the afternoon of the opening day and during the morning of September 29. A guided tour of the campus and school buildings has been arranged for all new students at 9:30 a.m. on September 29. The school term officially opens with a general assembly for all students and faculty at 11:30 a.m. on September 29; Superintendent T. M. McCall will be the speaker at the opening assembly. Classes for the fall term will start at 1:15 p.m. on that date.

While marriages and graduate colleges have taken a toll of last year's faculty members, the school has been very fortunate in getting well-trained and competent instructors to fill vacancies.

Improvements in buildings during the summer months have been largely maintenance work, such as painting and the purchase of dormitory equipment. Funds appropriated by the State Legislature for the remodeling of the Home Economics building were not available until July 1 which did not permit the starting of that project this year. It is planned now to have contractors start on the Home Economics

remodeling at the close of the winter term so the building will be in readiness for the fall term of 1954.

Parlors and washrooms in the New Dormitory for girls have been newly decorated. Halls, parlors, washrooms, and many student rooms in Robertson Hall have received new coats of paint, and new tubular steel parlor furniture has been ordered for that dormitory. Considerable plastering and painting has been done in Stephens Hall. All dormitories have been put in excellent shape for the opening of school.

The gymnasium has been given both exterior and interior paint jobs. Considerable new equipment has been purchased for the school Dining Hall which will help expedite the work in food service.

Improvements authorized by the University to be made during the year include replacement of radiator valves in steam radiators in all boys' dormitories and school buildings, rewiring power and light lines to Owen Building, and re-roofing the dairy barn.

Full programs of extra-curricular activities in sports and school entertainments are planned for the school year. The football schedule is announced in this issue. Schedules for cross-country, swimming, wrestling, and basketball are in the process of being drawn and will be announced later. Lyceum attractions for the year have been booked which together with school and class parties will assure the students of an excellent entertainment schedule for the school year.



AERIAL VIEW OF NORTHWEST SCHOOL AND EXPERIMENT STATION, CROOKSTON

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Conrad G. Selvig—A Tribute

T. M. McCALL, Superintendent

On our arrival at Los Angeles, California, on August 3, Mrs. McCall and I were greatly shocked to learn of the untimely passing of Conrad G. Selvig on August 2 at Santa Monica, California. What normally would have been a joyful reunion visit at the Selvigs, it was a funeral call instead at the Colonel Wilson home (Margaret Selvig Wilson) where we met Helen, Margaret, and George Selvig.

Mr. Selvig was, to me, the outstanding agricultural leader of the century in the Red River Valley area. He was an untiring worker and was never satisfied until a job was completed. He lived up to his motto "Do It Now."

He came to Crookston at the time when agricultural and home economics training for farm boys and girls was not popular and when many farmers looked upon agricultural research as "white collar" farming. Needless to say, Superintendent C. G. Selvig gathered a staff of teachers and research workers about him and proved the value of vocational training and research. Mr. Selvig and his agronomists were instrumental in importing the first carload of alfalfa seed into the Red River Valley. Other projects promoted by C. G. Selvig which are monuments to his memory were the organization of the Red River Valley Livestock Association and the founding of the Red River Valley Winter Shows and Northwest School Farmers' and Homemakers' Week. Experiment Station projects were reorganized and put in regular form under his guidance. Buildings erected under the Selvig administration were Hill Building, Selvig (Senior Hall), central heating plant, Health Service building, faculty cottages and apartments, elevator, greenhouse, beef barn, and Dining Hall building. The concrete paving around the campus lifted the school "out of the mud" during the Selvig administration. The school and experiment station work was organized on a good basis when Mr. Selvig, as Congressman from the 9th Minnesota District, turned over his position to A. A. Dowell in 1927. As Congressman, Mr. Selvig represented his district and agriculture in general in a manner which won the respect of his fellow Congressman and his constituents.

Following his career in Congress and all during his retirement at Santa Monica, California, Mr. Selvig followed with great interest and pride the progress of the Northwest School and Experiment Station and the Red River

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NEW FACULTY MEMBERS ANNOUNCED

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Arts degree in Music in 1953, with Honors Recital. While in college, she took an active part in the various music organizations, Carleton Student Association, Women's League, and is a member of the American Association of University Women. She has given private instruction in piano and organ for a number of years and has served as accompanist for orchestras.



Mary Croal

Lloyd W. Nystrom of Alvarado, Minnesota, was appointed to succeed R. W. Hullinger as instructor in science and preceptor in Robertson Hall. Mr. Nystrom, a native of the Red River Valley, is manager-operator of the home farm at Alvarado during the crop



L. W. Nystrom

growing season. In his undergraduate training, Mr. Nystrom spent one year at the University of North Dakota and completed his work for his Bachelor of Science degree at the University of Minnesota, College of Agriculture, graduating "with distinction" in 1953. Mr. Nystrom will teach science and mathematics and serve as preceptor in Robertson hall. Charles Whiting and Robert Singelstad will be assistant proctors in Robertson Hall.

Miss Dolores Hesch of Pierz, Minnesota, has been appointed as school nurse and instructor to succeed Mrs. Shirley Dalager Westacott. Miss Hesch completed her subcollegiate training at the St. Francis High School, Little Falls. She graduated as a Registered



Dolores Hesch

Nurse from the St. Gabriel's School of Nursing in August 1952. Since receiving her R. N. degree, Miss Hesch has served on the general nursing staff of St. Gabriel's Hospital and the University Hospital in Minneapolis. During the past two summer sessions, she has taken graduate courses in Public Health Nursing at the University of Minnesota.

PLAN TO ATTEND HOMECOMING

October 17

Report On The Minnesota

No. 2 Breed Of Swine

H. D. FAUSCH

This report is continued from the June-July 1953 issue of the "Northwest School News" and concludes the report.

The paragraph below shows the performance of the Minnesota No. 2 swine by years. Note that the level of several performance characteristics has actually increased during the development of the line in spite of the fact that the breed was also progressing in inbreeding during this time. At the present time, animals in the Northwest School and Experiment Station herd have inbreeding coefficients of about 30 per cent.

Number Born Alive: 6.2 (1942); 9.1 (1943); 8.5 (1944); 8.5 (1945); 8.0 (1946); 7.6 (1947); 7.5 (1948); 8.3 (1949); 8.7 (1950); 8.1 (1951). **Weaning Wt./Pig:** 30.0 (1942); 23.5 (1943); 31.7 (1944); 34.8 (1945); 31.8 (1946); 30.0 (1947); 29.2 (1948); 30.6 (1949); 25.3 (1950); 30.2 (1951). **154-Day Wt./Pig:** 167 (1942); 136 (1943); 178 (1944); 187 (1945); 170 (1946); 153 (1947); 163 (1948); 168 (1949) 140 (1950); 178 (1951). **Feed/Cwt. Gain:** 308 (1942); 281 (1943); 335 (1944); 311 (1945); 336 (1946); 316 (1947); 294 (1948); 300 (1949); 310 (1950); 298 (1951).

The information above clearly shows that the performance of the Minnesota No. 2 hogs has been superior. However, the primary purpose of any inbred line is for crossing and in its crosses the full productive ability of the line is achieved. The Minnesota No. 2 was "tailor-made" for crossing with the Minnesota No. 1 and in these crosses it is at its best. Carcasses from these crosses are truly superior. The most outstanding features of these carcasses are high yield of loin, low index of fat cuts, and increased thickness of lean in the belly. These characteristics were found to carry over in most of the crossbreds in which the Minnesota No. 2 was used.

The Minnesota No. 2 breed will continue to be maintained at the Northwest Experiment Station. In the spring of 1953, fifty-seven litters of No. 2's were farrowed. These pigs are available to breeders of the No. 2's as well as to commercial producers, who desire them for crossing.

The No. 2 enjoys a great advantage at Crookston in being located in an area of low swine population. In these days of increased swine disease, breeders throughout the United States are constantly searching for breeding stock that can be brought into their herds without the danger of increased disease outbreaks. The herd at Crookston has been disease-free since before its beginning in 1937. The herd is made immune to hog cholera by vaccination each year and has been proved brucellosis-free by yearly blood tests. This disease-free status is being carefully guarded.

Homecoming Scheduled For October 17

Homecoming, the outstanding event of the fall term at the Northwest School, will be held on Saturday, October 17. Highlight features of the day will be the Agricultural School Conference football game between the Northwest Aggies and the North Central School Aggies of Grand Rapids, the crowning of the Homecoming queen, and the Homecoming dance and party in the evening.

Homecoming festivities will get underway on Friday evening, October 16, with the torchlight parade and bonfire. A special Homecoming assembly will be held on October 17 at 11:15 a.m. in the school auditorium when awards will be made for the best decorated dormitories and members of the competing football team will be introduced.

The dinner for the football teams will be held at 6:00 p.m. followed by the Homecoming dance and party. At the dance, the Homecoming queen and her attendants will be formally presented.

A large number of former students and alumni are expected to return to the campus for Homecoming.

Northwest School Students Prominent In 4-H Club Work

Students and graduates of the Northwest School are taking an active part in 4-H Club work in the Red River Valley counties. Many students are serving as junior leaders and officers of their local 4-H clubs, while the older graduates are leaders or prominent members in the older youth groups.

It appears that West Polk county has established a record with a number of Northwest School students as presidents of 4-H clubs. This number is open to challenge by other counties in the Red River Valley area. Students who are serving as presidents of their local 4-H clubs include Albert Chruszch, Angus; Darrel Stengl, Angus; Elaine Thureen, East Grand Forks; Eleanor Schroeder, East Grand Forks; Marlys Love, Euclid, and Jeanne Vanek, Angus.

Many of the students and graduates of the Northwest School are taking opportunity to do community service work. Students may enroll in the community service home projects and receive credits and be eligible for Northwest School Parents' Association scholarships for outstanding work in this particular project. In the older youth group, we have a number of graduates who are doing outstanding work in community leadership. A notable example is one in Polk county where Glenn Torkelson has organized an older youth group chorus. This chorus meets every week for practice and appeared on a program at the Northwest School in connection with the finals for the West Polk one-act play contest. This chorus also appeared on the program at 4-H Club Week at the Northwest School the week of June 15.

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Conrad G. Selvig Stricken By Heart Attack

Former Superintendent C. G. Selvig suffered a fatal heart attack at the wheel of his automobile at Santa Monica, California, on Sunday, August 2. Mr. Selvig was 75 years of age at the time of his death. He was born at Rushford, Minnesota, October 11, 1877.

He graduated from high school at Rushford in 1895 and received his B. A. degree at the University of Minnesota in 1907 and his M. A. degree in 1908. Following the death of former Superintendent Wm. Robertson in February, 1910, Mr. Selvig accepted the position as superintendent of the Northwest School and Experiment Station that same year. He resigned in 1927 when elected as Congressman from the Minnesota Ninth Congressional District.

As an agricultural leader in Minnesota, he served as president of the Red River Valley Dairymen's Association, was founder and president of the Red River Valley Livestock Association and Red River Valley Winter Shows, and took a prominent part in the activities of the Red River Valley Development Association and Red Lake Drainage and Conservancy District. He was identified with all agencies working for the improvement of agricultural production, schools, and the improvement of living conditions on the farm. After three productive terms in Congress, Mr. Selvig retired to his home in Crookston and later moved to his home at 1303 Georgina Avenue, Santa Monica, California. Mrs. Selvig died on July 3, 1950.

He is survived by one son, Conrad George of Venice, California, and daughters Margaret E. Wilson of Santa Monica, California, and Helen Selvig of Washington, D. C.



CONRAD G. SELVIG
1877 - 1953

Football Prospects Bright

While the Northwest Aggie football squad lost a large number of veterans through graduation last year, yet a promising lot of new men will qualify for the team this year. With but a few days of preseason practice, the Aggies will play Cathedral High School of Crookston on Thursday night, October 1, the first week of school.

The football schedule is as follows: October 1—Crookston Cathedral—Night Game (in Crookston); October 8—Warren—Here (Night Game); October 13—Walker—there; October 17—Grand Rapids—Here (Homecoming); October 20—Fertile—Here (night game); October 23—Fosston—Here; October 30—West Central Aggies, Morris—There.

1953-54 Teaching Staff

Members of the faculty for the 1953-54 school year as announced by Superintendent T. M. McCall are as follows:

H. W. Soderburg, Wm. Barron, and A. M. Foker—agricultural engineering; O. C. Soine—agronomy; E. N. Reiersgard, Registrar, mathematics, biology; H. D. Fausch and R. M. Stolen—animal husbandry; A. M. Pilkey—poultry husbandry; B. C. Beresford—horticulture and forestry; Miss Margaret Larsen, Mrs. Alice Ittner, Miss Darlene Johnson, and Robert Singelstad—English, speech, dramatics, and journalism; the Misses Retta Bede and Elsie Kingston—home economics; the Misses Patricia Harman and Mary Croal—music; H. H. Lysaker, C. D. Whiting—social science, history, physical education, and athletics; Miss Fae Hughbanks—business training; Lloyd Nystrom—science; Miss Dolores Hesch—school nurse, public health, and home nursing; John A. Campbell, veterans' On-the-Farm Training Program; and Wm. E. Pond—band. The clothing instructor and school physicians will be announced later.

Additional subjects taught by regular instructors named include civics, sociology, economics, marketing, applied art, clothing, first aid, business law.

Faculty To Present Program On October 4

Members of the Northwest School faculty from the departments of music and English will present the opening Sunday evening program of the fall term October 4. Sunday evening vesper services will be held throughout the school year. The young people's Christian organizations, the Hi-Y and Tri-Hi-Y assist with the vesper services. Student programs are arranged and ministers from Crookston and the surrounding area are invited to speak at the vesper services.

4-H CLUB WORK

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Opportunities for this type of community service or other types of service to the community are unlimited for Northwest School students and graduates.

Northwest School Briefs

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

***Professor and Mrs. H. P. Constans of the University of Florida, Gainesville, visited the Northwest School campus on August 27. Both Professor and Mrs. Constans were members of the Northwest School faculty during the two school years of 1921-23. Mr. Constans is head of the Department of Speech at the University of Florida.

***Werner Weindorf, '38, was recalled into the Air Corps on July 3; he returned as a Major. He is stationed at Waco, Texas.

***Donald N. Miller, A 3/c, '49, is in military service and is stationed at Amarillo Air Force Base in Texas where he is an instructor of jet mechanics.

***NEW ADDRESS: Pvt. Duane S. Truhn, U. S. 55284511, Army Dog Training Center, Camp Carson, Colorado.

***RECENT CAMPUS VISITORS: Mr. and Mrs. Roy Melick (Roy, '21, Florence Dougherty, '22), on August 5. Their address is 3302 No. Delta St., So. San Gabriel, California. Chester Yergens, '31, on July 31. His address is 3225 North 91st, Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Harry Mellick, '21, and his family on July 21. His address is 3111 Westminster Ave., Dallas, Texas. Also his classmate, Clayton Walker, '20, and daughter of Red Lake Falls. Peter Wald, on August 31. His present address is Randolph Air Force Base, 3510 Fighter Trainer Wing, San Antonio, Texas.

Marriages

***Miss Betty Ann Johnson, '52, to Peter M. Engelstad, '52, on August 8, at Pelican Rapids, Minnesota.

***Miss Harriet Lydick, '51, to Lyle Kasprick, '50, on July 14, at Bemidji, Minnesota.

***Miss Shirley Jensrud, '52, to George A. Johnson, on September 8, at Crookston, Minnesota. They will make their home in Duluth, Minnesota.

***Miss Ruth Tendeland to Bennet Mosen, '46, on August 1, at Nielsville, Minnesota. They will make their home at Hallock, Minnesota.

***Miss Doriene Moser, '52, to Virgil Sauve on August 18, at Malung, Minnesota. They are living at 104 Crocker Avenue, N., Thief River Falls, Minnesota.

***Miss Cleo Ann Matter, '48, to Leo E. Steffl, at Callaway, Minnesota, on September 20.

***Miss Diane Marquette to J. Frederic Goossen, Jr., on September 5. Mrs. Goossen was a piano instructor at the Northwest School in 1951-52.

Births

***To the Reverend and Mrs. Otto Matthias (nee Emily Johnson, '39), of Windsor, Colorado, a daughter, Karen Ruth, on August 5.

Deaths

***Joseph DeHaan, '47, on February 19, 1952, in Camp No. 2, North Korea. He entered military service in April, 1950, and was sent to Korea in December, 1950. He was reported as missing in (continued in column 3)

Three Flower Shows Held In District During August

During the week of August 10, the Ninth District Horticultural Society of Minnesota held three flower shows sponsored by three of the thirty member clubs. B. C. Beresford, of the Northwest School and Experiment Station and secretary of the Society, stated that this year's shows were three of the most successful in the history of the district shows. There was a total of 1650 entries from 190 exhibitors from all over the Red River Valley.

The flower shows were held at Moorhead on August 11, Bemidji on August 12, and Badger on August 13. O. C. Turnquist of University Farm, St Paul, judged the three shows and spoke at an afternoon program at each show.

Winner of the Munn trophy awarded to the exhibitor winning most points in all classes of the premium list was the Reverend Horman Hoffman of Ada. Ted Markus of Bemidji won the Oftedahl gladiolus trophy. The Bemidji Garden Club won possession of the Citizen's State Bank of Roseau trophy awarded to the club whose members total the most points at any of the shows. The C. M. Pesek Certificates of Merit, awarded to the sweepstakes winner at each show, were awarded to the Reverend Hoffman, Ada, at the Moorhead show; Ted Markus, Bemidji, at the Bemidji show; and Mrs. Frank Searle, Warroad, at the Badger show.

Presidents of the host clubs in charge of the arrangements for each show were Mrs. Jennie Tang, Moorhead; Mrs. Myrle Kalbrenner, Bemidji; and Mrs. Obert Wammer, Badger.

NORTHWEST SCHOOL COMING EVENTS

- September 28—Registration of New Students.
- September 29—Registration of Former Students (Forenoon)
- September 30—Annual Pow-Wow
- October 3 Reception to Students
- Oct 17 Homecoming
- November 25 Parents' Day and Student Home Project Show

NORTHWEST SCHOOL BRIEFS

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action but was in reality taken prisoner by the Communists. In December, 1951, he was listed as a prisoner in the Chiang Song Camp on the Manchurian border.

***Melvin Flaskerud '27 in April 1953, at Fosston, Minnesota.

***John Bergh of Hallock on July 3 at Hallock, Minnesota.

CONRAD G. SELVIG—A TRIBUTE

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Valley Winter Shows. The formal dedication of Selvig Hall to his memory, he stated, was one of the high honors he received.

Mr. Selvig, to me and to a host of his friends, represents that intangible "Spirit of the Red River Valley."



The 1952-53 Mixed Choir of the Northwest School—One of the many student music groups at the school. Members of the choir last year were: **First Row:** Miss Harman, Director; Laverne Stromstad, Donna Miller, Gelene Balstad, Maxine Finkenbinder, Evelyn Nordquist, Marian Rude, Marlys Love, Estelle Flatten, Gloria Paseka, Adelle Larson, Marilyn Balstad, Miss Peterson, accompanist. **Second Row:** Lorraine Hasbargen, Norma Nielsen, Helen Overgaard, Kathryn Clementson, Shirley Lavins, Elaine Thureen, Marilyn Thormodson, Marian Pederson, Geraldine Clasen, Doris Tollefson, Mildred Peterson, Ruth Iverson, Virginia Webster. **Third Row:** Gordon Hanson, Willis Finifrock, Richard Driscoll, Maynard Helgaas, Harold Vig, Lorne Johnson, Harlan Miller, Harold Ash, Gabriel Brisbois, Wilfred Moser, Henry Landin, Donald Wald. **Fourth Row:** Loren Nelson, Ralph Short, Duane Halstengard, Richard Kluzak, Fredrick Clasen.