

Northwest School News

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49th SCHOOL YEAR OPENS SEPTEMBER 27; FULL ENROLLMENT IS ASSURED

With an advanced paid room reservation list of more than 400 students one month prior to the opening of school, a capacity enrollment is assured for the Northwest School fall term which opens on September 27. A few remaining rooms in the older boys' and girls' dormitories will be filled to capacity by the opening day of school.

The improved facilities in the home economics and business training departments will be of special interest and value to the girls. The boys, too, can profit by the improved facilities in business training and agricultural engineering. The new facilities in the home economics department should, according to contract, be completed by September 25. The scope of the work in agricultural engineering has been enlarged whereby a greater stress will be placed on farm structures. New equipment has been secured for wood-working, welding and motors laboratories. The high caliber of work offered in all of the departments will be maintained which together with a full round of extra-curricular activities will collectively give students opportunity to get the most possible out of their school year.

The registration plan followed in previous years will be followed again this year. All students registering for the first time should register if possible on Monday morning, September 27. Upper classmen can register on the afternoon of the 27th and the morning of September 28. All new students will be given conducted tours of the campus and school buildings on Tuesday morning, September 28. The first all-school assembly will be held at 11:30 A.M. on that date with Superintendent T. M. McCall as speaker. Classes will officially start at 1:15 P.M. on September 28.

The faculty will gather for their first faculty meeting at 4 P.M. on Saturday, September 25. The superintendent's reception to the new and former faculty members will be held on the evening of September 26.

Military service, additional graduate work and opportunities for advanced positions have taken their toll of staff members; however, all vacancies have been filled by very competent instructors.

While some improvements have been made in all dormitories, yet the plan of concentrating improvements on one dormitory each year has been followed. Stephens Hall Dormitory for sophomore and junior students has had a face-lifting operation during the sum-

mer. The exterior of the building has been painted, improvements have been made to the front entrance, and the entire interior of the building has been redecorated.

Additional new inner-spring mattresses have been secured for the boys' dormitories this year. Some new room furniture has been installed in the boys' dormitories.

A fine series of University Lyceum attractions has been booked for the school year, which together with full-length motion pictures and school parties constitute a fine entertainment program for the year. A full program of sports has been arranged with football games and cross-country meets for the fall term. Basketball, swimming and wrestling will be the major sports of the winter term. The schedules of football games and cross-country meets are listed in this issue of the Northwest School News.

Members Of Northwest School Faculty

In order for the alumni and friends of the Northwest School to become acquainted with the members of the Northwest School faculty, a list of the faculty will be published each year. The Northwest School can well be proud of a well-trained staff of instructors who give instruction to the students each year.

Members of the 1954-55 staff will be: E. C. Miller, H. W. Soderburg, and Wm. Barron, Sr.—agricultural engineering; O. C. Soine—Agronomy; B. C. Beresford—horticulture and forestry; H. D. Fausch and R. M. Stolen—animal husbandry; A. M. Pilkey—poultry husbandry; E. N. Reiersgord, Registrar, mathematics, biology; Miss Margaret Larsen, Mrs. Alice Ittner, Miss Marguerite McNaughton, and J. W. Mlinar—English, speech, dramatics, and journalism; Miss Retta Bede, Mrs. Evelyn Peterson and Mrs. Myrtle Brown—home economics; Miss Mary Croal and John A. Miller—music; H. H. Lysaker, C. D. Whiting—social science, history, physical education, and athletics; Miss Fae Hughbanks—business training; Jaroslav Kruta—science; Miss Ruth Ann Nelson—school nurse, public health, and home nursing; Wm. E. Pond—band; and T. M. McCall, superintendent.

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

New Faculty Members Are Announced

Military service, graduate work and promotions have taken their toll of Northwest School staff members during the current year. The Northwest School, however, has been very fortunate in getting able replacements for staff members who have resigned during the summer months.

The school has been very fortunate in securing again for its staff, J. W.



J. W. Mlinar

Mlinar, former registrar and instructor, who has just completed a twelve-year assignment as a personnel management consultant of the United States Army. Mr. Mlinar will take over the work in sophomore English, debating, and play production which was held by Robert Singelstad during the past school year. Mr. Singelstad, because of illness of his father, took over the management of the home farm at Emmons, Minnesota.

Mr. Mlinar, who is a graduate of the University of Minnesota, was a member of the Northwest School staff from 1928 to 1942. In addition to Mr. Mlinar's classroom activities, he will serve as one of the counselors to the students in Robertson Hall.

Jaroslav I. Kruta has been appointed to take over the work as instructor in



J. I. Kruta

science to replace Lloyd Nystrom who is on military leave of absence from his position. Mr. Kruta is well known to the Northwest School staff inasmuch as he is a graduate of the Northwest School and more recently a graduate of the Moorhead State Teachers College with B. S. and B. A.

degrees granted him in June, 1954. Mr. Kruta continued his high scholarship ratings earned at the Northwest School throughout his college career and graduated with honors in his class at Moorhead State Teachers College. His name appears in "Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities" and is a member of the Kappa Delta Pi Honorary Fraternity. Since leaving the Northwest School, Mr. Kruta has been self-employed on the home farm, has taught one year in the Warroad school district and has had special service with the Clay County Red Cross. He

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Three Successful Flower Shows Held In Valley

The 9th District Horticulture Society held three outstanding flower shows in the Red River Valley August 10, 11 and 12. The shows were sponsored by three of the 31 member clubs and the Red River Valley Development Association. B. C. Beresford of the Northwest School and Experiment Station, secretary-treasurer of the Horticultural Society, states that this year's shows were three of the most successful in the history of the society which was organized in 1941. A total of 174 exhibitors from the member clubs entered 1527 exhibits at the following shows: August 10—Shelly: 63 exhibitors, 585 number of entries; August 11—Thief River Falls: 44 exhibitors, 320 number of entries; August 12—Roseau: 67 exhibitors, 662 number of entries.

Winner of the Oftedahl gladiolus trophy was Ted Markus of Bemidji who exhibited at Thief River Falls. This award goes to the exhibitor winning most points in the gladiolus class. The Munn trophy was won by Mrs. Hans Hanson of Thief River Falls for making the most points in all classes of the premium list. The Roseau Garden Club won possession of the Citizens' State Bank Trophy of Roseau, awarded to the garden club whose members total the most points at any of the shows. The C. M. Pesek Certificate of Merit, awarded to the sweepstakes winner at each show, were awarded to Mrs. Phil Berberich, Ada, at the Shelly show; Mrs. Hans Hanson, Thief River Falls, at the Thief River Falls show; and Mrs. Frank Searle, Warroad, at the Roseau show.

Ninth District president is Mrs. Lewis Handegaard of Hendrum. Other officers are Mrs. Norman Flagstad, Roseau, vice-president; and B. C. Beresford, Crookston, secretary-treasurer.

Northwest School Will Continue Band Instrument Instruction

Students who play band instruments and students who would like to get instruction in band instruments will be pleased to learn that William Pond of Grand Forks will return to the music staff of the Northwest School this fall.

Mr. Pond will give added time to the band this year whereby there will be two band practices per week in addition to the private instruction given throughout the day on Tuesdays of (continued in column 2)

NEW FACULTY MEMBERS ARE ANNOUNCED

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will reside in Robertson Hall and serve with C. D. Whiting and J. W. Mlinar as counselor to the boys in that dormitory.

Miss Margarette McNaughton of St. Paul has been appointed to take over the position formerly held by Miss Darlene Johnson as instructor in third year English, history, and adviser to the Red River Aggie Board. Miss McNaughton is a graduate of Macalester College and she received her M. A. degree from the University of Minnesota. She, too, graduated with honors in her undergraduate work. Miss McNaughton comes to the Northwest School with a rich background of teaching experience in the public schools of Minnesota and more recently with a technical high school in St. Cloud. Her predecessor, Miss Darlene Johnson, resigned to accept a full-time teaching position in high school work.

Miss Ruth Ann Nelson, whose home address is Forest City, Iowa, has been appointed to succeed Miss Dolores Hesch as school nurse and instructor. Miss Nelson transferred as a student from Waldorf Junior College, Forest City, Iowa, to the Kahler Hospitals School of Nursing at Rochester, Minnesota, where she finished her work as a registered nurse in 1952.

She has served as staff nurse at the Colonial Hospital at Rochester, Minnesota; polio nurse at Valley Baptist Hospital, Harlington, Texas, and has been more recently employed by the Elizabeth Kenny Institute in Minneapolis. During the past summer she has been reassigned for special duty as a polio nurse in Texas hospitals. Miss Nelson will have as her assistant, Mrs. Margaret MacRae, general staff nurse, who has been with the school for a number of years. Miss Nelson's predecessor, Miss Dolores Hesch, resigned to continue advanced training in public health nursing.

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NORTHWEST SCHOOL BAND INSTRUMENT INSTRUCTION

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each week. Mr. Pond feels that with the former band members returning to the school this year and with the added interest among beginners, the school band can show results this year which will be of value not only to the students but to the school as well. (continued in column 3)

Weather Summary

O. C. SOINE

The rainfall pattern during the past summer months has varied greatly in this general area, according to weather records at the Northwest School and Experiment Station. We have had long periods of drought followed by a few short rainy periods. In some areas, the small grain crops suffered from a lack of moisture while in others too much moisture in the low areas drowned out the crop. At the present time, the sub-soil moisture is low and permanent pastures and hay meadows are beginning to show the effect of this condition.

The total precipitation for the first eight months of this year measured 13.91 inches as recorded at the Northwest School. This figure is 1.50 inches below the long-time average for this same period. Six of the months were below average as indicated in the following table:

Total Precipitation by Months

	1954	50-Year Average
January	0.96 in.	0.54 in.
February	0.23 in.	0.67 in.
March	0.66 in.	0.83 in.
April	1.57 in.	1.62 in.
May	1.88 in.	2.73 in.
June	3.74 in.	3.30 in.
July	2.76 in.	2.85 in.
August	2.11 in.	2.87 in.
	13.91 in.	15.41 in.

The cool days of this past week (Sept. 6-11) indicated to us that fall frosts are very much in the future weather picture. Many people are concerned about the frost danger to such crops as corn, soybeans, potatoes, and garden crops. According to the official records, the average date of the first killing frost in this area is September 24. The probability, however, of a killing frost can occur anytime in September. In order to make use of the past weather records, the data has been assembled to show the probability of killing frosts occurring in this area.

The table below gives the number of years in 50 that the first killing frost is likely to occur at Crookston before the date shown. For example: in 4 years out of 50, frost has occurred on or before September 10; 20 years out of 50, frost has occurred on or before September 20. By October 10, 45 times out of 50 a killing frost has occurred on or before that date.

Station	September			October		
	1st	10th	20th	1st	10th	20th
Hallock	5	10	32	48	—	—
Crookston	—	4	20	38	45	—
Det. Lakes	3	9	20	41	49	—

NORTHWEST SCHOOL BAND

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Opportunity will be given the students to sign up for band during the first week of school. Active instruction and band practice will start during the second week of school and continue throughout the school year.

HOME ECONOMICS BUILDING REMODELED; MANY OTHER BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS MADE

The most conspicuous and most costly improvement made to the buildings at the Northwest School this year is the remodeling of the Home Economics Building. Improvements costing some \$40,000 have been and are being made to the Home Economics building. The front entrance is being entirely rebuilt and many major changes are being made in the home economics laboratories and the home management house.

While improvements were originally scheduled to be completed by September 25, it now appears that classes will be conducted in the building without the full equipment at the beginning of the school term.

A modern plan of arrangement calling for four kitchen units will replace the old equipment in the foods laboratory. A double-door opening between the foods laboratory and the foods classroom will be useful for the larger gatherings for food demonstrations. A new feature of the home economics foods work will be the farm kitchen, a laundry, and a farm dining room. The farm kitchen and dining room will accommodate the larger class groups for dinners and luncheons. The very latest in laundry equipment has been secured for the laundry unit laboratory instruction.

Additional facilities with new sewing machines will modernize the laboratory for the clothing work. A separate classroom for related art with new bench equipment has been provided on the first floor of the building. An additional room has been made available for the girls in home management by the building of an apartment for the home management supervisor on the third floor of the building. New rugs, dining room, living room and bedroom furniture will give the girls in Home Management ideal surroundings for the work in that course.

Miss Retta Bede, senior member of the home economics staff, will have her office on the second floor of the Home Economics building. Mrs. Evelyn Peterson, instructor in clothing and art, will have her office on the first floor. Miss Mary Croal, instructor in piano, will have the north piano studios on the first floor of the building.

While some improvements have been made in all of the different dormitories, yet the policy of concentrating improvements on one dormitory each year has been followed during the past summer. Stephens Hall dormitory for sophomore and junior boys has received major attention this year. The building has been entirely redecorated, both interior and exterior, and improvements have been made on the brick work and the interior lighting of the building. Some new chairs, furniture, and inner-spring mattresses have been secured for the boys' dormitories.

Many improvements have been made to other school and farm buildings. Many roofs of buildings had to be re-

paired after the windstorm in June. However, a new roof has been approved for the Dining Hall and the work on that roof should be completed before the opening of school. Other improvements to the Dining Hall include new rubber tile flooring for the main dining room and cloak rooms. A contract has just been awarded for the flooring and if the contractor cannot complete the work before the opening of school the work will be deferred until the Christmas vacation. New formica top tables have been ordered for the main dining room and they should be in place by the middle of October. The Kiehle building and Home Economics building have been brightened by exterior painting jobs and the Home Economics building is to be entirely redecorated throughout the interior of that structure.

A number of improvements were made to the dairy barn and milk room during the summer. Turkey shelters, destroyed by the June storm, were replaced with more modern structures. Other minor repairs to Experiment Station buildings and dormitories has kept a large crew of men busy throughout the summer.

Potato Field Day Scheduled At Station September 22

On Wednesday, September 22, the Northwest School and Experiment Station will show some of the newer potato varieties to farmers of this area and other interested persons. Dr. O. C. Turnquist, extension horticulturist, University Farm, St. Paul, will be on hand to discuss the potato varieties. Fifteen varieties and several Minnesota Experiment Station numbered selections will be shown.

The plots will be dug in the morning and will be open to inspection beginning at 1:00 P.M. The location of the plot is south of the entrance to the Northwest School and Experiment Station.

Varieties to be shown are Redburt, Keswick, LaSoda, Early Gem, Kennebec, Red Bliss, Triumph, Cherokee, Wasco, Osago, Red Pontiac, Irish Cobbler, Red Kote, Sebago, 49-17-0, and 49-9-4.

B. C. Beresford, horticulturist at the Northwest School and Experiment Station, states that the public is invited to visit this demonstration of potato varieties on September 22.

Plan to Attend
HOMECOMING
Northwest School, Crookston
Saturday, October 30

Homecoming Scheduled For October 30

Homecoming, one of the outstanding events of the fall term at the Northwest School, will be held on Saturday, October 30.

Highlight features of the day will be the Agricultural School Conference football game between the Northwest Aggies and the West Central Aggies of Morris, the crowning of the Homecoming queen, and the Homecoming dance and party in the evening.

Homecoming festivities will be underway on Friday evening, October 29, with the torchlight parade and bonfire. A special Homecoming assembly will be held on Saturday, October 30, 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.

Football Prospects For 1954

H. H. LYSAKER

The success of the 1954 football season at the Northwest School will depend upon the progress to be made by reserve lettermen of last year, plus the help we expect to get from the 40 boys who were on the "B" and freshmen teams last fall. Co-captain Glen Filipi, Angus, will be at the center position with Co-captain Leonard Bailey, Halstad, running from the left halfback spot. Sylvester Greskowiak, Crookston, our hard-hitting fullback, and Frank Szczepanski, Stephen, our 190-pound guard will be back at their regular positions on the opening day of practice. The boys on this year's team have a big job ahead of them if they are going to keep up the high standard of play set by our teams of the last three seasons who lost only four games of twenty-one played.

Other returning lettermen are: Eugene Austin, Gilby, North Dakota; James Dudgeon, East Grand Forks; Glen Finkenbinder, Crookston; Eldon Hanson, Beltrami; Lowell Hanson, Mahanomen; Richard Miller, Crookston; Fred Ophus, Erskine; James Roberts, Mallory; Duane Wagner, Fisher; Henry Hettwer, Mahanomen, and Arnold Skeie, Winger.

Football camp will be held at the Northwest School for all boys interested the week before school begins, September 20 to 27.

1954 Football Schedule

September 30—Crookston Cathedral, here—night game; October 8—Warren, there; October 14—Walker, here—night game; October 19—Fertile, there; October 25—Fosston, there; October 30—Morris, here—Homecoming; November 4—Crookston Central, there.

Northwest School Briefs

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

***Dr. LeRoy W. Hanson, who is a physician and surgeon, is now affiliated with the Korda Clinic at Pelican Rapids, Minnesota.

***Edwin Myers visited the campus on August 11, and was accompanied by his wife and two children. He is employed as a postal clerk in the Fresno, California, postoffice. Address is: 4454 East Nevada, California.

***Edwin Widseth, former Northwest School football star and University of Minnesota football star, was recently elected to the National Football Hall of Fame, New Brunswick, New Jersey.

***Wilson Radway is a member of CROP, Christian Rural Overseas Program, and his address is 525—6th Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa.

***Lt. Colonel Clayton M. Isaacson is now stationed in Chairfi, Formosa. His address is: Lt. Col. C M Isaacson, 9216 A Air Section, M.A.A.G., Formosa; APO 63, C/o Postmaster, San Francisco, California.

***Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Bakkegaard (nee Ardelle Hamlett) visited the campus on September 2, and were accompanied by their two children, David and Marilyn. Mr. Bakkegaard is an instructor in Music Education at the University of Texas, Austin, Texas. Mr. and Mrs. Bakkegaard are both former faculty members. Their address: 2003—Forest Trail, Austin 3, Texas.

***Charles Hagen is employed at The Northwestern National Bank of Minneapolis. His address: 2624 Clinton Avenue So., Minneapolis, Minnesota.

***Pvt. Laurie Mykleby is stationed at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri.

***Beth Lapp is employed as a nurse at the Deaconess hospital at Grafton, North Dakota.

***Cpl. Donald Mosbeck is assigned with Headquarters Battery, 223rd Field Artillery Battalion, 44th Infantry Division at Fort Lewis, Washington.

***Cpl. Ralph E. Tucker is a mechanic in the Army's Engineer Corps and is now stationed in Korea. He completed basic training at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri.

Marriages

***Miss Anna Mae Warmke of Easton, Minnesota, to Paul W. Auer at Minneapolis on June 26.

***Miss Nyla Grace Finney to Dennis R. Driscoll on August 15 at Perley, Minnesota. Address: 117 Seward Avenue, Grand Forks, North Dakota.

***Miss Lillian Lofquist of Jamestown, New York, to Maurice Engelstad of Fertile, Minnesota, on July 10 at Minneapolis, Minnesota. Address: 610 West Franklin, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

***Miss LaVerne Stromstad of Beltrami to Arlen O. Sondrol of Reynolds, North Dakota, on September 4.

***Miss Mary Ann Relf of East Grand Forks to James R. Nisbet of Fisher on (continued in Col. 3)

NEW FACULTY MEMBERS ARE ANNOUNCED

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John A. Miller of Minneapolis has been secured to replace Miss Patricia Harman as director of music and instructor in voice. Mr. Miller comes to the Northwest School with a rich background of training and experience. He received his B. A. degree from the University of Minnesota in 1950 and his Masters in Music from Northwestern University in 1951. After his duty in the Army, he attended the University of Minnesota last year and received his B. S. degree in Music Education at the August 1954 commencement. While at the University, he received the V. F. W. Music Award and was a member of the Zenith National Honor Society. He has given a number of music recitals and is an accomplished organist and choir director. He has had teaching experience as a director in music at Floyd, Iowa, High School, and Athens College, Alabama, and Huntington College, Indiana. Mr. Miller's predecessor, Patricia Harman, will continue her graduate work in music at the University of Minnesota.



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Faculty To Present Program On October 3

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 3.

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 held each Sunday evening in the school auditorium.

Northwest School

COMING EVENTS

Sept. 27—School Opens

Sept. 30—Football Season Begins

Oct. 3—Program by Music and English Faculty

Nov. 24—Parents' Day and Home Project Show

Big Turn-Out Expected For Cross-Country

H. H. LYSAKER

The boys at the Northwest School are fortunate that they can participate in cross-country, the great outdoor sport. Cross-country running develops boys on a sound basis for health which involves strength, vitality and endurance, and will enable them to go through competition on natural vitality and have the power to recuperate quickly from their efforts.

Cross-country running is an individual problem where, if individual discipline follows the pattern of clean living and regular habits, no injury will occur. Running is as old as history and is a national activity of all youth. We try to advocate cross-country for all boys in the fall who do not go out for football. Size is no hindrance to the young fellows in this sport. That will give a number of smaller boys in our school an opportunity to compete and to make their letter awards.

An attractive schedule has been set up with Grand Rapids, Morris, and Crookston Central.

Returning lettermen are: Captain Charles Armstrong, Euclid; Charles Kramer, Peoria, Illinois, and other boys from last year's squad are: Leo Bettles, Mahanomen; Frederick Larson, Euclid; Raymond Wiertzema, Euclid; Willis Finifrock, Barnum; Howard Duncan, Cando, North Dakota; Wilfred Moser, Salol; Larry Hamlin, Warroad; Maynard Veralrud, Olso; Glen Weber, Crookston, and Donald Boushee, Grand Forks.

NORTHWEST SCHOOL BRIEFS

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July 31, at East Grand Forks, Minnesota.

***Miss Mabel Zak of East Grand Forks to Earl Sirek of Red Lake Falls on July 31, at East Grand Forks.

Births

***To Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Emery (nee Gladys Auer), a daughter, Honora Jean, on June 4. Mr. and Mrs. Emery live at 5340 Colfax Avenue, North, Minneapolis.

***To Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hagen, a daughter, Susan, on July 19, at Minneapolis.

***To Mr. and Mrs. David Hamre of Gary, a son, on July 10.

***To Mr. and Mrs. Curtis G. Storbakken, a son, on August 19.

***To Mr. and Mrs. Maynard Skei, a daughter, on July 30, at Crookston.

Deaths

***Mrs. Carl Sorenson (nee Ruth Ellen Lindamood) of Roseau on July 17. She was killed in an automobile accident near Menahga, Minnesota, on July 17.