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47th Annual Commencement Will Be Held March 25

A class of 105 young men and women from the Red River Valley counties of Minnesota and North Dakota will receive their diplomas at the 47th annual Commencement exercises to be held at the Northwest School on March 25. Dr. Joseph L. Knutson, president of Concordia College, Moorhead, will deliver the Commencement address.

Official Commencement season activities began with the Sophomore-Junior-Senior banquet and prom on March 12. The annual spring concert of the music groups was held on March 13 with the school band under the direction of William Pond of Grand Forks and school choruses and groups appearing under the direction of John A. Miller with Miss Mary Croal as accompanist.



Wendell Kelm

Baccalaureate exercises will be held on Sunday evening, March 20, at 8:00 o'clock followed by the reception given by Superintendent and Mrs. T. M. McCall for the graduating seniors.

Music students will appear in music recitals with the new or junior students appearing at recitals at 4:00 p. m. on March 16, and March 17, and the senior music recital on the evening of March 24 at 8:00 o'clock.



Paul Tollefson

Wendell Kelm, Neche, North Dakota, valedictorian for the graduating class, will give the class address on the Commencement program. Paul Tollefson of Crookston is salutatorian. The medals for high scholarships, Caleb Dorr progress scholarships, and other honorary awards will be made at the Commencement program.

Students Present Annual Spring Concert

The annual Student Spring Concert, with all music groups taking part, was given on Sunday evening, March 13, at the Northwest School. There was a large audience of parents and friends of the school in attendance at the concert. An excellent program was presented.

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Seniors Are Guests At Prom And Banquet

The members of the Senior class at the Northwest School of Agriculture were honored guests at the Sophomore-Junior banquet and prom on Saturday evening, March 12. The banquet, sponsored by the Sophomore class, was held in the Dining Hall. "The Gateway to Dreams" was the theme for the banquet and prom. Decorations at the banquet hall and the gymnasium—where the Prom was held—were carried out in the theme of the evening beginning with the gateway at the banquet hall and ending with the dreamy starlight canopy in the gymnasium.

Richard Miller of Crookston was toastmaster at the banquet; Allan Dragseth of Eldred extended the welcome from the Sophomore class. Responses were made by the presidents of the Junior and Senior classes—Donald Enright of East Grand Forks responded for the Juniors and Wendell Kelm of Neche, N. Dak., responded for the Seniors.

A sophomore girls' sextet, under the direction of J. A. Miller, sang two songs. Superintendent T. M. McCall spoke on "Making Dreams Come True." Jean McWilliams of Winger concluded the program with a piano solo.

The gymnasium was beautifully decorated with a canopy of green pastel streamers, illuminated by blue starry lights. A large canvas with a cathedral in a beautiful landscape setting, drawn by Theone Larson and Harley Thureen centered the east wall which depicted the end of the road through the "Gateway of Dreams." The drawing was a very commendable work of art.

Donna Miller Receives "Homemaker of Tomorrow" Award

Donna Miller of Crookston, a member of the 1955 graduating class at the Northwest School, received a gold award pin and the distinction as the Betty Crocker "Homemaker of Tomorrow" at the school assembly on February 16. Donna, by receiving the highest grade on the Betty Crocker examination from the Senior class in home economics, will represent the Northwest School in the state and national contests to name the state's candidate for the title of All-American "Homemaker of Tomorrow." In addition to the gold pin, Donna also received a Betty Crocker cookbook.

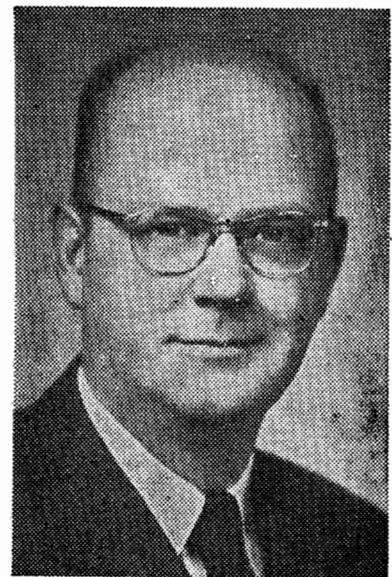
Miss Retta Bede, head of the Home Economics Department, made the presentation of the award in behalf of the donor, General Mills, Inc.

Sixteen Farm Families Honored During Winter Shows Week

Sixteen farm families—one from each of the Red River Valley counties—received special recognition at the annual banquet of the Red River Valley Development Association at Crookston on February 24. The banquet was held in conjunction with the Northwest School Farmers' Week and Red River Valley Winter Shows.

During the past sixteen years, 256 farm families have received these plaques for their outstanding leadership in rural community life, improvement of their farmsteads, and contributions toward betterment of crops and livestock in their counties.

Honor plaques were awarded to the following county winners: Mr. and Mrs. Dave Mickelson, Menahga—Becker; Mr. and Mrs. Norman Elton, Hawley—Clay; Mr. and Mrs. Caleb Ophus, Leonard—Clearwater; Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Younggren, Kennedy—Kittson; Mr. and Mrs. Alexander K. Krohn, Williams—Lake of the Woods; Mr. and Mrs. John W. Eastlund, Fosston—Mahnommen; Mr. and Mrs. Delmar Hagen, Gatzke—Marshall; Mr. and Mrs. Albert Forsell, Twin Valley—Norman; Mr. and Mrs. Donald Barber, Deer Creek—E. Otter Tail; Mr. and Mrs. Theodore M. Thompson, Fergus Falls—W. Otter Tail; Mr. and Mrs. Adam Lendobeja, Thief River Falls—Pennington; Mr. and Mrs. Gil (continued on page 3, col. 1)



Dr. Joseph L. Knutson, president of Concordia College, Moorhead, will deliver the Commencement address at Commencement Exercises at the Northwest School on Friday afternoon, March 25, at two o'clock.

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Swimmers Win Conference Championship

PHILIP LARSON, Coach

The Northwest School swimming team ended their season by winning the Conference from the Morris Aggies, 33 to 31. The team dropped two meets during the season, one to the Morris Aggies and the other to the Fargo High School.

Team members were Ronald Karlstad, George Risser, James Dugeon, Howard Duncan, Alden Weeks, Richard Anderson, Fredrick Larson, John Love, Harold Ash, Willis Finifrock, Clarence Grove, Melvin Larson, Henry Landin, Malcolm Salisbury, Jerome Fuglseth, and Edward Grve. Co-captains elected for 1955-56 are Malcolm Salisbury, Captain, and Richard Anderson, co-captain. Letter and other awards presented team members are listed in this issue of the Northwest School News.

STUDENTS RECEIVE RECOGNITION AWARDS AT SPECIAL ASSEMBLIES

Students at the Northwest School of Agriculture received various awards for the winter term at Awards Assemblies held on Wednesday, March 9, and Friday, March 11. Students received honors for participation in basketball, swimming, wrestling, crops judging, potato judging, livestock judging, music, and scholarship.

Glenn Filipi of Angus, a member of the Senior class, won the Ruettell Company of Crookston sweater award as the outstanding player on the basketball team.

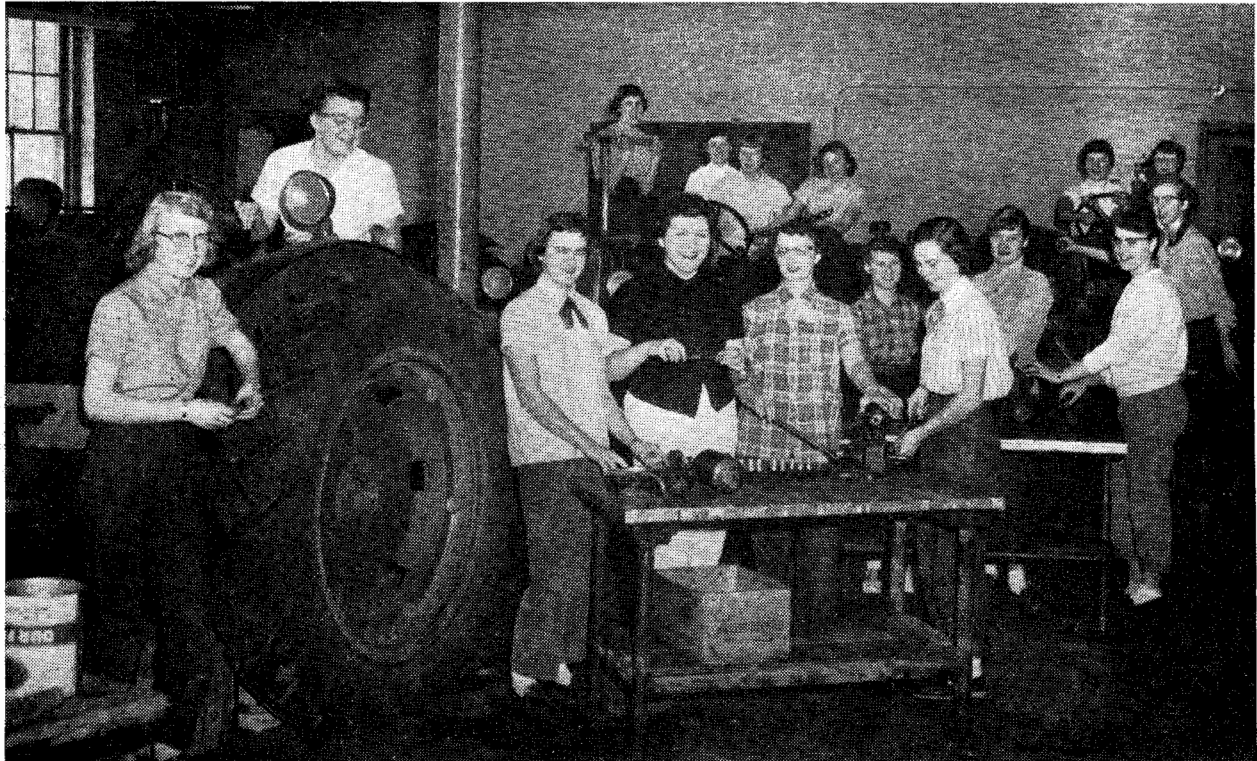
Co-captains elected for the 1955-56 basketball, swimming, and wrestling teams were announced. Leon Driscoll of East Grand Forks will be captain of the basketball team; Malcolm Salisbury of Johnstown, N. Dak., and Richard L. Anderson of Cummings, N. Dak., co-captains of the swimming team; and Ronald Sluka, Badger, and Claude Mosher, Lockhart, will be co-captains of the wrestling team.

Honorary A's were awarded to members of judging teams taking part in subcollegiate contests. The awards were presented by the coaches or heads of the departments. CROPS JUDGING, "A"—Robert Strandberg, Argyle; David Mickelson and Stanley Johnson, Menahga; POTATO JUDG-

ING, "A"—Gary Paseka, Georgetown; Walter Fehr, East Grand Forks; Paul Suda, Grafton, N. Dak.; LIVESTOCK JUDGING, "A"—Donald Enright, East Grand Forks; Jerry Beck, Grandin, N. Dak.; Larry Freeland, Cummings, N. Dak.

Students receiving music awards included: MUSIC EMBLEM—Harold Ash, St. Vincent; Fredrick Clasen, Salol; Jeanne Vanek, Angus; Howard Duncan, Cando, N. Dak.; Wayne Erickson, McIntosh; Keith and Larry Freeland, Cummings, N. Dak.; Harlene Hagen, Gatzke; James Halstenson, Niagara, N. Dak.; Lowell Hanson and Henry Hettwer, Mahnomen; Barbara Hylland, Grygla; Janice Iverson, Grand Forks, N. Dak.; Bernice Jones, Goodridge; Barbara Kagg, Viking; Larry Kresl, Angus; Mary Lou Arveson, Goodridge; Marlys Molskness, Crookston; Michael Vanek, Angus; Willis Finifrock, Barnum; Shirley Norgaard, Bemidji; Welter Fehr; MUSIC SILVER PIN—Arlene Christianson and Marlys Fjeld, Goodridge; Howard Duncan; Wayne Erickson; Willis Finifrock; Harlene Hagen; Marilyn Hovet, Thompson, N. Dak.; Barbara Hylland; Larry Kresl; Sylvia Jensen, Stephen; Henry Landin, Warroad; Marlys Molskness;

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FARMERETTES ENROLLED IN MOTORS COURSE

Sixteen girls at the Northwest School are getting training in motors and tractor operation. All are qualifying in driver's training and for "first-aid" on tractors at home. Wm. Barron is instructor in the course.

Girls enrolled in the course are pictured above. Reading from left to right they are: Front Row—Sadie Carlson, Roseau; Cathryn Hovland, Perley; Sheryl Eisert, Euclid; Carol Soltis, Angus; Jeanne Vanek, Angus; Marlys Molskness, rural Crookston; Bernice Jones, Goodridge; Allene Johnson, Middle River; Mildred Clasen, Salol. Back Row—Kathryn Clementson, Erskine; Marlys Fjeld, Goodridge; Patricia Kirk, East Grand Forks; Arlene Christianson, Goodridge; Janice Michaelson, Euclid; Jean Kowaliuk, Lancaster; and Janice Iverson, Grand Forks, N. Dak.



Pictured above is the Northwest School crops judging team who won championship honors at the recent Red River Valley Winter Shows and Northwest School Farmers' Week. They won first place honors in the subcollegiate crops judging contest. Reading from left to right: FRONT ROW—David Mickelson, Menahga; Robert Strandberg, Argyle; BACK ROW—Stanley Johnson, Menahga; and Dr. O. C. Soine, coach.

Wrestlers Win Ten Meets

J. I. KRUTA, Coach

The wrestling season at the Northwest School ended with a record of ten wins and one loss in dual meets and second place in the wrestling Conference of the Schools of Agriculture.

Wrestling meets were held with the following schools: Moorhead High, Bemidji State Teachers College, West Central School of Morris, Moorhead State Teachers College, North Central School of Grand Rapids, and Concordia College, Moorhead. The Conference meet ended with the Crookston Aggies copping four first places.

SIXTEEN FARM FAMILIES HONORED

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bert Lee, Fertile—E. Polk; Mr. and Mrs. Oscar J. Thureen, East Grand Forks—W. Polk; Mr. and Mrs. Millard Dailey, Red Lake Falls—Red Lake; Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Melby, Greenbush—Roseau; and Mr. and Mrs. Theodore F. Peet, Wolverton—Wilkin (Theodore Peet, a Northwest School graduate, '29).

The plaques were presented by T. M. (continued in column 2)

McCall, president of the Red River Valley Development Association.

Toastmaster at the banquet was Herman F. Skyberg, Fisher, Member of the University Board of Regents; the invocation was given by the Reverend C. J. Fellger of Crookston. The program also included a talk by Dr. H. J. Sloan, director of the Minnesota Experiment Station, University of Minnesota, St. Paul. The response for the 1955 Valley Farmers and Homemakers was given by Theodore F. Peet of Wolverton, a winner of this year's award. Music for the banquet featured the "Four Sour Notes," Erskine male quartet composed of Bernt Odegard, Arnold Tranby, Darwin Larson and Jens Ree.

Guests at the banquet were Governor Orville L. Freeman and Lt. Governor Karl Rolvaag as well as members of the Minnesota State Legislature, as follows: THE SENATE—Messrs. Herbert Rogers, Duluth; James R. Keller, Winona; N. J. Walz, Detroit Lakes; Louis A. Murray, East Grand Forks; and R. E. Wiseth, Goodridge; HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES — Messrs. Everett Battles, Warroad; Reuben H. Tweten, Fosston; A. W. Lovik, Park Rapids; Burnett J. Bergeson, Twin Valley; and L. A. Affeldt, Sr., Fosston.

Winter Shows Attracts Over 11,000 Visitors

Despite the worst week of weather during the winter, the Northwest School Farmers' and Homemakers' Week and Red River Valley Winter Shows, held at Crookston on February 21-25, attracted some 11,000 persons through the gates at the daytime shows and evening meetings. An additional 1,000 persons attended the daytime meetings and contests for adults, FFA and 4-H club members. The inclement weather, which started on Friday preceding the Winter Shows, made it difficult for the livestock exhibitors to get their exhibits in place, however, with more than ninety per cent of the livestock exhibitors present with their flocks and herds, an outstanding quality livestock show was held. Crops and poultry exhibits were above average with the departmental superintendents stating that the 1955 quality of exhibits was the best in years. Although the paid admissions were down about one-third over 1954, yet the attendance at the evening sessions was the best in years. An average attendance of 900 was reported for each of the three evening meetings.

The judging contests were held as scheduled; however, the bad weather on Monday and Wednesday kept many teams from participating. A total of forty-seven teams competed on Monday, February 21, in the subcollegiate, FFA, crops, 4-H and adult farmers judging contests. Some 120 4-H club members competed in the dairy demonstration contest as individuals and as teams. This contest was sponsored by the Red River Valley Dairymen's Association. The 4-H crops judging contest, held on February 23, had eighty boys in competition.

Special feature day programs for soil conservationists, crops men, garden and flower societies, livestock breeders, and potato and sugar beet producers had an outstanding array of authorities in their fields speaking on their respective programs. The blustery weather cut into the attendance at some of the meetings.

Two very successful livestock sales were held during the week. Seventy-nine animals were sold on the cattle sale date, February 24, for a total of \$20,877.50. At the swine and sheep sale on February 25, sixty-three bred ewes brought \$3,482.50 and seventy-six hogs brought \$6,745.00 which made a grand total for the two-day sales of \$31,105.00.

A large number of educational exhibits were on display throughout the entire week of the show depicting work in conservation, crop improvement, safety, public health, and livestock conservation. The Northwest School booth at the Winter Shows attracted much interest and attention. The faculty exhibits committee had on display articles of furniture made by the boys in carpentry, large pictures of school, and showing of colored slides of experiment station work, school activities and campus scenes.

STUDENTS RECEIVE RECOGNITION AWARDS

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Ronald Wald, St. Hilaire; MUSIC SILVER GUARD PIN—Marilyn Balstad, Fosston; Kathryn Clementson, Erskine; Arlene Christianson; Sheryl Eisert, Euclid; Willis Finifrock; Marilyn Hovet; Ruth Iverson, Goodridge; Sylvia Jensen; Theone Larson, Twin Valley; Marlys Love, Euclid; Donna Miller, Crookston; Donald Wald.

Certificates for four consecutive Honor Rolls: Fred Ophus, Erskine; Donald Wald, St. Hilaire; Mardell Boyum, Mentor; Donald Diedrich, Warren; and Barbara Hylland, Grygla. Scholarship Certificates for two consecutive Honor Rolls: Harley Thureen, East Grand Forks; Allen Steinhauer, Thief River Falls; Theone Larson, Twin Valley; Stanley Johnson and David Mickelson, Menahga; Duane Kuzel, Angus; Dell Christianson, Thief River Falls; and Bruce Champan, Baudette.

Basketball awards included: Letter "A"—John Deschene, Argyle; Bernard Friesen, Mordan, Man., Canada; Leon Driscoll, East Grand Forks; 2-Bar Chevron (2 yrs.)—Keith Chisholm, Gary; Glenn Filipi, Angus; Leonard Bailey, Halstad; Duane Wagner, Fisher; Richard Miller, Crookston; Frank Sczepanski, Stephen; captain's star—Keith Chisholm.

Swimming awards: Letter "A"—Ronald Karlstad, Grand Forks, N. Dak.; George Risser, Angle Inlet; James Dudgeon, East Grand Forks; Alden Weeks, Leydon, N. Dak.; Richard L. Anderson, Cummings, N. Dak.; Frederick Larson, Euclid; John Love, East Grand Forks; Howard Duncan, Cando, N. Dak.; Harold Ash, St. Vincent; 2-bar chevron (2 yrs.)—Willis Finifrock, Barnum; Clarence Grove, McIntosh; Melvin Larson, Crookston; Henry Landin, Warroad; Malcolm Salisbury, Johnstown, N. Dak.; Jerome Fuglseth, Fertile; 1-bar chevron (3 yrs.)—Edward Grove, McIntosh; captain's star—Clarence Grove and Henry Landin.

Wrestling awards: Letter "A"—Kenneth Hegge, Climax; Donald Audette, Red Lake Falls; Ardell Greskowiak, Crookston; Lyle Johnson, Middle River; Earl Sondrol, Reynolds, N. Dak.; Bruce Chapman, Baudette; Donald Murphy, Reynolds, N. Dak.; James O. Olson, Reynolds, N. Dak.; Spencer Larson, Euclid; Henry Hettwer, Mahnomen; 2-bar chevron (2 yrs.)—Ronald Sluka, Badger; Sylvester Greskowiak, Crookston; Robert Byfuglien, Roseau; Raymond Wiertzema, Euclid; 1-bar chevron (3 yrs.)—Alphie Doyea, Red Lake Falls; Lowell Hanson, Mahnomen; Claude Mosher, Lockhart; Eugene Austin, Gilby, N. Dak.; 1-bar chevron (4 yrs.)—LeRoy Sondrol, Reynolds, N. Dak.; Captain's star—LeRoy Sondrol and Lowell Hanson.

Pepster awards: ("A", Megaphone) (2 yrs.)—Theone Larson, Twin Valley; Marlys Fjeld, Goodridge; Marilyn Hovet, Thompson, N. Dak.; 2-bar chevron (3 yrs.)—Sylvia Jensen, Stephen; Kathryn Clementson, Erskine; and Marilyn Balstad, Fosston.

Northwest School Briefs

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

***Clifford Thomforde, formerly of Crookston, was recently promoted as head of the Electrical Engineering Department at the University of North Dakota, Grand Forks.

***Maynard Helgaas of Beltrami, a student at the North Dakota Agricultural College, Fargo, won the Grand Champion Sheep Showmanship award at the 29th annual Little International Livestock Show held on February 12 at the college. He is a member of the Alpha Gamma Rho fraternity and is majoring in vocational agriculture.

***Richard C. Swenson of Angus is in the U. S. Navy and is stationed at the United States Navy Training Center, Great Lakes, Illinois. His address is Richard C. Swenson, S. R. 459865, Co. 108, 104th Batt., 10th Reg. Camp Driveway, U.S.N.T.C., Great Lakes, Ill.

***Army Cpl. Boyd F. Giese of Euclid is participating in "Exercise Snow Bird" a joint Army-Air Force training maneuver, in Alaska. He is a fire direction center vertical control operator in Headquarters Battery of the 71st Infantry Division's 607th Armored Artillery Battalion.

***Charles Whalen of Stephen is living in Santiago, Chile, South America, where he is employed by the Inter-American Goedes Seaway.

***Father Henry Becker is serving the Mission of the Sacred Heart Church, 313 Bright Street, Goldsboro, North Carolina.

***Wilson Radway, Iowa CROP director for the past three years, was recently promoted to the post of Associate Director at National CROP headquarters in Elkhart, Indiana. Mr. Radway is acquainted with CROP operations both here and abroad. He represented CROP in early 1954 on a fact-finding survey trip around the world when he accompanied a team from WOI-TV Ames, Iowa, on a study of land tenure practice. He visited centers of CROP food supplies in Germany, France, Italy, Greece, the Near East, India, Hong Kong, Japan and Korea.

Marriages

***Miss Janet Mae Schaefer of Warren to Richard D. Melgard of Warren at Janesville, Wisconsin, on December 12, 1954.

***Miss Sally Jane Maher to George M. Samson on February 26 at Evanston, Illinois. Mrs. Samson is a former Northwest School faculty member.

***Miss Lucile Aslakson of Sheyenne, N. Dak., to Glenn Torkelson of Crookston on November 14, 1954, at Sheyenne, N. Dak. They are making their home at Crookston, Minnesota.

***Miss Anita Minderman of Crookston to Bert Tollefson of Beltrami on November 27, 1954. They are living at Beltrami, Minnesota.

***Miss Vilma Zak of East Grand Forks (continued in col. 3)

Special Course In Arc Welding Offered

Ten men from the area adjacent to Crookston have enrolled in the special electric arc welding course at the school. The special course of twelve lessons of two hours each was started on March 7 and will continue for six weeks with the welders meeting for two laboratory periods each week.

In outlining the course of instruction, E. C. Miller, head of the Department of Agricultural Engineering, and H. W. Soderburg, instructor, set up the welding training schedule primarily for farmers and shop men who have had little, if any, experience in electric arc welding. The course includes mild steel welding in the various positions, some cast iron welding, brazing and hard surfacing; also the use of carbon arc in cutting torches.

STUDENTS PRESENT CONCERT

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program were the mixed chorus, mixed octet, senior boys' quartet, boys' glee club, girls' glee club, junior boys' quartet, triple trio, and school band. John A. Miller was director of the vocal groups with Miss Mary Croal as accompanist; they are both full-time members of the music faculty. Wm. E. Pond directed the band.

NORTHWEST SCHOOL BRIEFS

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to Gordon Thompson of Thompson, North Dakota, on February 15. They will make their home at Thompson, North Dakota.

***Miss Ann Marie Botko of Warren to Leo A. Ash of St. Vincent, on February 12, at Tabor, Minnesota. They will make their home at St. Vincent, Minnesota.

Births

***To Mr. and Mrs. Perry Brantner of Georgetown, a son, Douglas Edward, on February 14.

***To Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Larson, a daughter, on February 28, at Red Lake Falls.

***To Mr. and Mrs. Peter Engelstad (nee Betty Ann Johnson) a daughter, Patricia Elaine, on February 20.

***To Mr. and Mrs. Emery Gendron (Nee Millicent Peck) of Euclid, a daughter, on February 28.

***To Mr. and Mrs. Arlo Bergh of St. Vincent, a daughter, on February 13.

***To Mr. and Mrs. Jay Bergh of Grand Forks, North Dakota, a daughter.

***To Mr. and Mrs. Robert Westacott of St. Hilaire, a son, Theodore Karl Robert, on January 30, at Thief River Falls, Minnesota.

Deaths

***Oscar W. Norbom of Clearbrook, class of '29, on February 28.

***Mrs. Milton Carlson (nee Myrtle Marmorine), class of '22, on February 16, at Clearbrook.