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T. M. McCALL TO RETIRE JUNE 30

Served Northwest School 45 Years

By HAROLD B. SWANSON

"No man in the area has had greater effect on the agriculture of the Red River Valley than our own Northwest School of Agriculture and Agricultural Experiment Station superintendent, T. M. McCall."

Those words by T. H. Fenske, acting dean of the University of Minnesota, Institute of Agriculture, aptly express the sentiments of thousands of farmers, civic leaders and townspeople toward "Tom."

Dean Fenske adds, "McCall's name has literally become synonymous with agricultural progress in the Valley and rightly so because he has carved a special niche as a leader, adviser, and teacher since 1911. His 45 years of service to the area is a record of which we are all justly proud."

"Tom" McCall is retiring from the staff of the School and Station June 30, after 45 years devoted to the problems of the Valley, to agricultural education, and to research pointed to the needs of the area.

H. J. Sloan, director of the University's Agricultural Experiment Station has tied McCall's work to an even wider area in these words: "Tom" McCall has been a vital link in building the research program of the entire state. He has been extremely helpful in tying the research at Crookston in with projects of other branch experiment stations throughout the state and with those of the central station on the St. Paul campus. Thus he has extended his influence widely."

Dean A. A. Dowell, director of resident instruction at the Institute of Agriculture, and McCall's predecessor at Crookston, has this to say about the retiring superintendent:

"Superintendent McCall has served the people of northwestern Minnesota with distinction. His interest in students and his emphasis on high moral standards are reflected in the lives of hundreds of Northwest School graduates. His activities covered the entire Red River Valley, where he was in constant demand as a speaker and acknowledged leader. I hope that Superintendent and Mrs. McCall will have many years to enjoy freedom from the exacting tasks of the office of Superintendent of the Northwest School and Experiment Station."

McCall is a native of McCallsburg, Iowa, where he was born Christmas

day, 1887. He was graduated from Iowa State College in 1910 where he studied horticulture and forestry. After serving briefly as an assistant in entomology and instructor in horticulture at Iowa State College, he joined the staff of the Northwest School and Station in 1911. With the exception of one year, 1929-1930, when he earned his M. S. degree at Iowa State College, Mr. McCall has been at Crookston continuously since 1911.

In 1937 he was appointed to his present position as superintendent of the School and Station. Since then, he has influenced the lives of thousands of students who have attended the Northwest School of Agriculture.

As with the other superintendents of branch experiment stations, McCall's job has called for
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B. E. YOUNGQUIST

Introducing The New Superintendent

The new superintendent of the Northwest School and Experiment Station was born and raised on a quarter-section cut-over farm in Pine county, Minnesota. He comes from first-generation American parents and is the oldest child from a family of nine children.

He worked on a dairy farm to earn his clothes and keep while going to high school in the early depression years and continued on through the College of Agriculture, University of Minnesota, St. Paul, earning his entire way through by working at whatever jobs were at hand. Bernard E. Youngquist graduated in 1939 and accepted a position with the Starbuck Public Schools as the vocational agriculture instructor. While there, he became acquainted with and was married to the third grade teacher, Bernice Ojala, from New York Mills, Minnesota. Pearl Harbor introduced the new superintendent to the United States Navy and he spent up until January of 1946 sailing every ocean on the globe and seeing parts of every continent in all major theaters of World War II.

Following World War II, he joined the staff of the West Central School and Experiment Station at Morris as Home Project Supervisor. In 1948, he and his wife moved their family to University Village near the agricultural campus of the University of Minnesota in St. Paul, while Mr. Youngquist completed twenty-five months of intensive graduate study
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T. M. McCALL

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Crops And Soils Day Scheduled For July 24

Crops and Soils Day will be held at the Northwest School and Experiment Station on July 24.

Following the speaking program at 1:30 p.m., a field tour will be conducted under the direction of O. C. Soine, agronomist, and B. C. Beresford, horticulturist, of the Northwest School staff. Specialists from the Institute of Agriculture, University of Minnesota, St. Paul, will assist Northwest School staff members with the program and field tour. The complete program for the day will be announced in the June-July issue of the "Northwest School News."

1957 Aggie Board Announced

The announcement of the editorial board for the school annual, "The Aggie," for 1956-57 was a feature of the Senior Day program at the Northwest School on March 16.

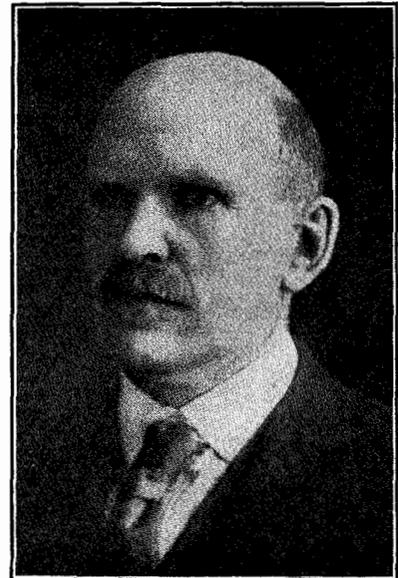
Kathryn Clementson, Erskine, and Marilyn Hovet, Thompson, N. Dak., co-editors of the 1956 "Aggie," announced the following Aggie Board members for 1957: Allan Dragseth, Eldred, and Walter Fehr, East Grand Forks—Co-Editors; Keith Bjerke, Northwood, N. Dak.; and Eloise Wold, Roseau—Classes; Toni Hedstrand, East Grand Forks, and Juel Stenberg, Thief River Falls—Administration; Loren Volland, Crookston; Bruce Chapman, Baudette; Duane Kuzel, Angus and Harold Moe, Beltrami—Sports; Charles Bateman, Grand Forks, N. Dak.; Judy Piker, Angus; and Reid Stuart, Gildford, Montana—Activities; Michael Vanek, Angus, and Beth Isely, Humboldt—Seniors; Mavis Munter, Buxton, N. Dak.; and John Schiller, Forest River, N. Dak.—Music; Keith Anderson, Buxton, N. Dak.; Donald Audette, Red Lake Falls; and Larry Kresl, Angus—Typists; Robert Hance, Red Laks Falls, and Roger Tollefson, Crookston—Business Staff; and Jean McWilliam, Winger—Copy Reader.

Faculty advisers to the Aggie Board are Miss Joan Graff and Mrs. Mary Paul—context and art; and E. N. Reiersgord, business.

SUPERINTENDENTS OF NORTHWEST SCHOOL AND EXPERIMENT STATION, 1895-1956



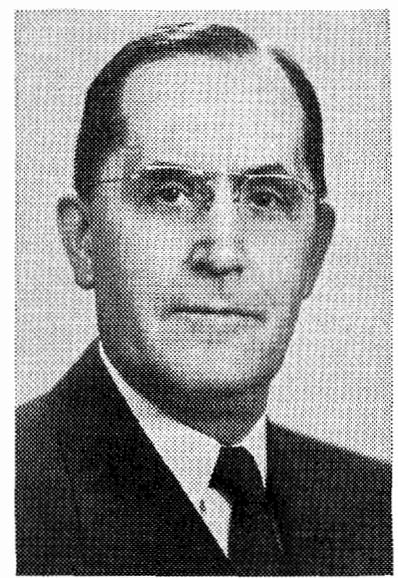
T. A. HOVERSTAD
 Superintendent 1895-1905
 (deceased)



WM. ROBERTSON
 Superintendent 1905-10
 (deceased)



C. G. SELVIG
 Superintendent 1910-27
 (deceased)



A. A. DOWELL
 Superintendent 1927-37
 Address: St. Paul, Minn.

THOMAS M. McCALL

Acting Superintendent, 1933-34; Superintendent, 1937-1956

Annual Women's Camp Will Have Interesting Program

An interesting program has been arranged for the women who will be in attendance at the 31st annual Women's Camp at the Northwest School, June 12-15. The camp opens with registration on Tuesday afternoon, June 12.

Each woman at the camp will be able to participate in three handicraft activities. The handicraft work offered this year will be: woodcraft with E. C. Miller and H. W. Soderburg of the Northwest School in charge; costume jewelry, with Mrs. J. A. Jensen of Crookston as instructor and assisted by Mrs. Milford Peterson; and plant propagation with B. C. Beresford of the Northwest School in charge.

Lecturer-demonstrators for the camp will be Miss Athelene Scheid, extension specialist in clothing, Institute of Agriculture, University of Minnesota, St. Paul—clothing; William Monroe of Crookston—rugs, carpeting and color in the home; and Mrs. G. Hendrickson and Mrs. Harold Thomforde of Crookston—African violet clinic. E. H. Hartmans of the Agricultural Extension Division, University of Minnesota, St. Paul, will speak on "The Social Security Program for Farmers." Interesting entertainment programs will be held each evening.

Swimming in the indoor pool will again be under the supervision of Mrs. Wm. Montague of Crookston.

Serving as camp leader will be Miss Retta Bede of the Home Economics Department at the Northwest School.

The total cost for the camp, including board, room, and entertainment will be \$9.00.

Women who are interested in attending the camp should write to the Northwest School, Crookston, for room reservations.

NEW SUPERINTENDENT

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toward a Ph. D. degree. He rejoined the Morris School of Agriculture staff in September of 1950 and remained until July of 1952. At this time, the Board of Regents of the University of Minnesota sent Mr. Youngquist down to Waseca to open up the new School of Agriculture. He had six months to buy equipment, hire a staff, and register students for the "brand new" school. The new school has been filled to overflowing since it opened on January 1, 1953.

The new superintendent comes to the Red River Valley with a rich and varied background of training and experience. He says, "My good wife, Bernice, and three children, David—12 years, Paul—8 years, and Mary Beth—4 years, are really looking forward to becoming your neighbors in the near future."

ALUMNI REUNION AND GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY PROGRAM TO BE HELD JUNE 30

A call to all graduates of the Northwest School is extended by Charles Holmquist of Beltrami, '52, president of the Northwest School Alumni Association, to assemble for class reunions at the Alumni Reunion on Saturday, June 30, at the Northwest School.

This reunion day has some very special features this year. The Golden Anniversary will be celebrated at which time the alumni has planned to present the Northwest School with a new electric organ for the auditorium. The committee is planning a surprise feature recognizing the forty-five years of service Superintendent T. M. McCall has given to the Northwest School and Experiment Station. You will have a chance to meet the new superintendent and his family.

A large and enthusiastic alumni general arrangements committee, headed by Paul Engelstad of Thief River Falls, '16, has been working on arrangements for the 1956 reunion. At a recent meeting of this committee, it was decided to ask all alumni to contribute to the organ fund so the organ can be installed and presented at this Golden Anniversary reunion. The organ fund as of today has \$1,285, which is not enough. The committee

needs another \$1,200 to make these plans a reality. Time is short—if you will use the form on the back page of this issue of the NEWS, you can make the committee's dream come true by mailing in your contribution to the alumni organ fund by June 11. You will need to act fast as the committee needs a few days to arrange for the organ.

The afternoon program will start at 2:00 o'clock and will consist of talks by Dean T. H. Fenske, Regent and Alumnus Herman F. Skyberg, and Superintendent-elect B. E. Youngquist. Our retiring superintendent, T. M. McCall, will sketch through his years at the school. Appropriate music is being planned. Prizes will be presented at the afternoon program to the oldest alumnus present, to the alumnus coming the longest distance, and to the most recently married couple. Certain brief business matters will be introduced by the Alumni Association president. There will be a dance in the evening.

Your committee is making very special plans. You can do much to show your appreciation for the long and faithful service of Superintendent and Mrs. T. M. McCall by planning to be present on the Northwest School Golden Anniversary Alumni Reunion on June 30.

Cattle Feeders' Day To Be Held May 18

The annual Cattle Feeders' Day will be held at the Northwest School and Experiment Station on Friday, May 18. A program of interest to cattle feeders has been arranged with authorities in their fields as speakers. The program will begin at 1:30 p.m. in the school's library, Kiehle building.

A. L. Harvey, beef cattle specialist of the Department of Animal Husbandry, Institute of Agriculture, University of Minnesota, St. Paul, will discuss results on some of his work this past year on the feeding of oats silage, Stilbestrol, and molasses to yearling steers. The outlook for feeder and fat cattle will be discussed by Carl Spong of the Central Livestock Association, West Fargo. H. D. Fausch, Animal Husbandman, Northwest School and Experiment Station, in charge of the cattle feeding trials, will give the results of the 1955-56 feeding trials and conduct the tour of the feeding pens. Twenty-four steers in four lots of six steers each were fed different rations with varying amounts of grain and alfalfa, Stilbestrol, oats straw, and potatoes. Pelletted barley, along with a potato-Stilbestrol combination, came out with some

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Thirteen Counties To Be Represented At 4-H Club Week

800 boys and girls from thirteen Red River Valley counties of Minnesota are expected to enroll for 4-H Club Week which will be held at the Northwest School of Agriculture, June 18-22.

The first group of counties will attend the camp June 18-19-20 (A.M.), and include: Becker, Clay, Mahanomen, East Polk, Norman, East Otter Tail, West Otter Tail, and Clearwater. Counties attending in the second group, June 20 (P.M.)—21-22 include: Kittson, Marshall, Pennington, West Polk, Red Lake, Roseau, and Lake of the Woods.

Instructors for the 4-H Week include members of staff from the Northwest School, county 4-H club agents, county agricultural agents, county home agents, and a number of staff members of the Agricultural Extension Service, Institute of Agriculture, University of Minnesota, St. Paul.

4-H club members who are interested in attending 4-H Club Week should register with their county 4-H club agent or county agricultural agent.

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efforts in many areas—administration, teaching, public relations, and research. Other members of his staff carry on much of the research and the station under his direction provides facilities and cooperation to members of the University staff at St. Paul for conducting experiments in the Red River Valley.

Much significant research has been done at the Northwest Station. For example, the Minnesota No. 2 hog was developed here. Even before this, the station was one of the two in the state at which the principle of crossbreeding hogs for commercial production was developed. As a result, today about 90 per cent of the hogs raised for commercial sale in Minnesota are crossbreds.

Work on feeding potatoes to beef cattle, testing of antibiotics and new chemicals for the control of blackhead in turkeys, and the development and increase of new grain varieties are among the important projects carried on at the station.

The acceptance of sweet clover as a soil builder in the Valley is another of McCall's many accomplishments. Years ago, sweet clover was considered a weed in the area. Then McCall tried two acres on the farm. Subsequent experiments with Sweet Clover showed its value and helped entrench it in the farm picture.

McCall's important place in the agriculture of the Red River Valley is shown by his long tenure as president of three important organizations—the Red River Valley Winter Shows Board of Managers, the Red River Valley Livestock Association, and the Red River Valley Development Association. In addition, he was the organizer of the Red River Valley Horticultural Society.

His leadership is evidenced in the fields of research in potato production, general horticultural practices, and landscape gardening in the Red River Valley. The hundreds of evergreens on the Northwest School and Experiment Station grounds and the thousands of broadleaved trees on the campus and shelterbelts planted by McCall demonstrate his ideals of tree planting for Red River Valley farms.

Commenting on his life and career at Crookston, McCall has said, "If I could choose a period in which to live, I'd choose the one I live in." All this indicates his enthusiasm for the Valley and his devotion to the principles of education to which he has devoted his life.

NOTE: Harold B. Swanson, Editor, Information Service, Institute of Agriculture, University of Minnesota, St. Paul.

Superintendent and Mrs. McCall have built a new home in Crookston, and after June 30 their address will be 224 South Minnesota Street.

Northwest School Briefs

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

***Marilyn Balstad, Fosston, a member of the Rosebud Invincibles 4-H Club, has been chosen to represent East Polk County in the Minnesota-Mississippi 4-H club exchange this summer. She was selected for this honor because of her outstanding 4-H record. She will be one of 31 4-H boys and girls, between 16 and 19 years of age, who will leave June 19 by chartered bus for Mississippi. They will spend the period between June 22 and July 12 in Mississippi, living in farm homes of Mississippi 4-H members and observing farming as it is done in the south. They will also take trips to points of interest in the southern state. Marilyn is a student in the College of Home Economics, University of Minnesota.

***Ruth Lerud was recently appointed counselor for the Lutheran Student Foundation at the University of North Dakota. During recent years, she has served as counselor at the Lutheran Foundation, Hunter (N.Y.) College, University of California, and State University of Iowa; also, she has served as parish secretary of Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Minneapolis. She received her bachelor's degree from the University of Minnesota and a master's degree from Columbia University.

***Pvt. Richard Driscoll, East Grand Forks, is receiving basic combat training with the 8th Infantry Division at Fort Carson, Colorado.

***Donald N. Miller, Crookston, who recently returned after four years of service in the United States Air Force, is now located at 545 Laurel Street in San Diego, California. He is serving as an instructor in jet mechanics at Convair.

***Stanley LeMasurier recently completed a course in Electronics at the Devry Technical Institute, Chicago. He graduated on March 16.

***NEW ADDRESS: A/C 2C Dawn H. Rioux 17300082, 81st Fighter Bomber Wing, A.P.O. 755, New York, N.Y. He is serving his fifth year in the U.S. Air Force and is now stationed in England.

***Charles Samuelson is teaching at the Lincoln High School, Thief River Falls.

***NEW ADDRESS: Mrs. Myron J. Perry (nee Helen Brown)—Route 6, Box 540B, Duluth 4, Minnesota.

MARRIAGES

***Miss Carol Jean Ewing of Crookston to Charles W. Ellingson of Newfolden, on May 5, at Crookston. Their address: Karlstad, Minnesota.

***Miss Doris Krogstad of Fertile to Edgar Swenson of Smolan, Kansas, on April 22. Their address: Salina, Kansas.

***Miss Marlys Love of Euclid to Glen Finkenbinder of Crookston, on

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FFA District Meet Held At N.W. School

Attending the District I high school contests at the Northwest School of Agriculture on April 23 were 250 Future Farmers from thirty high schools throughout Northwestern Minnesota. Contest winners were announced and a business meeting and banquet were held.

Paul Schmidt of Bemidji was the winner of the public speaking contest; Bruce Brekke of Climax won the District Tractor Driving contest.

Team winners in general livestock judging were: Fertile, first; Halstad, second; and Climax, third. In the dairy judging contest, Blackduck placed first, followed by Alvarado and Middle River. Bemidji and Blackduck won the meats contest. Awards in the land use judging contest went to Climax, first; Halstad, second; and Warren, third. Placing first in the cow clipping contest was Duane Kerkwold, Bemidji.

Contest winners will compete in the state meet to be held in May.

NORTHWEST SCHOOL BRIEFS

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April 14, at Crookston. Their address: Crookston, Minnesota.

***Miss Idella Medchill of Thief River Falls to Charles Samuelson of Crookston, on April 6, at Thief River Falls.

***Miss Marian Jane Rude of Beltrami to Walter Salzwedel of Fargo, N. Dak., on March 17, at Beltrami.

CATTLE FEEDERS' DAY

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promising results. The steers have been graded and the results have been figured.

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