

# Northwest School News

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## NWS FALL TERM OPENS SEPTEMBER 26

### New Staff Members Announced

The fall term opens at the Northwest School of Agriculture on Monday, September 26.

A number of new faculty members have been appointed to fill the vacancies created by the resignation of some members of staff and the temporary absence of a member of the faculty who is on leave for one school year.

New members of the teaching staff are:



T. W. Thorson

T. W. Thorson of Crookston will have charge of the music department. Mr. Thorson is a graduate in Agricultural Education from the University of Minnesota and received his degree in Music Education from the University of North Dakota. He is a former faculty member of Central High School, Crookston.



R. A. Heckman

Robert Heckman will teach English, replacing Leon Flancher who is "on leave" this school year. Mr. Heckman is a graduate of Concordia College, Moorhead, and has taught in the high schools at Eagle Bend and Gary, Minnesota. His home is at Fertile.



R. Meisenholder

Robert Meisenholder, a Concordia College graduate, will teach chemistry and other sciences. He will also serve as the head counselor in Stephens Hall. Mr. Meisenholder taught in the high school at Park Rapids, Minnesota, for two years. Moorhead, Minnesota, is his home.



D. W. Anderson

Donald W. Anderson has been appointed as instructor in piano. He has a Master's Degree in Music Education from the University of Minnesota. For a number of years, Mr. Anderson has taught private piano lessons and has also served as vocal music instructor for the public schools at Fosston and Dassel, Minnesota, and Dubuque, Iowa.



Mrs. Reynolds

Mrs. W. D. Reynolds of Crookston will teach English and also have charge of the girls' physical education. She is a St. Olaf College graduate. Last school year, she taught in the Crookston High School.

According to B. E. Youngquist, superintendent, the final enrollment when school begins will be less than a year ago.

## HOMECOMING SCHEDULED FOR OCTOBER 28

Homecoming at the Northwest School has been set for Friday, October 28. The highlight of Homecoming day will be the Conference football game, in the afternoon, between the Northwest School and West Central School Aggies of Morris.

The Homecoming activities will start with the torchlight parade, bon-fire and pepfest on Thursday evening, Oct. 27.

Other features of Homecoming will be the assembly program and dance on Friday. An assembly program, with the football teams and coaches as

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## NEW UNIVERSITY

### PRESIDENT VISITS

#### NORTHWEST SCHOOL

The new president of the University of Minnesota, O. Meredith Wilson, visited the Northwest School and Experiment Station on August 29. He spent the forenoon becoming acquainted with members of staff and with the School and Experiment Station facilities. President Wilson was accompanied on his tour of the campus and Experiment Station by Supt. B. E. Youngquist and Dean Harold Macy and Associate Dean T. H. Fenske, both of the Institute of Agriculture, University of Minnesota, St. Paul.

About 150 invited guests, including members of the Crookston Rotary Club and Crookston Lions Club and others from Northwestern Minnesota, attended the noon luncheon held in the school dining hall. An address was given by President Wilson. Following the luncheon meeting, the President made a brief tour of the agricultural area between the Northwest Experiment Station and Grand Forks, N. D. Included in the tour were stops at some of the new air-conditioned potato warehouses and

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O. Meredith Wilson  
President  
University of Minnesota

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### Improvements Made On NW School Buildings For Opening of School

Repairs and improvements have been made in the school buildings and on the campus for the opening of the 1960-61 school year at the Northwest School.

Considerable painting and plastering has been done in Selvig Hall and Stephens Hall — boys' dormitories.

The excavated area where the old Hill building stood is now filled and is used for a staff car parking lot. The basements left by the removal of five campus houses have been filled and will be landscaped in the spring of 1961.

When students return to the campus on September 26, the main entrances to the Dining Hall building will be in the process of being rebuilt. The old steps and doorways will come out and new metal glass doors will go in at the grade level with a single stairway approach to the second floor.

The swimming pool is due for ceramic tile up to the ceiling on each of the walls.

A portion of the old horse barn was repaired and re-roofed as a temporary building for the overflow of livestock which has outgrown the other existing barns.

A new steel silo will be found next to the feed preparation building with 2600 bushels of high-moisture barley in preparation for the new Beef Feeding Project using rolled barley in various ways.

Certain of the farm buildings will sport new paint jobs.

All of this is a part of the on-going maintenance so that the School and Experiment Station might have facilities in which the process of education, research, and service to Northwestern Minnesota can continue.

**PLAN TO ATTEND  
HOMECOMING — OCTOBER 28**

## PROBABILITY OF FROST IN RED RIVER VALLEY

By O. C. SOINE

With the coming of fall, the probability of frost is of great importance to growers of soybeans, corn, potatoes, and late garden crops. Last year the first killing frost of September 10 caused a great deal of damage to soybeans and corn.

The average frost-free period in this area has averaged 128 days, with the last spring frost occurring on May 19 and the first fall frost on September 24. Of course there has been a great deal of variance in the dates on which the first fall frost occurs.

According to our records, the earliest fall frost was recorded on August 26, 1915, and the latest fall frost occurred on October 26, 1914. This represents a range of 61 days when frost may be expected in the fall.

The frost-free period has varied greatly during the past 50 years. The shortest period occurred in 1915, and extended over only 78 days. The longest period of 171 days was recorded in 1914. Last year's frost-free period was only 114 days.

It is interesting to note that frost may occur any time during the eleven months of the year and that July is the only month which has been frost free.

The following table gives data which can be used in evaluating the risk of frost damage during the fall. It shows the number of years in 50 that the first frost is likely to occur. For example, at Crookston, the risk of frost on or before September 10 is 4 years in 50. October 1, the frost risk has increased so that in 38 years out of 50, a frost is likely to occur by this date.

The number of years in 50 that the first frost is likely to occur before dates shown:

Station	County	September			October		
		1	10	20	1	10	20
Hallock	Kittson	5	10	32	48		
Crookston	Polk	—	4	20	38	45	
Detroit Lakes	Becker	3	9	20	41	49	

### RRV WINTER SHOWS, FEB. 20-24, 1961: FUND CAMPAIGN CONTINUES

The 51st annual Red River Valley Winter Shows, Crookston, will be held February 20-24, 1961. Plans for the program and other activities are already under way.

The new buildings for the Red River Valley Winter Shows will not be started until the spring of 1961. Plans for these buildings are now in the process of being prepared.

Throughout the fall and winter, the continuance of the campaign for raising building funds will take place in various parts of the area served by the Red River Valley Winter Shows. Business and industry from Grand Forks, N. D., Minneapolis, and St. Paul have also pledged support to the new building program. Anyone who wishes to pledge support may do so by writing the President, Red River Valley Winter Shows Board of Managers, Crookston, Minnesota.

### NW AGGIES HAVE 10 LETTERMEN RETURNING

The Northwest School of Agriculture's football team, with 10 returning lettermen, is again competing in the Minnesota Ag School Conference.

Returning lettermen on Coach Herchel Lysaker's squad are: Seniors — Co-captain William Austin, Baker; Al-lard Carlson, Stephen; Ronald Carlson, Stephen; Mike Connelly, Sabin; Dale Helm, Drayton, N. D.; Gary Hopper, Stephen; Donald Kaml, Greenbush; Co-captain Gene Ovsak, Euclid; Paul St. Germaine, Argyle; and David Vonasek, Angus.

Other members of last year's squad expected to return for practice on September 19 are: David Brule, Crookston; Gary Dagen, Karlstad; Erling Carlson, Badger; Wendell Lindberg, Warren; Russell Nagle, Grand Forks, N. D.; Wayne Olson, Niagara, N. D.; Duane Opdahl, Lockhart; John Sanes, Thief River Falls; William Sax-

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## NORTHWEST SCHOOL BRIEFS

### \*\*\*News Regarding Northwest School Alumni, Former Students, and Faculty.

\*\*\*Arlene Christianson '56, of Goodridge, graduated from the School of Home Economics, North Dakota Agricultural College, Fargo, in May 1960. She has received a one-year public information internship from the State University of Iowa at Iowa City. She enrolled in the school of journalism at the State University and will spend a year in graduate study toward her Master's Degree in journalism. The internship will include practical fact gathering and writing on news releases. Arlene will work with trained journalists.

\*\*\*Lyll Bjornson '59, of Arvilla, N. D., was one of sixteen University of North Dakota freshmen who were initiated into Phi Eta Sigma last school year. This is a Freshman men's National Honorary Society. The new members had compiled grade point averages of 2.5 or better under UND's grading system of 3.0 for "A".

\*\*\*Russell Lee '49, of Fosston, was ordained a clergyman of the Lutheran Church in special services at the Hope Lutheran Church in Fosston on June 5. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Lee. Pastor Lee received his Bachelor of Arts Degree at Augsburg College, Minneapolis, and then attended Luther Theological Seminary and spent his internship at Pittsburgh and at Pierre, S. D. He has accepted a position as assistant pastor of Memorial Lutheran Church at Pierre, South Dakota.

\*\*\*George Roadfeldt, 1929-31, was recently elected secretary-treasurer of the Minnesota Association of County Agricultural Agents.

\*\*\*Mr. and Mrs. Keith Vietor (Keith '45) visited the campus in June. Their address: Star Route B, Hobbs, New Mexico.

\*\*\*Elmer Halstenggaard '54, of Bejou, will attend the University of Wisconsin this fall. He has formerly attended University College at Manhattan, Kansas.

\*\*\*Ben Hurner '26, of Bird Island, was a campus visitor on July 8.

\*\*\*John (Reuben) Thompson '39, formerly of Underwood, who has served as an agronomist at the Southern School and Station, Waseca, will do

graduate work at the University of Wisconsin this year.

\*\*\*Mrs. Leonard F. Duke (nee Pearl Henry '33) visited the campus on July 12. She is making her home in Spokane, Washington.

\*\*\*Dr. Noel S. Hanson, '36, is with the Experiment Station of the Hawaiian Sugar Planters' Association, Honolulu, Hawaii. He is principal coordinator of personnel training and principal scientist for weed control research. Mrs. Hanson is the former Alyce Johnson, '34.

\*\*\*Harvey Halstenggaard, '54, graduated from the North Dakota Agricultural College, Fargo, in June 1960. He is employed as a designing engineer with the International Harvester Company at Insdale, Illinois.

\*\*\*Milton Warner '20 has the Warner Funeral Home, Inc. at Spencer, Iowa. His address is: 3rd Avenue West at 3rd Street, Spencer, Iowa.

\*\*\*Albin Johnson '19, of Fertile, has been elected to the Minnesota State Fair Board of Managers and represents the 9th Congressional District on the Board. He managed Machinery Hill at the Minnesota State Fair this year. He is president of the Polk County Fair Association also.

\*\*\*Robert Dornquast, a member of the Northwest School faculty, has been attending summer school at the University of North Dakota, Grand Forks.

\*\*\*Mr. and Mrs. Jaroslav Kruta have spent the summer months in Minneapolis. He was working in a law office and Mrs. Kruta attended summer school at the University of Minnesota.

\*\*\*Miss Margaret E. Larsen, a member of the Northwest School faculty, received her Master of Arts degree from the Graduate School of the University of North Dakota on August 6.

\*\*\*Paul L. Tollefson '55, of Crookston, graduated (With Distinction) from the University of Minnesota on June 11.

\*\*\*Leon Flancher, a member of the Northwest School faculty "on leave" this school year, is attending graduate school at the University of Oslo, Norway. Also, during the summer he has been traveling in Europe.

\*\*\*LeRoy M. Field, a member of the faculty last year, has been attending

the Albert Schweitzer College in Churwalden, Switzerland, this summer. He has been traveling in Europe this summer also.

\*\*\*Ardell Magnusson '60, of Roseau, will attend the University of Minnesota this year.

\*\*\*Jack Harris, former band instructor at the Northwest School, will not return to the Northwest School this fall. Mr. Harris has bought a music store in Detroit Lakes and he and his family will make their future home there.

\*\*\*Ina Ystebo '60, of Twin Valley, is employed at the Northwestern Bell Telephone Company, Fargo, N. D.

\*\*\*Gretchen Connelly '60, of Sabin, is employed at the American State Bank in Moorhead.

\*\*\*Sandra Tvinnereim '60, of Manvel, N. D., is attending Mayville State Teachers' College at Mayville, N. D., majoring in elementary education. She is a member of the college band.

\*\*\*Roberta Bohnsack '60, of Hillsboro, N. D., is employed at the Northwestern Bell Telephone Company, Crookston.

\*\*\*Ronald Dufault '60, of Red Lake Falls, will attend the University of Minnesota this year, majoring in Horticulture. Ronald was awarded a \$300 scholarship from the University.

\*\*\*Penny (Penelope) Hedstrand '59, of East Grand Forks, graduated from the secretarial finishing course at Aaker's Business College, Grand Forks, on August 2. Duane Greskowiak '59, of rural Crookston, graduated from the Junior Accountancy Course in the same school.

\*\*\*Mrs. A. Sarver of Ada (nee Marion Parbst), a former member of the Northwest School staff, will teach in the Home Economics Department of the Gary High School this year.

\*\*\*Irene S. Anderson '54, formerly of Stephen, is secretary to the manager of the New York Life Insurance Company, Duluth.

\*\*\*Walter E. Anderson '56, formerly of Stephen, is a Soo Line Railway Company agent operator with headquarters at Duluth.

\*\*\*LeRoy M. Johnson '50, formerly of Stephen and Drayton, N. D., received his degree in June, from the North Park Theological Seminary. He is a graduate of the University of Minne-

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## TO NORTHWEST SCHOOL ALUMNI

We are interested in you. We want to bring our Northwest School Alumni file up-to-date with your latest address. Also, we want to know what you are doing.

Will you kindly send us your latest address and tell us what work you are doing, or what school you attend, etc. If you know something interesting about the work of some of your classmates — tell us; also, give us their correct addresses. Thank you.

The "Northwest School News" — published quarterly — is mailed to graduates of the Northwest School. If we have your correct address, and you keep us up-to-date, you will receive the paper.

B. E. Youngquist, Superintendent

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sota, also. The Rev. Johnson is now serving as pastor of the Lily Lake Covenant Church at Elgin, Illinois.

\*\*\*REUNION: A number of graduates from the classes of 1924, 1926, and 1927, held a reunion on the Northwest School campus, July 17. They have a reunion each year. Hostesses were Mrs. Helen Hovland Erickson '28 of Duluth and Mrs. Ruby Hanson McDonald '27, of Proctor. Others attending the reunion were: Mrs. Doris Olson Helm '26, Mrs. Adeline Bunn Lindquist '27, Mrs. Hilda Dale Erickson '26, Mrs. Vivian Olson McCrumb '27, Mrs. Sophie Breiland Burstad '27, Mrs. Hannah Degerness Hermanson '27, and Mrs. Theresa Aakre Henry '24.

## Marriages

\*\*\*Miss Carole Johanson of Wheaton, Ill., to LeRoy M. Johnson, formerly of Stephen and Drayton, N. D., on June 1, at Glen Ellyn, Illinois.

\*\*\*Miss LaVerne Gany of Grafton, N. D., to Raymond Nordstrom of Stephen, on June 28, at Grafton.

\*\*\*Miss Marilyn Jahnke of Hillsboro, N. D., to Henry Boeddeker of Hillsboro, on June 24, at Hillsboro, N. D.

\*\*\*Miss Yvonne Filipi of Angus to LeRoy Vonasek of Angus, on September 3, at Tabor.

\*\*\*Miss Dana Eisert of Crookston to Donald Dragseth of Eldred, on September 4, in Crookston.

## Births

\*\*\*To Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Hoffman (nee Mary Ann Auer) a daughter, Karen Jean, on April 9, at Minneapolis.

\*\*\*To Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Vietor,

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## NEW UNIVERSITY

## PRESIDENT VISITS NWS

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at the farm of University Regent Herman F. Skyberg, Fisher. He returned to the school campus about 3 p.m. and met with members of the Northwestern Minnesota Educational Improvement Association.

The citizens of Northwestern Minnesota found the new President easy to meet and very much interested in the agriculture of the Red River Valley and the education, research, and service provided by the Northwest School and Experiment Station.

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guests, will be held at 10 a.m. in the school auditorium. The Homecoming "queen" will also be crowned at this time. At 8 p.m., there will be a Homecoming dance in the school gymnasium.

All alumni, former students and faculty are invited to attend the Homecoming events.

by E. N. Reiersgord

## NORTHWEST SCHOOL

## Calendar

Sept. 26 Fall Term Opens

Oct. 28 Homecoming  
Football, 2 p.m.

Nov. 22 Parents' Day

Dec. 16 Fall Term Closes

Jan. 3 Winter Term Opens  
1961

EIGHT FORMER MEMBERS  
ON CROSS-COUNTRY TEAM

The cross-country team at the Northwest School of Agriculture, Crookston, will have eight former cross-country team members running this year. B. C. Beresford will serve as coach. The first meet will be held a week after the opening of school. September 26 is the opening date of the fall term.

Returning cross-country team members from last year's squad will be: co-captain Bradley Cook, Barnesville; co-captain Richard Hutton, Manvel, N. D.; Gerald Otteson, Mora; Harry Slominski, Ardoch, N. D.; Richard Olson, Larimore, N. D.; Patrick McKeever, Oak Island; Mark Hoper, Stephen; and Orvin Lommen, rural Grand Forks, N. D.

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man, Georgetown; and Robert Schol, Northwood, N. D.

1960 Football Schedule: September 29, Sacred Heart, here; October 4, Grand Rapids Aggies, there; October 7, Walhalla, here; October 14, Glyn-don, there; October 20, Crookston Cathedral, here; October 28, Morris Aggies (Homecoming), here; November 3, Grand Rapids Aggies, here. Game time is 2 p.m.

by H. H. Lysaker

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a daughter, Rhonda Kay, on May 11. Their address: Route No. 1, Trailer Court, Bemidji, Minnesota.

\*\*\*To Mr. and Mrs. Ellsworth Foss (nee Katherine Moe), of Staples, a son Ronald Gordon, on March 16.

\*\*\*To Mr. and Mrs. Gerhard A. Ross of Fisher, a daughter, in May 1960.

\*\*\*To Mr. and Mrs. Bert Tollefson (nee Anita Minderman) of Beltrami, a daughter, Catherine Ann, on February 8, 1960.

## Deaths

\*\*\*Thomas M. Novak '59, of Tabor, on July 12.

\*\*\*Mrs. Arthur Mark (nee Adele Westphalen '19) of Long Beach, Calif., on June 27.