

# Northwest School News

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## PARENTS GUESTS OF STUDENTS AND SCHOOL, PARENTS' DAY

### PARENTS' ASSOCIATION ELECTS OFFICERS; AWARDS PRESENTED

Parents' Day at the Northwest School of Agriculture, on November 20, was attended by approximately 400 parents of the students. They were guests of the students and the school for the special student program presented in the auditorium, dinner at noon, and the visitation of classes and student summer home project show.

The annual business meeting of the Northwest School Parents' Association was held in the afternoon. Elected as officers and directors for 1963 were: William I. Gatheridge, Sr. of Humboldt, president; Irving Beyer of Red Lake Falls, vice-president; and Walter Stromstad of Lockhart, secretary-treasurer. Elected as directors were: Vernon E. Abel, Stephen; Mrs. George Helgeson, Crookston; Lawrence Philipp, Thief River Falls; Lloyd Wallace, Euclid; Berton Overgaard, Dalton; Harold L. Pake, Moorhead; Clarence O. Swanson, Arvilla, N.D.; William I. Gatheridge Sr., Irving Beyer, and Walter Stromstad.

A number of awards, sponsored by

the Northwest School Parents' Association, were presented at the afternoon program. Students presented the 1962 Community Service Project award were: Joyce Schulz of Fergus Falls, first place; Jackie Bornsen, Inkster, N.D., second place; and Sidney Stivland, Lowry, third place. They were given cash awards. The first place winner will also have her name engraved on the Wesley Battles Memorial Community Service plaque at the school.

Students who were presented the Speech Achievement Awards (cash award) were Rodger Bubendorf, Grand Forks, N.D., first; Mark Moe, Hitterdal, second; and Donna Burianek, Gardner, N.D., third; and honorable mention — Jerome Winter, Morris, and Gary Ackerman, Thompson, N.D.

Music Achievement awards (cash awards) were received by Carol Fehr, East Grand Forks; Beverly Shelstad, Doran; Joyce Schulz, Fergus Falls; Allan Stromstad, Lockhart; and Gary

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## NW School Students Build Portable Buildings

One of the methods employed in teaching Advanced Carpentry at the Northwest School of Agriculture is that of practical experience in building construction. Students have the opportunity to participate in the actual construction and build — from the "ground up" — small frame buildings.

In this program of carpentry instruction, students learn the basic elements of a building structure as: foundations, sills, joists, leaders, sole plates, stud-dings, rafters, and ridge boards. They become familiar with building terminology, such as sheathing, leveling, plumbing, and bracing. They learn how to determine pitch, rise and run as it relates to roof framing, and how to read and use the framing square in the same manner a skilled carpenter uses the square. This classroom information is timed to coincide with their actual participation in the construction of frame buildings.

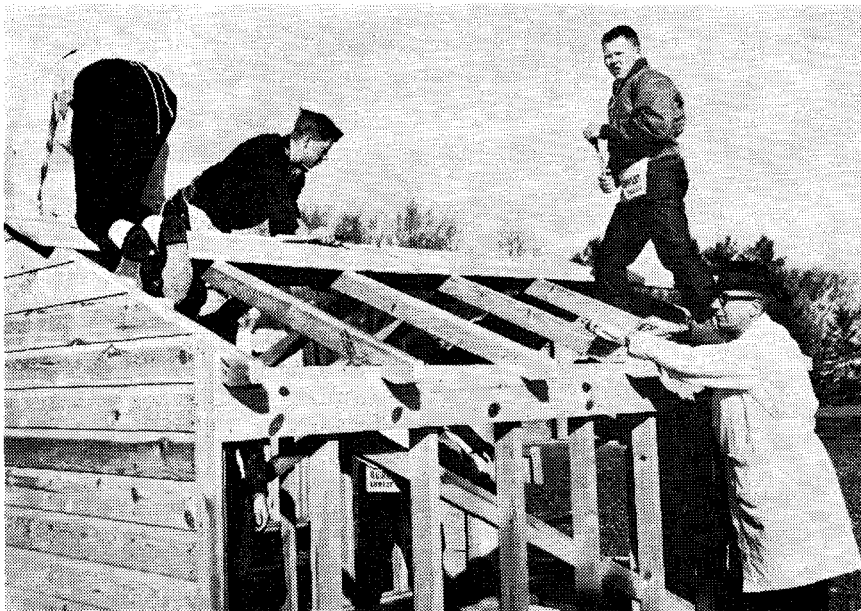
This year's fall term class was a typical group of boys who participated in this training program which consisted of the actual construction of four portable hog cots.

The boys of this class were divided into four separate building crews which put the responsibility of building an 8' x 10' hog cot upon five boys. The class selected two boys, James Swenson of Moorhead and Stanley Overgaard of Dalton, to serve as job foremen. These two boys had the direct responsibility of supervising two crews. William Menzhuber, carpentry instructor, acted as general supervisor of construction and blended the classroom teaching information into the practical application.

The boys were guided and observed throughout the construction period and were graded on specific portions, such as: individual rafter cutting, work skills development, and responsibility which they individually accepted as their share of the work exercise. They are graded in the classroom on the amount of technical information retained.

This type of instruction is aimed at developing today the practical man of tomorrow. The boys will be better prepared to meet the problems of farm and home repair. They also develop some capability from the experience of working together in a crew on a common project.

—By William O. Menzhuber



Three students from an Advanced Carpentry class at the Northwest School are shown constructing an 8' x 10' hog cot. Reading from left to right are: Raymond Bjerke, Ulen; Wayne Tabbut, Fergus Falls; and Lyndon Minske, Hallock; (standing) — Wm. O. Menzhuber, carpentry instructor.

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### 1962 GRIDIRON NOTES

The Northwest Aggies football squad finished their 1962 season with a one-five record. This was chiefly a rebuilding year due to the fact that only three regular lettermen, co-captains Allan Stromstad and William Saxman, and Dennis Diamond returned as experienced footballers.

Good progress was shown by the 55-man squad giving a good nucleus for next year's team.

Team members who were presented football awards are listed in the "Awards Assembly" item in this issue of the Northwest School News. Elected as 1963 football captain was James Swenson of Moorhead. He also received the "most valuable player" award.

—By H. H. Lysaker, Coach

### CROSS-COUNTRY TEAM HAS GOOD SEASON

The Cross-Country team for 1962 at the Northwest School was led by Captain Danny Stahn to a successful season. The squad competed in two large invitational meets at Oak Grove and North Dakota State University—finishing eleventh of twelve entrants at Oak Grove and sixth of eleven entrants at Fargo. In addition, two dual meets were divided with Crookston Central and there was one loss in the final meet with the Morris Aggies. A meet with Thief River Falls was held on Homecoming Day between halves of the football game which NWS won.

Team members who received Cross-Country awards are mentioned in the "Awards Assembly" item in this issue of the Northwest School News. An additional seven boys participated during 1962; and, with Dennis Stahn elected captain for 1963, this group should form a good nucleus for the 1963 season.

—By B. C. Beresford, Coach

VISIT 1963 WINTER SHOWS

## NW SCHOOL STUDENTS RECEIVE ATHLETIC AND SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

At the annual Awards Assembly for the fall term at the Northwest School of Agriculture on December 11, awards were presented to students who had participated in football and cross-country. Also, Scholarship Certificates were presented to students who had been on the school's Honor Roll for two, four, or six consecutive semesters.

Captains elected by their team members for the 1963-64 football and cross-country teams were announced. Y. James Swenson of Moorhead was elected captain of the football team and Dennis Stahn of Donnelly was elected captain of the cross-country team. James Swenson was elected by his team mates as the most valuable player of the Northwest School football team the past season.

Athletic Letter "A" or Chevrons for football were awarded to: Letter "A"—Steven Beyer, Red Lake Falls; Robert Bergeron, Argyle; Robert Bye, Euclid; Selvin Erickson Jr., Badger; Eldred Evanson, Drayton, N.D.; Robert Honek, East Grand Forks; Wilfred Huot, Red Lake Falls; James and Edward Kovar, East Grand Forks; Conrad Larson, Morris; Drew Larson and Wayne Odegaard, rural Crookston; Donald Lubinski, Euclid; Ardu Nelson, Emerado, N.D.; Paul Overgaard and Stanley Overgaard of Dalton; Larry Paupst, Emerado, N.D.; Richard and

Robert Peck, Euclid; Ronald Philipp, Thief River Falls; Jonathan Saxman, Georgetown; Charles Steer, Euclid; Y. James Swenson; and Neil Wetzel, Waterville. Chevron Awards — Dennis Diamond, Humboldt; Timothy Eisenhardt, Kelso, N.D.; Wesley Pake, Moorhead; William Saxman, Georgetown; and Allan Stromstad, Lockhart. William Saxman and Allan Stromstad also received Captain's stars.

Receiving the cross-country awards were: Letter "A" — Richard Ferguson, Drayton, N.D., and Thomas Odegaard, Hickson, N.D.; Chevrons — Danny and Dennis Stahn, Donnelly; Gary M. Pedersen, Grandin, N.D.; Vern Cleveland, Gardner, N.D.; and Captain's Star — Danny Stahn.

Students who were presented Scholarship Certificates included: Douglas W. Wolden, Saum; Jackie L. Bornsen, Inkster, N.D.; Carol Fehr, East Grand Forks; Betty J. Swanson, Arvilla, N.D.; Linda Armstrong, Hallock; Richard Kovar, East Grand Forks; Jonathan Saxman, Georgetown; Sidney Stivland, Lowry; Gary Ackerman, Thompson, N.D.; Conrad M. Larson, Morris; Robert D. Johnson, Kempton, N.D.; Patricia Miller, Leonard; Mark and Mathew Moe, Hitterdal; Clayton R. Nelson, Moorhead; Beverly Shelstad, Doran; and Daniel Wallace, Euclid.

### New Instructor Joins Northwest School Staff

Allen L. Gerdin joined the staff of the Northwest School of Agriculture in October. He is an instructor in the Farm Shop Department and teaches



A. L. Gerdin

"Engines." Mr. Gerdin filled the position formerly held by William M. Barron who retired in April, 1962, following the 1961-62 school year. A graduate of the University of Minnesota in 1959, Mr. Gerdin comes to the Northwest School with a rich background of experience in agriculture and in related industries. He was born and raised on a farm. Mr. Gerdin is married and has one child. His home recently has been in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

### HOMECOMING HELD OCTOBER 19—QUEEN ELECTED

Norma Jean Hotvedt of East Grand Forks was elected by the student body as "Homecoming" queen and she was crowned queen at the Homecoming festivities held on October 19 at the Northwest School of Agriculture. Norma Jean is a Senior at the school and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Hotvedt. Her Senior attendants were Carol Fehr, East Grand Forks; Marian Klava, Grand Forks, N.D.; Beverly Shelstad, Doran; and Marcia Trydahl, Thompson, N.D.

At the Homecoming assembly program held in the forenoon, Norma Jean was crowned queen by a co-captain of the Northwest School football team, William Saxman of Georgetown. The crown bearer was Master Timothy Anderson and the flower bearer was Master Mark Kvamme. Dennis Diamond of Humboldt, recently elected student body president, served as master of ceremonies. Also appearing on the program were the school

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## Winter Term Will Open January 2, 1963

Registration for the winter term at the Northwest School of Agriculture will be held on January 2, 1963. Students will be registered beginning at 8:15 a.m. with registration to be completed by noon. Classes will begin at 1:15 p.m.

The enrollment for the fall term was 329 students and this included 79 Seniors, 109 Juniors, 84 Sophomores, and 57 Freshmen. The number of dropouts this fall was the least on record at the Northwest School as the enrollment was 323 at the close of the fall term.

### 1963 RRV WINTER SHOWS SET FOR FEBRUARY 16-22

The 1963 Red River Valley Winter Shows is scheduled to be held February 16-22. The School of Agriculture will not be in session during this week as all of the educational programs, banquets, and certain farm youth judging contests are held on the Northwest School campus. All other activities are held in the new Winter Shows arena.

This year, the show is extended in length by two days. The show officially opens Saturday morning, February 16, at 7:30 o'clock.

The major youth activities will take place on the opening day—Saturday, February 16. All judging contests in crops and livestock, as well as the public speaking contests, will take place on this day. The Farm Youth Banquet will be held at the Northwest School dining hall on Saturday evening this year.

The Crops Show will take on an entirely 'new look' this year. There will be a horse show on Sunday afternoon and evening. The doors of the show will not open on Sunday until noon — making way for everyone to attend the church of their choice.

The Livestock Show has been completely re-scheduled as well as the sales of livestock. Certain classes of livestock will come in at the beginning of the show and move out at the end of a couple of days to make room for other classes of livestock to move in. This increases the size of the Livestock Show, using the same facilities.

Legislators' Day will be on Thursday.

A top-level program is being planned for the farm men and women of the Valley.

**Season's Greetings**  
from the Staff at the  
**Northwest School**



### MARTIN RUD TO RETIRE JANUARY 15, 1963

Martin Rud will retire on January 15, 1963, after completing 34 years of service in the Agronomy Department of the Northwest School and Experiment Station. His position has been experimental plot supervisor for agronomy, soils, and pure seed projects in addition to other numerous assignments on the Station. He graduated from the Northwest School in the Class of 1920 — and was a "star player" on the basketball team.

Mr. Rud has been a key person in foundation seed growing, harvesting, processing, and delivery to growers. Many beautiful plots of grain on the Experiment Station the past years were the result of Mr. Rud's personal care and effort. He will be missed by the pure seed growers of Minnesota.

His plans are to continue to live in Crookston and commute to the Viking-Newfolden area to visit relatives and friends. He says, "I'm looking forward to catching up on a lot of reading and fishing."

(Martin Rud is pictured at work with the processing of foundation seed in the steel, vermin-proof seed warehouse of the Northwest Experiment Station.)

### 55TH ANNUAL COMMENCEMENT TO BE HELD MARCH 29

On Friday, March 29, the 55th annual Commencement exercises will be held at the Northwest School of Agriculture at 2:00 p.m. Associate Dean T. H. Fenske of the Institute of Agriculture, University of Minnesota, St. Paul, will give the Commencement address.

The Baccalaureate Exercises will be held on Sunday evening, March 24, at 8:00 o'clock. Both programs will be held in the Kiehle auditorium at the school.

## Around and About With NW School Alumni

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

\*\*\*Miss Anne Simley, an instructor in the English and Speech Department at the Northwest School from 1922 to 1930, has recently compiled a new anthology of stories from many countries, chosen for their appeal to young adults. The book, "Stories To Tell or Read Aloud," is designed for use in speech classes and contest work. It has recently been published by Burgess Publishing Company of Minneapolis. Miss Simley is now associate professor emeritus at Hamline University, St. Paul, and speech consultant to the Minnesota State High School League. She lives in St. Paul.

\*\*\*Celeste Nelson, '60, graduated from the Crookston School of Practical Nursing on September 11. This school is under the direction of the Bethesda Hospital Association and Crookston Board of Education.

\*\*\*Esther Molskness, '58, is employed as a teller at the National Bank of Washington—112th and Pacific Branch, Tacoma, Washington. Loren Molskness, '61, is a sophomore at the Hub City Bible Institute, Aberdeen, South Dakota.

\*\*\*Roger Coulthart, '60, graduated from the Wahpeton School of Science in 1961. He is now employed as a technician with the Control Data of Minneapolis—manufacturers of computers. Robert Coulthart, '56, is employed as a barber at the Grand Forks Air Base, Grand Forks, North Dakota, and makes his home at Emerado, North Dakota.

\*\*\*Northwest School alumni who may have lost or misplaced their copies of the "Northwest School Aggie" yearbook for the years 1914, 1920, or 1924, may now replace their copies. Miss Edith Hanson, a former member of the Northwest School office staff, would like to send the yearbooks to alumni who might enjoy receiving them—as a gift. Her address: 3549 Columbus Ave., Minneapolis 7, Minnesota.

\*\*\*Cyril Sorrels, '38, formerly of Williams, Minnesota, is now making his home at Garrey, Wisconsin.

\*\*\*Orvin A. Drangstveit, '55, is employed by the Walman Optical Company of Grand Forks, North Dakota, as a Journeyman Optician. His address: 306 South 4th Street, Grand Forks.

\*\*\*Sarah C. Hansen, '44, formerly of Stephen, was recently elected as "Woman of the Year" by the American Business Women's Association. Her address: 311 So. 3rd St., Grand Forks, North Dakota.

\*\*\*Visited the campus November 30, A3/C LaVerne Janisch. His address: Box D2810 AF 17626194 — Lowry AFB 30, Colorado.

\*\*\*Technical Sergeant Neil L. Wogslan, '54, is permanently assigned to the 552nd Airborne Early Warning and Control Wing at McClellan AFB, California. He helped provide aerial relay communications between astronaut Walter Schirra and Mercury Control during the nation's third manned orbital space flight.

\*\*\*Norman Sheldon, '59, of Bagley, is enrolled in the College of Agriculture, University of Minnesota, St. Paul. He is a Senior.

### Deaths

\*\*\*Larry J. Volland, '57, of Crookston, on September 19, at Crookston, Minnesota.

\*\*\*Norman L. Nelson (1961-62) and Richard Allan Nelson (1962-63) both of Emerado, North Dakota, on November 22.

\*\*\*Andrew M. Kollar, '46, of Kent, Minnesota, on November 24.

\*\*\*Mrs. John M. Erickson (nee Vesta Louise Misner, Class of 1911), at Grand Forks, North Dakota, on June 26.

### Marriages

\*\*\*Miss Norma Irene Filipi of Angus to Dennis G. Helm of Angus, on October 27, at Tabor, Minnesota. They are making their home at Angus, Minnesota.

\*\*\*Miss Marcella Mae Strobel of Eureka, South Dakota, to Duane B. Lemmon of Detroit Lakes, Minnesota, on September 15, at Eureka, South Dakota. They are making their home at Detroit Lakes. Mrs. Lemmon was a member of the Northwest School faculty, 1961-62 school year.

\*\*\*Dolores Weiland, of Euclid, to Charles Zammert, of Euclid, on October 20, at Euclid, Minnesota.

\*\*\*Miss Ann Feragen, of East Grand Forks, to Daniel E. Straus, of East Grand Forks, on October 29, at East Grand Forks.

\*\*\*Miss Roberta Louise Bohnsack, of Hillsboro, North Dakota, to Walter E. Drees, of Reynolds, on November 2, at Hillsboro.

\*\*\*Miss Rita Ann Schumacher of Grand Forks, North Dakota, to Herbert J. Auer, formerly of Mahnomen, on September 1 at Grand Forks, North Dakota.

\*\*\*Miss Marlene Bonette, of Angus, to Mylo M. Carlson, of Angus, on September 12, at Warren, Minnesota.

\*\*\*Miss Ursula Marie Meyknecht of Coesfeld, Germany, to Terrance E. Hovet of Thompson, North Dakota, on September 11, at Thompson, North Dakota.

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band, the Pepsters, a number of underclassmen who presented a short skit, and several Northwest School staff members who presented special music or gave brief talks. In charge of the program was the "Pepsters" — cheer leaders, including Judy Karr, Warren; Kay Petersen, Monango, N.D.; Judy Ovsak, Euclid; and Twyla Gunderson, Buxton, N.D.

The Homecoming celebration started in the morning with the judging of the dormitory decorations. Stephens Hall, boys' dormitory, won the bronze trophy for the best dormitory Homecoming decorations; second place was won by Robertson Hall, boys' dormitory.

Another highlight of the day was the football game at 2 p.m. The Clearbrook High School "Hornets" won over the Northwest School Aggies by a score of 21-6. In the cross-country meet at the half of the football game, the Northwest School won over the Thief River Falls High School team.

The day's activities closed with the Homecoming dance held in the gymnasium in the evening.

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Last year, the Parents' Association voted to sponsor the cash awards annually to students for the Community Service Project and also Music and Speech Achievement awards.

Some of the several Resolutions passed by the Northwest School Parents' Association at their annual meeting were: The parents expressed a wish to continue the School of Agriculture, and also cited that the proper officials of the University should consider adding other educational service to the responsibilities of the Northwest School. Further, the parents expressed similar support of the Northwest School's policy of firm and fair disciplinary measures. Further, the parents voted another \$100.00 to be added to the Student Loan Fund which now amounts to \$750.00. Loans from this fund are made to needy students at a low rate of interest and repaid so the fund remains intact through the years.

Parents' Association officers who served in 1962 were: John Stromstad of Lockhart, president; William Gatheridge Sr. of Humboldt, vice-president; and Mrs. Howard Yuergens of Beltrami, secretary-treasurer.