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56TH COMMENCEMENT HELD AT NORTHWEST SCHOOL ON MARCH 26

TEN TOP SCHOLARSHIP STUDENTS ANNOUNCED

School activities for the year 1963-64 were brought to a close with the 56th annual Commencement Exercises held at the Northwest School of Agriculture on Thursday, March 26. Diplomas were awarded to 117 Senior students.

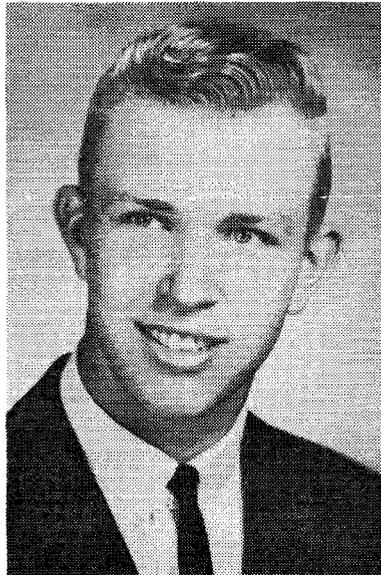
Glen V. Holmquist of St. Paul was the Commencement speaker. Mr. Holmquist is a Northwest School alumnus, class of '45; also, he is a graduate of Gustavus Adolphus College. Prior to accepting his present position with an insurance firm, he taught in the West St. Paul high school.

The two seniors who had the highest scholastic standing in the graduating class were announced. Sidney Stivland of Lowry, Minnesota, had the highest scholastic standing with a 4.00 point—straight "A" average. Jonathan Saxman of Georgetown, Minnesota, had the second highest scholastic standing with a 3.818 average. In addition to the two highest scholastic ranking students named, eight other students are on the scholastic list of ten highest seniors; and, in order of scholastic rank, they are: Richard Kovar, East Grand Forks; Michael Donahue, Manvel, N.D.; Shirley Ann Johnson, Excelsior; Dale Demers, Grafton, N.D.; Duane Erickson, Ulen; Judy McElheney, Rippey, Iowa; Betty Hedstrand, East Grand Forks; and Dean C. Peterson, Northwood, N.D.

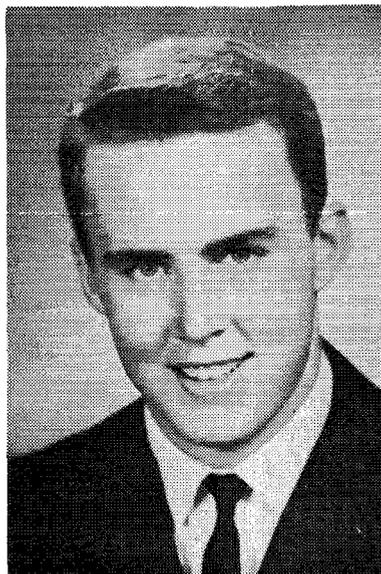
A Citizenship Award is presented at Commencement each year to the two top citizens, one boy and one girl, of the graduating senior class. This award was presented to Kay Lavelle Petersen of Monango, N.D., senior girl, and Sidney Stivland of Lowry, senior boy. Citizenship medals were presented to the students so honored; also, their names will be engraved on the A. M. Pilkey Citizenship Plaque which is permanently in the school's library.

Baccalaureate services were held at the school on Sunday evening, March 22, at eight o'clock in Kiehle auditorium. The Reverend Eyrich E. Hansen of Crookston gave the Commencement sermon.

Following the baccalaureate services, Superintendent and Mrs. B. E. Youngquist and Principal and Mrs. E. N. Reiersgard were hosts at a reception for the members of the graduating class.



SIDNEY STIVLAND



JONATHAN SAXMAN

NWS Alumni Reunion Set For June 13

The annual summer alumni reunion at the Northwest School of Agriculture will be held on June 13. An event of this year's reunion will be the celebration of the 25th anniversary for the class of 1939. Classes observing their reunions will be those ending in "4" and "9".

A "smorgasbord" supper will be served in the Northwest School dining hall at 6 p.m. This meal will be available to all alumni, former students, and faculty, and advance reservations will be requested. A business meeting and program will be held in the afternoon and evening.

Further information on the Alumni Reunion will be given in the May issue of the Northwest School News.

FOUR MEN NAMED TO WINTER SHOWS 'HALL OF FAME'

Four prominent men in agriculture in the Red River Valley were honored at a special Hall of Fame awards program held on February 23 at the Red River Valley Winter Shows, Crookston.

As pioneers in progressive agriculture in the Valley, these men were honored by being the first to be named for the Winter Shows Hall of Fame, and included T. M. McCall, O. M. Kiser, and P. M. Finkenbinder—all of Crookston, and the late Paul Engelstad of Thief River Falls.

Thomas M. McCall, former superintendent of the Northwest School and Experiment Station, came to Crookston in 1911. Mr. McCall served on the staff at the Northwest School until his retirement in 1956. He was superintendent from 1937 until the time of his retirement; also, he served as president of the Winter Shows Board of Managers for nineteen years.

Orville M. Kiser served on the staff at the Northwest School and Experiment Station from 1921 until his retirement in 1952. During this time, he was head of the Animal Husbandry department. He served as secretary of the Red River Valley Livestock as-

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RRV Winter Shows Attendance Sets New Record

A total of 31,582 persons attended the nine-day run of the 54th annual Red River Valley Winter Shows held at Crookston, February 22 through March 1. This figure compared with some over 30,000 for the 1963 Show.

According to Don Myroid, executive director of the show, the Board of Managers was well pleased with this figure—considering that two days of blizzards held down the attendance in the early part of the show.

The reactions of the people who visited the Winter Shows this year seemed to be one of pride in the fine exhibition of Red River Valley agriculture.

The agricultural show including the unusual Crops Show and the Livestock Show, together with the evening programs, continued to draw overflow crowds at the new Winter Shows Arena day after day.

According to B. E. Youngquist, chairman of the program committee, a record number of people attended the seminars and educational meetings which were held at the Northwest School and Experiment Station. The seminars seem to grow in attendance each year.

An unbelievable but quite well maneuvered change-over took place on the sixth day of the show and the barns were completely transformed into horse show headquarters. Those agri-service industries that remained in the Arena were set up in the balcony area. The Horse Show was rated as an "A" grade show with nearly 400 entries coming from three states and Canada.

The show dates for the exposition next year have been set for February 20 through 28, 1965.

Seniors Choose Comedy for Class Play

The three-act farce-comedy "Here Comes Charlie" was selected by the Senior class at the Northwest School for its annual class play. The comedy was presented on March 12 in Kiehle auditorium at 7:30 p.m.

A cast of ten players was chosen for the play and included: Shirley Ann Johnson, Excelsior; Phyllis Payne, Dodge Center; Nancy McKeever, Kenora, Ontario, Canada; Sandra Rebarchek, Graceton; Judy McElheney, Rippey, Iowa; Jonathan Saxman, Georgetown; Sidney Stivland, Lowry; LeRoy Opdahl, Lockhart; Robert Odegaard, Hickson, N.D.; and Rolland Retzlaff, Morris.

LEONARD YUTRZENKA, '42, ELECTED KING AGASSIZ IV

Leonard Yutrzenka of Argyle, a Northwest School graduate—class of '42, was crowned King Agassiz IV at coronation ceremonies held at the Red River Valley Winter Shows, Crookston, on February 23.

The newly-elected King Agassiz operates a 400 acre farm specializing in certified grain and potato production. Yutrzenka is married and has three children. In 1942, he started farming with his father; in 1945, he rented an additional quarter of land. After a period of a few years, he bought the home farm. He is a member of the Northwestern Farm and Home Improvement Association, the Crop Improvement Association, and the Co-op Oil Association. At present, he is chairman of the board of his Soil Conservation District as well as chairman of the Rural Area Development Natural Resources Committee. Also, he is active in church and school projects.

Four of the eleven county King Agassiz nominees were Northwest School alumni, including: The Rev. Alfred J. Wiger, '45, Hawley, Clay county; Harris A. Peterson, '43, Drayton, N.D., Kittson county; Leo F. Bettels, Jr., Mahnomen, Mahnomen county; and the New King Agassiz, Leonard Yutrzenka, Marshall county. Other county King Agassiz nominees were: Ray Christian, Fertile, East Polk county; LeRoy Carlson, Williams, Lake of the Woods county; Peter Fog, Halstad, Norman county; Ken Onken, Thief River Falls, Pennington county; Irving Beyer, Red Lake Falls, Red Lake coun-



King Agassiz III, George Nornes of Climax (left), transfers the official duties of his office to Leonard Yutrzenka of Argyle (right), elected King Agassiz IV—to reign during 1964.

ty; Alvin Wagner, Crookston, West Polk county; and Clifford Ouse, Rothsay, Wilkin county.

King Agassiz is the official Red River Valley Winter Shows ambassador and is selected each year from supporting counties who nominate a county King Agassiz for recognition at the Winter Shows. Candidates are to be between the ages of 25 and 40 and are farmers or anyone who serves farming.

Judy Karr Receives Homemaker of Tomorrow Award

Judy Ann Karr of Warren, a Senior, is the Northwest School of Agriculture's 1964 Betty Crocker Homemaker of Tomorrow. She achieved the highest score in a written knowledge and attitude examination given December 3, 1963 in the Department of Public Relations, General Mills, Minneapolis. Sponsor of the program is General Mills, Inc. Judy was awarded a "Homemaker of Tomorrow" pin to signify her achievement, and her test paper was entered in competition for state honors.

More than 484,000 girls in 14,000 of the nation's schools participated in the Homemaker of Tomorrow contest. The state winner is eligible for a \$1,500 college scholarship; the state's second highest ranking girl is eligible for a \$500 scholarship.

Music Groups and Piano Students Present Spring Concerts

The piano students at the Northwest School of Agriculture presented their spring recital on March 17 in Kiehle auditorium at 8 p.m. The pianists who performed were the students of Donald W. Anderson, piano instructor at the school.

Student members of various music groups at the Northwest School gave their annual spring music concert on Sunday afternoon, March 22, at three o'clock.

Fifty-eight voices comprised the mixed chorus under the direction of Conrad H. Kvamme. The chorus presented a group of numbers ranging from light classical music to folk ballads. Also participating in the program were other mixed vocal groups and soloists.

Under the direction of Robert A. Heckman, the school band played selections including a Viennese waltz, marches, and popular numbers.

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Future of Northwest School Under Study

During the early spring and summer of 1963, the University of Minnesota Bureau of Field Studies made a careful survey and a complete analysis of the current role of the Northwest School of Agriculture and also of the status of higher education and of secondary education in Northwestern Minnesota.

In their findings, the committee recommended: (1) that the Northwest Agricultural Experiment Station be strengthened and expanded appropriate to the needs of the evolving agricultural economy, (2) that continuing education in the form of adult short courses for those who farm and those who service farmers be enlarged as needed in the immediate years ahead, (3) that consideration be given to phasing out the School of Agriculture and launching a college-level technical institute.

Accordingly, a special ad hoc committee was appointed by President O. Meredith Wilson to: (1) recommend plans for phasing in the technical institute and phasing out the current educational program of the Northwest School, and (2) to recommend in terms as specific as possible changes that need to be made in staffing and facilities. These recommendations will be considered by the University Board of Regents, talked over with other higher educational agencies in the state, and then finally placed in form for recommendation to the Legislature which meets early in 1965.

Chairman of the new committee is Stanley J. Wenberg, University of Minnesota vice president for educational relationships and development. Other members are: Dean Sherwood O. Berg of the Institute of Agriculture; Professor Robert J. Keller, director of University high school; Keith N. McFarland, assistant dean, College of Agriculture, Forestry and Home Economics, Institute of Agriculture; Roger B. Page, assistant dean, College of Liberal Arts; Luther J. Pickrel, assistant to the president; Earl N. Ringo, assistant to the director, Bureau of Institutional Research; Theodore W. Sudia, associate professor, plant path-

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Home Project Winners: Pictured are the two students who received Championship awards at a recent Home Projects Awards Assembly held at the Northwest School of Agriculture.

The championship award plaque for girls' summer home economics projects in 1963 was presented to Twyla Gunderson of Buxton, N.D. Robert D. Johnson, of Kempton, N.D., was awarded the championship plaque for boys' 1963 summer home project work. Not in the picture—Wayne Tabbut of Fergus Falls who received the Reserve Sweepstakes award for boys' projects.

In addition to the championship and reserve championship awards, Blue Ribbon awards were given in girls' home economics projects and boys' agricultural and other projects. The Erhard A. Anderson Horticultural Awards—cash awards—were also presented to seventeen students in horticultural home projects.

NORTHWEST AGS END SUCCESSFUL SEASON

The Northwest School athletic teams enjoyed one of their most successful seasons in recent years. The wrestling team won 11 and lost 5 meets. A good representation in the various weights will return giving Coach Rodney Mosher an optimistic outlook for next year.

In basketball, the Aggies had one of their better teams in recent years, winning 17 and losing 5. The boys played an exciting style of fast-break basketball. They competed in two invitational tournaments, placing second in an 8-team tourney held in Winnipeg, Canada. Prospects for next year are bright in basketball with seven lettermen coming back. Coach Herschel Lysaker is also expecting good help from the "B" team and freshmen squads.

SEMINAR ON U OF M INSTITUTE OF AGRICULTURE HELD AT NW SCHOOL

Searching questions about the future role of the Institute of Agriculture at the University of Minnesota were raised at the seminar attended by over 250 citizen leaders from Northwestern Minnesota on February 26 of Winter Shows week. The seminar was held at the Northwest School.

The purpose of the Institute was threefold: (1) to discuss the programs and plans of the Institute of Agriculture with citizen leaders; (2) to present firsthand the broad and varied functions of the Institute; (3) to provide an opportunity for citizen leaders to raise questions and reactions to the programs and activities of the Institute of Agriculture.

Sherwood O. Berg, dean of the Institute of Agriculture; William F. Hueg Jr., assistant director of the Agricultural Experiment Station; Keith N. McFarland, director of Resident Instruction; and Harland Routhe, director of programming for the Agricultural Extension Service addressed the citizen leaders during the morning session.

Stanley J. Wenberg, vice president of the University, spoke to the seminar group on the general role of the University of Minnesota and particularly of its interest in Northwestern Minnesota. Vice President Wenberg made particular note of the ad hoc committee which is now developing recommendations for the 1965 Legislature relative to the future of the Northwest School of Agriculture.

As the group looked ahead to the future, Dr. Berg pointed out that this is the age of the "knowledge worker." Further, that brains to a large extent are replacing brawn. Agriculture, business, industry, and education must be supplied with highly skilled professional graduates from home economics, plant sciences, animal sciences, biochemistry, forestry, journalism, and other fields. The Institute of Agriculture has a great future, if we, as citizen leaders, are wise enough to make the crucial decisions and the necessary adjustments for that service which is needed in decades ahead.

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 ology and physiology; Dean Willard L. Thompson of the General Extension division; Alfred L. Vaughan, associate dean, General College; Frank Verbrugge, associate dean, Institute of Technology, and Professor Bernard E. Youngquist, superintendent of the Northwest School of Agriculture and Experiment Station.

Around and About With NW School Alumni

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

***Peggy N. M. Bjornson (Preston), '58 recently graduated from the College of Nursing, University of North Dakota, Grand Forks. She was awarded the degree of Bachelor of Science in Nursing.

***Harvey E. Peterson, '61, Northwood, N.D., is a Junior at the University of North Dakota, Grand Forks. He is a member of Alpha Tau—Honorary Industrial Arts Fraternity.

***Robert L. Glass, '55, formerly of Crookston, has been serving with the Staff of Commander Destroyre Flo-tilla One in Yokosuka, Japan. For the past two years he has been writer for the admiral commander of the Destroyer, home ported in Yokohama. Recently, he was given a new assignment with NATO in Oslo, Norway.

***Fred Sorensen, '43, has been appointed as agricultural representative for the Union State Bank of Thief River Falls, Minnesota. Before taking over his duties at the bank on February 1, he served as vocational agriculture coordinator at the area vocational school in Thief River Falls.

***Dell Christianson, '56, who has served with the United States Peace Corps the past two years has rejoined the Union State Bank staff, Thief River Falls.

***Mrs. J. E. Clover, (nee Emma Osterloh, class of 1912), celebrated her 50th wedding anniversary this year. Mr. and Mrs. Clover are making their home at 523 Carol Place, Arroyo Grande, California.

***Torlief Boe, '35, is employed as county supervisor for the Farmers Home Administration with headquarters at Ada, Minnesota.

***Gary Tvinnereim, '63, is a student at Mayville State College at Mayville, North Dakot.

Marriages

***Miss Virginia C. Larson, of Fertile, to E. Deane Radke, of Crookston, on December 28.

***Miss Mary Jennifer Olson, of Grand Forks, N.D., to Arthur Loyland Jr., of Thompson, N.D., on January 18, at Grand Forks. They are making their home at 1427 Sixth Ave., So., Fargo, N.D.

***Miss Carol Ann Budzeak, of Grand Forks, N.D., to Richard Charles Hutton, Manvel, N.D., on December 27, 1963, at Grand Forks, N.D.

***Miss Shirley Sheldon to Leroy Gubrud on June 22, 1963. Their address: 2608 - 15th Ave., So., Minneapolis, Min-

nesota.

***Miss Nancy Diamond to Donald Muier, on April 11, 1963. Their address: Lorado Air Force Base, Loredo, Texas.

Births

***To Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Degerness of Gary, a son, on January 4, 1964.

***To Mr. and Mrs. Dale Svendsgaard (nee Janice Steinhauer), a son Lydell Dale, on June 19, 1963.

***To Mr. and Mrs. Dave Tucker (nee Myrna Anderson) a daughter Ranae Suzanne, on April 11, 1964.

NORTHWEST SCHOOL ALUMNI RECEIVE AWARDS AT RRV WINTER SHOWS

A number of Northwest School alumni and former faculty members received awards at the Red River Valley Winter Shows, Crookston, February 22-March 1.

Mr. and Mrs. Veral M. Gibbons (Veral '21), of Crookston, and Mr. and Mrs. Donald Ste. Marie (Donald '40), of Red Lake Falls, were honored as 1964 Valley Farmers and Homemakers from their respective counties at a "recognition" banquet for sixteen farm couples at the Winter Shows on February 27.

James R. Muzzy, '47, of Thief River Falls, was presented the Herdsman plaque award in the dairy class.

L. Charles Brendemuhl, '63, of Moorhead, won the Sweepstakes award in the 4-H corn class.

Mrs. Silas Hanson (nee Marjorie Ofstedahl, '44) of Thief River Falls, had the first-prize winning slide (a picture of a child and a sunflower) in the Photography Contest at the Winter Shows.

Donald Strickler, '62, of Euclid, won first and second place with his Angus steers in the "judging on-the-hoof of steers" division of the Meat Carcass Show.

In the subcollegiate dairy judging contest, the Northwest School team took first place. James Schouviller of the Northwest School was the grand champion subcollegiate dairy judge.

Leonard Yutzenka, '42, of Argyle, was elected King Agassiz IV of the RRV Winter Shows.

T. M. McCall and O. M. Kiser, retired Northwest School and Experiment Station faculty members, and the late Paul Engelstad of Thief River Falls, class of 1916, were honored by being named for the Winter Shows Hall of Fame.

Sugarbeet Research

Reviewed at Two Seminars

Sugarbeet growers of the Red River Valley, southern Minnesota, and northern Iowa were participants in two seminars: one held during Red River Valley Winter Shows week on February 25 at the Northwest School of Agriculture and the other held on March 3 in Mankato.

The purpose of these seminars was to bring to interested sugarbeet producers a firsthand report on research being carried on by the state experiment stations, the United States Department of Agriculture, and the American Crystal Sugar Company.

Both seminars were presided over by Superintendent B. E. Youngquist. The research presentations were headed by Dr. Olaf Soine of the Northwest School and Experiment Station and a number of researchers from the United States Department of Agriculture, the University of Minnesota, and the American Crystal Sugar Company.

More than 500 growers attended the seminar at Crookston and just over one hundred registered at the Mankato seminar despite the stormy weather. The seminars were sponsored jointly by the University of Minnesota and the Western Sugarbeet Growers Association.

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sociation from 1921 until his retirement.

Receiving the award for his late father, Paul Engelstad (Northwest School, Class of 1916) was Arnold Engelstad of Thief River Falls. Paul Engelstad spent his entire life farming near Thief River Falls and began exhibiting his crops and livestock at the Winter Shows as early as 1912.

P. M. Finkenbinder of Crookston came to the Crookston area in 1903. He settled in Andover township where he lived until his retirement in 1957. He was well known for his breeding of Chester White hogs and purebred milking Shorthorns and he won a number of awards at the Winter Shows with his livestock entries.

The 'Hall of Fame' honor was launched to recognize men and women citizens of the Valley who have made special contributions over a long period of years. These contributions have been not only to the Red River Valley Winter Shows, but even moreso to the development of agriculture in the Valley.