

# Northwest School News

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## TWO NORTHWEST SCHOOL RETIRED STAFF MEMBERS DIE

T. M. McCALL

Thomas M. McCall, 77, former superintendent and professor emeritus of the Northwest School and Experiment Station, died on March 21 after an illness of several weeks.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m., on March 24, in the Kiehle auditorium at the Northwest School. The Reverend Robert Cash of Crookston officiated.

Thomas McCall was born Dec. 25, 1887 at McCallsburg, Iowa. In 1910 he was graduated from the Iowa State College where he majored in horticulture and forestry. After serving at his alma mater briefly as an assistant in entomology and instructor of horticulture, he joined the staff at the Northwest School and Experiment Station, Crookston, in 1911. He was on sabbatical leave in 1929-30 to return to Iowa State College, Des Moines, to earn his Master of Science degree.

In May 1937, Mr. McCall was named superintendent of the Northwest School and Experiment Station, a post he held until his retirement in June

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Thomas M. McCall  
1887 - 1965

A. M. FOKER

Arnold M. Foker, 78, assistant professor emeritus of the Northwest School and Experiment Station, died on February 18. He had been ill the past three and one-half years.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. on February 22 from Trinity Lutheran Church of Crookston with the Reverend Ralph Tellefsen officiating.

Mr. Foker was born May 17, 1886 in Minneapolis. He taught at the Warren, Minnesota, High School from 1907 to 1909. After leaving the Warren High School, he accepted a position in the Alexandria, Minnesota, high school where he taught industrial arts for eight years. In 1917, he accepted the position as instructor at the Northwest School of Agriculture and Experiment Station. A few years later, he became head of the department of agricultural engineering and the superintendent of buildings and grounds, positions which he held until his retirement in June 1954. He taught industrial arts. During his years at the Northwest School, he took an active

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Arnold M. Foker  
1886 - 1965

## Alumni Reunion Set For June 19 At NW School

The annual summer Alumni Reunion is scheduled for Saturday, June 19, at the Northwest School of Agriculture, Crookston.

This year's alumni reunion is expected to bring back to the Northwest School campus many of the graduates from the class of 1915 — they will be celebrating their 50th anniversary. Classes observing reunions this year will include all years ending in "0" and "5"; however, the alumni reunion is for alumni of all graduating classes as well as former students and faculty. All are invited to attend.

A "smorgasbord" supper will be served in the Northwest School dining hall at 6 p.m. with a charge of \$1.50 per person. The meal will be available to all alumni, former students, and faculty; however, meal reservations must be made by June 10. Reservations should be mailed to the Superintendent's Office, Northwest School, Crookston. A program and Northwest School Alumni Association business meeting will be held in conjunction with the supper.

A "get-together" for the class re-

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## Ninety Seniors Receive Diplomas at Commencement

On March 26, the 57th annual Commencement was held at the Northwest School of Agriculture for a class of ninety seniors. The exercises were held in the Kiehle auditorium at 2 p.m.

Dr. John Blackmore of St. Paul was the Commencement speaker. Dr. Blackmore is director of International Agricultural Programs and professor of Agricultural Economics at the University of Minnesota, St. Paul. Presiding at the program was Superintendent B. E. Youngquist.

The Singing Twenty student music group, under the direction of Conrad Kvamme, sang two numbers. Susan Dahl of Felton was the student piano accompanist. Janis McElheney of Rippey, Iowa, gave greetings from the class of 1965; also, she sang a soprano solo with Roberta Overgaard of Dalton as student piano accompanist. The Reverend A. L. Oelschlager of Crooks-

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### T. M. McCALL DIES

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1956. McCall Hall, a dormitory on the school campus, was named in his honor.

He was superintendent of the Red River Valley Winter Shows crops division from 1911-1936. Also, he served as president of the RRV Winter Shows board of managers 1937-1956, president of the Red River Valley Livestock Association 1938-1956, and president of the Red River Valley Development Association 1939-1956.

Honors he had received included honorary life membership in the Minnesota State Horticultural Society, that organization's highest award; City of Crookston certificate of merit; Red River Valley Development Association honorary Valley Farmer award, 1956; Future Farmers of America honor farmer award, 1954-55, and the Distinguished Service Award from the Minnesota State Association for Soil and Water Conservation presented January 5, 1956.

Mr. McCall's name is listed in Who's Who in America and Who's Who in Minnesota. Also, he was a member of Alpha Zeta, agricultural honor society, and of Delta Sigma Rho, honorary forensics association.

In 1964, he received the Winter Shows Hall of Fame award. He had received the State of Minnesota certificate of merit. In 1954, he was sponsored as a candidate for Rotary District Governor by Crookston's Agassiz Rotary Club of which he was a member and past president.

Mr. McCall was the author of a centennial history of Polk county; also, he had written numerous bulletins and other publications on research in the field of potatoes, sugarbeets, vegetables, fruits, and ornamental trees and shrubs.

He was a member of the Church of Christ and former chairman of the board of elders of the Crookston congregation.

Survivors include his wife, Blanche, of 224 So. Minnesota, Crookston; one daughter, Mrs. Allen (Barbara) Hughes, San Diego, Calif.; two sons, Donald, North Hollywood, Calif., and Robert, New Shrewsbury, N.J.; and six grandchildren. A sister, Mrs. G. R. Bishop of Runnells, Iowa, also survives.

## Around and About With Northwest School Alumni

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

\*\*\*Arlene Christianson, '56, formerly of Goodridge, has recently been elected secretary of the Northwestern Industrial Editors Association. She is editor of the Employee Magazine at Archer Daniels Midland of Minneapolis. Arlene was awarded a free trip to the International Conference of Industrial Editors in New York; also, she has won both Magazine of the Month award and the First award for Internal Publication with a circulation under 5,000 from the Northwestern Industrial Editors Association.

\*\*\*Robert A. Larson, 58, of Grafton, N.D., is enrolled as a Junior at the University of North Dakota, Grand Forks. He is majoring in Industrial Art and Education.

\*\*\*Philip Bohnsack, '59, of Hillsboro, N.D., is attending the University of Arizona at Tucson, Arizona. He is majoring in Animal Husbandry.

\*\*\*Richard Abney, '60, formerly of Orleans, visited the Northwest School campus on April 3 while en route to his home in Minneapolis following a vacation trip to Florida. Richard is employed by the Morgan E. Johnson Company, Minneapolis. He and his family live at 9125 - 11th Avenue, So., Minneapolis, Minnesota.

\*\*\*Jeffrey Meyer, '61, of Gardner, N.D. is attending Mayville State College. Following his graduation from Mayville State this summer, he will enroll at the University of North Dakota, Grand Forks, to attend graduate school in Geography; also, he will serve as assistant professor in this department.

\*\*\*Don McCall, '32, is an instructor in California State College, North Hollywood, California.

\*\*\*Carole Bohnsack, '62, is attending Concordia Teachers College at Seward, Nebraska. Bonnie Bohnsack, '62, is employed as a secretary in a law office in Phoenix, Arizona.

\*\*\*Roger Fischer, '64, of Georgetown, is a student at Moorhead State College, Moorhead.

\*\*\*Duane Wentzel, '58, is an employee in the Advertising Department of the Crookston Daily Times. He and his family make their home in Crookston.

\*\*\*Ella Fosbakken, '19, (Mrs. Darragh Geddes) visited the campus on February 3. She was en route home from a vacation trip to Alberta, Canada, and British Columbia. Her address: Rt. 1, East Grand Forks, Minnesota.

\*\*\*Alfred H. Steinke, '63, is a student at the University of North Dakota,

Grand Forks. He is majoring in civil engineering. Following his graduation from the Northwest School in March 1963, he enrolled at the Lake Region Junior College at Devils Lake, N.D. and completed a course there in June 1964 for training as an engineering aid under the Manpower Development Training Act. During the summer of 1964, he was employed by K. B. MacKichan and Associates, a consulting engineering firm in Grand Forks, N.D.

\*\*\*William H. Strickler, '30, of Euclid, was honored at the 1965 Red River Valley Winter Shows. The Winter Shows Board of Managers voted to designate the livestock show arena, in the new Winter Shows Arena building, the "Bill Strickler Arena." This action was taken by the Board due to a vote by a large number of members of the Red River Valley Livestock Association and Winter Shows who wished to give him recognition for his many years of untiring and unselfish work on behalf of the Red River Valley Livestock Association and RRV Winter Shows. He is president of the Red River Valley Livestock Association and vice-president of the Red River Valley Winter Shows.

\*\*\*John Hoper, '55, of Stephen, graduated from the University of North Dakota in February during the fall semester. He was awarded a B.A.A. degree in Business Administration.

\*\*\*Lynn Tharaldson, an instructor at the Northwest School of Agriculture during the school years of 1962-63 and 1963-64, is a student at the Luther Theological Seminary, St. Paul, Minnesota.

### Marriages

\*\*\*Miss Sandra Lee Carlson of Strandquist to Leslie L. Jensen, formerly of Stephen, on February 14, at Stephen, Minnesota.

\*\*\*Miss Sharon DeSautel, of Grafton, N.D., to Robert A. Larson, of Grafton, N.D., on June 22, 1964. Home address: 1178 So. Kittson Avenue, Grafton, N.D.

\*\*\*Miss Sharon Lee Surface, of Niagara, N.D., to Alfred H. Steinke, of Niagara, N.D., on August 2, 1964.

### Births

\*\*\*To Mr. and Mrs. Donald Overgaard (nee Harlene Hagen), a son, Scott Larry, on February 2. Home address: c/o Northwest School, Crookston.

\*\*\*To Mr. and Mrs. Paul Proulx of Crookston, a son, on February 16, at Crookston.

\*\*\*To Mr. and Mrs. Donald Taus of Angus, a daughter, on February 18, at Crookston.

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**NWSA HOST TO FOREIGN EXCHANGE STUDENT**

Arto Kalevi Vuoristo of Vampula, Finland, arrived on the Northwest School of Agriculture campus on April 14. He is one of the fifty-three foreign students from ten countries who will spend the next nine months on Minnesota farms throughout the state under a special work-study program of the University of Minnesota.

He is receiving his agricultural experience at the Northwest School and Experiment Station and will live on the campus until December 1. He is working in the Horticulture Department at the Station with B. C. Beresford, horticulturist, as his supervisor. When he completes his assigned stay at the Northwest School, he will register for three months of study in the Institute of Agriculture, University of Minnesota, St. Paul.

This exchange student, who is nineteen years of age, attended grade school and also graduated from high school in Alastaro, Finland. Last year, he was enrolled in the Loimaa Agricultural School at Loimaa, Finland.

In the summer of 1964, the Northwest School was host to Bo Magnus Nordenswan of Kara Turkhauta, Finland, as an Exchange Student.

**High Ranking Scholarship Students, Class of '65**



Janis McElheney

The two seniors at the Northwest School of Agriculture who had the highest scholastic standing in the 1965 graduating class on March 26 were Janis McElheney of Rippey, Iowa — highest average; Robert D. Johnson of Kempton, North Dakota—second highest scholastic standing.



Robert Johnson

In addition to the two highest ranking students named, eight other students were on the scholastic list of ten highest seniors. In order of scholastic rank, beginning with the third highest, were: Kenneth E. Drees, Reynolds, N. D.; Conrad M. Larson, Morris; Allen Boushee, Oslo; Mathew Moe, Hitterdal; David Lambert, Hallock; Mark Moe, Hitterdal; Stanley Overgaard, Dalton; and Daniel Wallace, Euclid.

**WOMEN'S CAMP AT NWS MARKS 40TH YEAR**

Homemakers in the Red River Valley counties of Minnesota and North Dakota are invited to attend the annual Women's Camp which will be held June 8-11 at the Northwest School of Agriculture, Crookston. This year will be the 40th anniversary of the Women's Camp.

Registration for "resident" campers will begin at 3 p.m. on Tuesday, June 8, and the camp closes Friday afternoon, June 11, at one o'clock. The cost will be \$12.00 for "resident" camp members for the camp period (June 8-11); and late registrants (meals and lodging per day)—\$5.00.

Wednesday, June 9, is designated as "Day Camping" day for those who cannot attend the entire period of the camp but wish to attend at least one day's program. There is a registration fee of 50 cents per person for "Day Camping" day. The noon or evening meal will be available to campers at a nominal charge.

An interesting program is being planned for the week, including craft classes, food demonstrations, travelogues, swimming, the Golden Horseshoe hunt, a banquet, and a number of other worthwhile activities.

Mrs. Harlene H. Overgaard, home economics instructor at the Northwest School, is camp leader.

Women who are interested in registering for the camp, or would like additional information regarding the camp, should write to the Northwest School of Agriculture, Crookston, Minnesota, for reservations or information.

**DR. A. A. DOWELL RECEIVES 'HALL OF FAME' HONOR AT WINTER SHOWS**

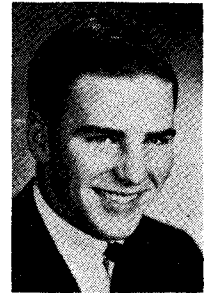
Dr. Austin A. Dowell, former superintendent of the Northwest School and Experiment Station, 1927-1937, received the honor of being named to the "Hall of Fame" of the Red River Valley Winter Shows, Crookston. He served as president of the Red River Valley Winter Shows for ten years while he was superintendent of the School and Station. Dr. and Mrs. Dowell attended the presentation ceremonies held on February 21 at Crookston.

In 1960, Dr. Dowell retired from the University of Minnesota faculty after having served the University for thirty-eight years. Prior to his retirement, he was director of resident instruction and assistant dean of the College of Agriculture, Forestry, and Home Economics at the University of Minnesota. Dr. and Mrs. Dowell are now living at 1485 Grantham Street, St. Paul, Minnesota.

**CITIZENSHIP AWARDS**



Darlyne Kovar



Vere Vollmers

A Citizenship Award is presented at Commencement each year to the two top citizens, one girl and one boy, of the graduating senior class at the Northwest School.

On March 26, this award was presented to Darlyne Kovar of East Grand Forks, senior girl, and Vere Vollmers of Wheaton, senior boy. Citizenship gold 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 Northwest School library.

**FRESHMAN CLASS TO BE DISCONTINUED AT NW SCHOOL**

Through action taken by the Board of Regents of the University of Minnesota on March 19, the freshman class at the Northwest School of Agriculture, Crookston, will discontinue commencing with the fall term of 1965.

The ninth-grade class of 1964-1965 was voted to be the last. No applications for ninth-grade enrollment will be accepted for the fall of 1965 or thereafter. Students will continue to be accepted, however, for grades 10, 11, and 12.

This action follows the Regents' recommendation to set up a two-year college-level technical institute at Crookston. The recommendation now is being considered by the Minnesota State Legislature.

"Establishment of the Institute," President O. Meredith Wilson points out, "is contingent upon Legislative action."

The decision to close out the ninth grade is consistent with recommendations made by two 1959 Legislative interim commissions and with results of constant study of the role of the University's agricultural schools, according to Stanley J. Wenberg, University vice president for educational relationships and development.

The high school program now is being phased out at the North Central School of Agriculture at Grand Rapids. The Regents' action on the Northwest School will leave one Uni-

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**A. M. FOKER DIES**

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part in the Red River Valley Winter Shows.

The school's yearbook, "The Aggie," was dedicated to Mr. Foker in 1954—his retirement year. Also, he was presented a Certificate of Merit in recognition of his devoted service to the University of Minnesota.

He was a member of the Trinity Lutheran Church of Crookston and an active member in church matters and activities. For a number of years, Mr. Foker served as chairman of the board of trustees. Also, he was on the Building Commission when the present Trinity Lutheran Church was built and he was grounds and building chairman of the church.

Survivors include his wife, Emma, of 813 Thorndale Avenue, Crookston; two daughters, Mrs. William (Dorothy) Montague of Crookston and Mrs. Arne (Helen) Rydland of Minneapolis; one son, Robert (Bud) of Appleton, Wis.; thirteen grandchildren; one brother, O. C. Foker of Minneapolis, and one sister, Mrs. Rollin Tyler of Rio Vista, California.

**NW School Alumni**

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\*\*\*To Mr. and Mrs. William Geddes, of Grand Forks, N.D., a daughter, Dorothy Ann, on August 12, 1964.

\*\*\*To Mr. and Mrs. Henry Boedeker (nee Marilyn Jahnke), of Henning, a son, Chad Alan, born on February 27.

**Deaths**

\*\*\*Darragh Geddes, '14, of East Grand Forks, on November 26, 1964.

\*\*\*Mrs. William Mienert (nee Clara Lindfors, '16, on January 4, 1965, at Fosston.

\*\*\*Richard Muir, '65, of Hillsboro, N.D., on April 16, at Fargo, N.D.

**NORTHWEST SCHOOL**

**Calendar**

June	Agricultural Instructors
10, 11	Electric Workshop.
June	40th Annual
8-11	Women's Camp.
June	Annual
14-18	4-H Club Week.
June 19	NWS Alumni Reunion.
July	School Lunch
6-9	Workshop.
July 13	Crops and Soils Day.
July 20	Field Day; Pinto Bean Workshop — Hail Research Representatives.
Sept. 4	Horticulture Day.
Sept. 23	Cattle Feeders Institute.

Words by  
Anne Stanley

**THE VALLEY AGGIE**

Music by  
Rosa Polski

*fast*  
*slow*

Ch To our Ag - gies cheer, Oh... Ag - gies cheer, let's boost for our A.  
To our foot - ball team we. say - let's cheer. We're proud of you to-

C. With its vine clad walls and its dear old halls we're as  
day, We... know you'll fight with... all your might and...

happ - y as can be... With... friends so true, and a  
we'll all shout HOO - RA! Just watch us roar when you

will to do for our A. C. to we the stand... So  
make a score for we're with you to the end... So

*slower*

let us sing till the valley'll ring for the best school in the land...  
play the game and win the hon - or do - fend...

**ALUMNI — DO YOU REMEMBER THIS SONG? PLAN TO BE AT ALUMNI REUNION ON JUNE 19 TO HELP US SING IT.**

**Alumni Reunion, June 19**

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union groups will be held following the supper hour, with each reunion class meeting in an assigned building on the school campus.

Northwest School alumni who wish to receive more information on plans for the special Anniversary reunions may write to E. N. Reiersgord, principal, Northwest School.

Officers of the Northwest School Alumni Association include: Leo Ash of Orleans, president; Glen Finkenbinder of Crookston, vice-president; Mrs. Charles Holmquist (nee Bonita Vesledahl) of Crookston, secretary; and Mrs. Roger Tollefson (nee Barbara Thureen) of Beltrami, treasurer.

Alumni who come to the reunion quite early in the day will have an opportunity to take in some of the special events of "Pioneer Days" in the city of Crookston. Others may wish to spend the afternoon in a social way on the school campus.

**Commencement, March 26**

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ton gave the invocation. Donald W. Anderson of Crookston, organist, played the processional and recessional.

Darlyne Kovar of East Grand Forks and Vere Vollmers of Wheaton were presented Citizenship awards.

Presenting the graduating class was E. N. Reiersgord, principal, and Superintendent B. E. Youngquist made the presentation of diplomas.

**Freshman Class Closed**

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versity four-year agricultural school—the Southern School of Agriculture at Waseca.

The Senior High School phase — grades 10, 11, and 12 — will be emphasized the fall of 1965. Students wishing to transfer to the Northwest School in these grades are encouraged to make application to E. N. Reiersgord, Principal.