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59TH COMMENCEMENT HELD AT NORTHWEST SCHOOL ON MARCH 31

AWARDS PRESENTED; 86 RECEIVE DIPLOMAS

Commencement Exercises for eighty-six seniors were held at the Northwest School of Agriculture, Crookston, on March 31, at 2 p.m., in Kiehle auditorium.

The presentation of the class was made by E. N. Reiersgard, principal, and Superintendent B. E. Youngquist presented the diplomas to the graduating class.

Dr. William Matalamaki, superintendent of the North Central School of Agriculture and Experiment Station, Grand Rapids, gave the Commencement address. The invocation was given by the Reverend J. L. Erickson of Crookston. Greetings from the Class of 1967 were given by Wayne Fuder of Foxhome.

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 Geraldine Dahlsad of Borup and Roger Thompson of Kensington. Gold citizenship

pins were presented to the honored students; also, their names will be engraved on the A. M. Pilkey Citizenship Award plaque at the school.

The processional and recessional were played by Mrs. William A. Johnson of Crookston, organist. Dr. B. E. Youngquist, superintendent, presided at the Commencement Exercises.

The two seniors at the Northwest School of Agriculture who had the highest scholastic standing in the graduating class were Wayne L. Fuder of Foxhome — highest average and Roger C. Thompson of Kensington — second highest standing. In addition to the two highest ranking students named, seven other students were on the scholastic list of nine highest seniors. In order of scholastic rank, beginning with the third highest, were: Darlene Olek, Felton; Karen Sikorski, Lancaster; Robert Fehr, East Grand Forks; LeRoy Luchau, Ada; Bruce Q. Nelson, Goodridge; Dorothy Miller, Leonard; and Gene Tiedeman, Euclid.

NWS ALUMNI REUNION SET FOR JUNE 25

The date for the annual Northwest School alumni reunion has been set for Sunday, June 25. An invitation is extended to all Northwest School graduates to attend - graduates from 1906 through 1967. Special anniversaries this year will be for classes celebrating their 10th, 25th, or 50th year. Former students and faculty are also invited.

Plans are being made to have a section for Northwest School alumni in the final "Aggie" yearbook which will also include a history of the Northwest School and its mission throughout the years. It is therefore hoped that all graduates will make an effort to attend the 1967 summer reunion as a photographer will be on hand to take a picture of each class.

Alumni who are interested in ordering one of the final copies of the "Aggie" may order them by mail. The check or money-order of \$5.00 should be made payable to the "Northwest School Aggie" and sent c/o Superintendent, Northwest School, Crookston, Minnesota 56716. Also include with your check, the contract printed in this issue of the Northwest School News. Alumni who attend the reunion on June 25 may order their Aggie at that time if they wish to do so.

All Northwest School alumni, former students, and faculty are invited to attend the reunion to renew old friendships and school memories as well as see the numerous changes that have taken place on the campus since the U of M Technical Institute has come on the scene.

Your local newspapers will carry more information, at a later date, regarding the alumni reunion.

NORTHWEST SCHOOL GRADUATES RECEIVE HONORS AT RRV WINTER SHOWS

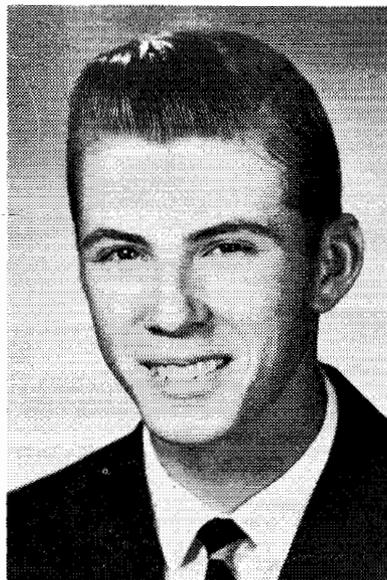
Nine Northwest School graduates received special honorary awards at the 1967 Red River Valley Winter Shows and Northwest School Farmers' Week held at Crookston, February 18-24.

Three Northwest School alumni

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Geraldine Dahlsad
Citizenship Award



Roger C. Thompson
Citizenship Award

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STUDENTS RECEIVE AWARDS AT HONORS "A" BANQUET

At the annual Honors "A" Banquet held at the Northwest School of Agriculture on March 21, awards were presented to Northwest School students who had participated in basketball, livestock judging, and potato judging during the winter term; also presented were scholarship certificates, megaphone awards, and Senior "A" (activity) cards.

The banquet was attended by the entire student body. Lynn Tharaldson, an instructor at the Northwest School 1962-1964, was the guest speaker.

Receiving the scholarship certificates were: Charles Steiner, Foxhome; Arlo Thompson, Kensington; Gary Webster, St. Vincent; Wayne Fuder, Foxhome; and Karen Sikorski, Lancaster.

Athletic letter "A" or chevrons for basketball were awarded to: Letter "A" — Larry Adams, Reynolds, N.D.; Robert Fehr, East Grand Forks; Larry Rivard, Oslo; Roger Thompson, Kensington; Robert Weng and Larry Whetzel, Hillsboro, N.D.; 2-bar chevron — David Bohnsack, Hillsboro, N. D.; Earl Germolus, Borup; Bruce Q. Nelson, Goodridge; Lloyd Petri, Nekoma, N. D.; and William Weber, Reynolds, N. D.; captain's star — Lloyd Petri.

Livestock judging team letter "A" — Steve Boman, Twin Valley; Gerald Nordick, Rothsay; and Robert Weng; Hillsboro, N. D. Potato judging team letter "A" — Sharon and Terry Rerbarchek, Graceton; megaphone letter "A" cheerleader award — Karen Sikorski, Lancaster.

Seniors presented the "A" card (activities) were: Larry Adams; Richard Battles, Warroad; Donald Cerkowniak, Lake Bronson; Mikal Chapman, Casselberry, Florida; Harvey Christianson, Halstad; Francis Dolan, Grafton, N.D.; Robert Fehr; Wayne Fuder; Earl Germolus; Jerome Hertwig, Blanchard, N. D.; Robert Kotrba, Angus; Lyle Lubinski, Euclid; LeRoy Luchau, Ada; Robert Marquardt; Dorothy Miller, Leonard; William Neisen, Waubun;

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BEDE HALL RAZED -- A CAMPUS LANDMARK

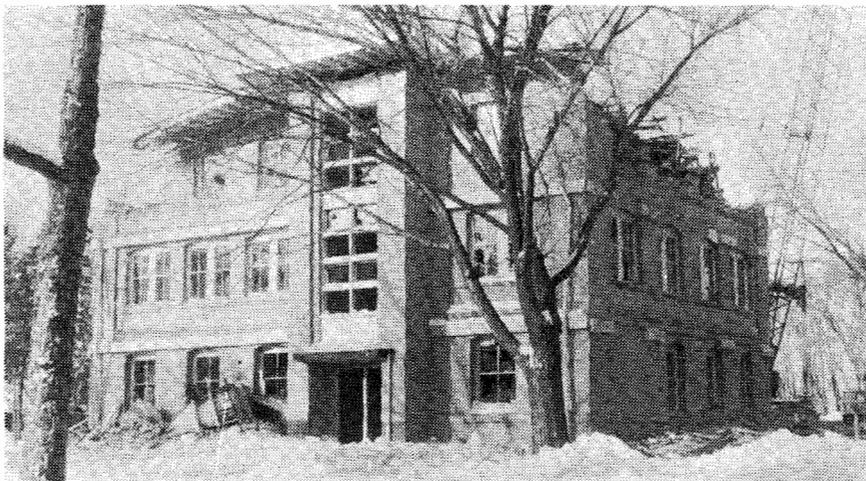
Early in December of 1966, there was evidence of sharp structural deterioration of the masonry on the upper levels of Bede Hall on the Northwest School of Agriculture and U of M Technical Institute campus. Upon careful examination by a staff of University of Minnesota engineers, Bede Hall was condemned and further usage of the building was ordered to cease. A contract was awarded for demolition of the building and the building was demolished early in February 1967.

An emergency request was made to the State Legislature to replace the classroom and laboratory space for the developing of the U of M Technical Institute.

Northwest School alumni, former students, and faculty may recall that a special event of the summer alumni reunion on July 18, 1961, was the formal program held to give Home Economics building the name of "Bede Hall" in honor of Miss Retta Bede of Duluth. A portion of the building, at that time, had recently been rehabilitated. Miss Bede retired from the Northwest School staff in 1957 following the service of thirty-two years as home economics instructor at the school.

Bede Hall (Home Economics building) was the first major building to serve the Northwest School of Agriculture in 1906. The building served as a classroom, dormitory for the boys, dining hall, assembly hall, and library; also, it housed the administrative offices. Since then, the building has been

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HIGH QUALITY FORAGE USED FOR DAIRY BEEF FEEDING

By GEORGE D. MARX

Dairy beef production can be profitable in this part of the country where quality forages can be utilized to produce efficient gains. During the past three years, all of the dairy males from the sixty-cow dairy herd at the Northwest Experiment Station, Crookston, have been fed out and raised as dairy beef and then sold at weights ranging between 1,000 to 1,200 pounds.

CONSUMPTION RISING

Raising of dairy beef is an enterprise the average dairyman can undertake with a very minimum of investment if he has the available barn space, equipment, feed, and labor. In the future, more and more of the beef will come from animals raised as dairy beef. The yearly per capita consumption of beef has increased by more than 30 pounds in the last 20 years, and all indications are that this trend will continue, and, coupled with increased population there will be increased demands for beef.

Dairy beef respond remarkably well to high quality high-forage feeding. This is quite an advantage cost-wise as forages are relatively inexpensive compared to grains and feed supplements. Half the dairy males at the Northwest Experiment Station, Crookston, are castrated at two months of age and raised as steers; the other half are raised as bulls. Dairy bulls on the average reach 1,000 pounds at one year of age.

These dairy beef are fed 4 pounds of concentrate daily and all the high quality alfalfa haylage or hay they will eat to six months of age, at which point they are moved from inside the barn to dry-lot feeding outside.

LOW INVESTMENT

These animals receive alfalfa haylage as their only source of energy (no concentrate) from six months to two months prior to slaughter, at which time they are fed 8 pounds of barley per head daily in addition to all the high quality haylage they will consume. These animals are consuming an average of 25 pounds of alfalfa haylage per day at 12 - 16 months of age and average 1100 pounds at the end of this period, at which time they are slaughtered.

Our total investment in these animals averages 11 cents per pound

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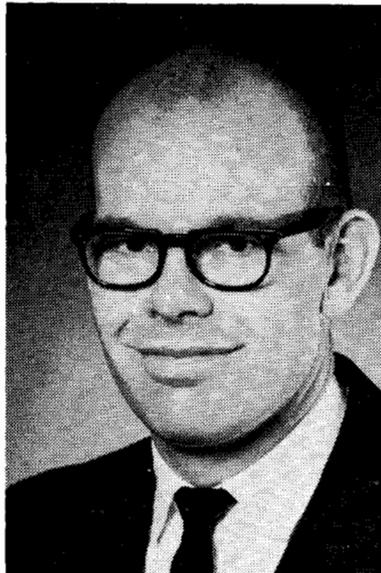
AGRONOMIST APPOINTED FOR NW EXPERIMENT STATION

The appointment of James R. Lofgren as assistant professor at the Northwest School and Experiment Station, Crookston, was recently approved by the University Board of Regents. Mr. Lofgren has accepted the position of agronomist and assumed his duties on April 1.

Mr. Lofgren was born and raised in the state of Nebraska. He studied there as an undergraduate student and received his bachelor of science degree in agronomy from the University of Nebraska in 1960. In 1962, he received his master's degree from North Dakota State University, Fargo, where he did work in plant breeding on barley. He did his doctoral work under the famous wheat breeder, Dr. E. G. Heyne at Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas. Mr. Lofgren has completed all the requirements for the Ph.D. degree and will be awarded the degree at the August commencement exercises which will be held at Kansas State University.

He will assume responsibility for all the general agronomic research carried on at the Northwest Experiment Station.

Mr. and Mrs. Lofgren have two children and will make their home in Crookston.



James R. Lofgren

RECEIVE HONORS AT RRV WINTER SHOWS

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were in the honored group selected for the 1967 Valley Farmer and Homemaker award. The three graduates are: Paul M. Sorenson of Hallock, '31 and '32; Richard M. Holmgren of Baudette, '33 and '34; and Benjamin F. Strickler, Euclid, '27. The graduates and their wives were given a plaque award presented by the Red River Valley Development Association and they were honored guests at a special banquet on February 23 at the Northwest School.

Milton Marmorine, '21, of Gonvick, was named to the Hall of Fame of the Red River Valley Winter Shows. He is the eighth individual to be named for this honor since the inauguration of this award.

Charles U. (Casey) Brantner, '50, of Moorhead, was crowned King Agassiz VII at ceremonies held during Winter Shows week. There were ten candidates for King Agassiz from ten northwestern Minnesota counties. Gerhard Ross, '46, of Fisher, was elected to represent West Polk County.

Receiving the award of "Honored Dairymen for 1967" were three Northwest School graduates, including: Gene E. Johnston, '43 and '44, of Angus; Donald M. Craigmile, '55, of Hallock; and John Swiers, '20, of Bejou. These graduates and their wives were honored at a banquet held on February 20 in Crookston.

DAIRY BEEF FEEDING

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of live weight and very efficient and economic gains are achieved feeding them by this method. Dairymen and cattle feeders might want to consider feeding dairy beef for additional profit.

By Dr. George D. Marx, Dairy Scientist, Northwest School and Agricultural Experiment Station, Crookston.

BEDE HALL RAZED

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known by several names. It was first known as the School Building. It was also known as the Ladies' Hall after Stephens Hall had been built as a dormitory. As the enrollment of the Northwest School grew, it became a teaching center for home economics and was known as the Home Economics building.

