Parents' Day

Well Attended

Over two hundred parents from fifteen Northwestern Minnesota counties attended the Ninth Annual Parents' Day celebration at the North-west School of Agriculture, Saturday, November 3. From the standpoint of attendance and interest in the work of the school, this was the most successful Parents' Day held to date. The delegation from Polk county, totaling 56 fathers and mothers, carried off attendance honors, with Norman ranking second, Red Lake third, Marshall fourth, Clay fifth, and Roseau and Clearwater tying for sixth and seventh. Other counties represented included Pennington, Ottertail, Kittson, Becker, Wilkin, Hubbard and Beltrami, in addition to one North Dakota county.

Among the parents coming the greatest distances were Mr. and Mrs. Sam Erickson, Pecker, Roseau county; Mrs. G. L. Weaver, Williams, Beltrami county; Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Caled, La Porte, Hubbard county; Mr. and Mrs. Ross DePoeche, and Mr. Christ Dalager, Pelican Rapids, Ottertail county, and Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Peet, Wolverton, Wilkin county.

The day's activities included the visitation of classes during the forenoon, dinner in the school dining hall as guests of the students at noon, a special student assembly in the school auditorium, a football game with the Mayville North Dakota Teachers' College, afternoon coffee, and an all-school Halloween party during the evening. In arranging the program every effort was made to enable parents to see their sons and daughters both at work and at play.

Following the early morning drive and the visitation of classes and laboratories, all were ready for the well-cooked meal to dinner. By using the cafeteria room in addition to the din-

HOME PROJECT AWARDS

An impressive array of new frocks, embroidery, needlework, and exhibits of canning and baking were shown to parents at the Ninth Annual Parents' Day and Home Project exhibit at the Northwest School, Saturday, November 3. Students in the agricultural classes showed pure seed, potatoes, corn, and farm weed collections from work completed during the summer months under the supervision of E. R. Clark and Miss Bertha Bede, of the Northwest School faculty.

Selma Walsahl, Plummer, won highest honors in girls' exhibits with her excellent showing of dressmaking, fancy work and baking. Alice Erickson, junior student, Pecker, showed the best house dress in a class of 37 entries. Olga Johnson, Plummer, showed the best made-over dress. Other first premium winners were Agnes Sevd, Pettle, embroidery; Carrie Back, Crookston, French hen; Anna Osmundson, East Grand Forks, hemstitching; Iris Gibbons, Crookston, cake making; Marie Dablow, Thief River Falls, preserving; Sanna Hanson, Wanke, meat canning; Isabelle Lethrun, Crookston, canned fruits and vegetables; and Johnn Cade, Crookston, bread baking.

Forty-eight boys exhibited potatoes, corn, pure seed, and onions. Lloyd Weaver, Williams, won first on Early Ohio and sweepstakes over all potato entries (Continued on Page 3)

Northwest Station

Produces Record Hen

A. M. Pilkey, poultryman, reports a new high record of 318 eggs in 365 days, made by a White Leghorn hen in the flock at the Northwest Experiment station. This is an increase of six eggs over the record established at the station one year ago, according to Mr. Pilkey, is probably the highest record made by any hen in the mid-western states.

Six hens produced a total of 1832 eggs during the year, an average of 305 eggs each. Additional records were produced by 106 White Leghorn hens, produced 24,116 eggs, or an average of 241 each during the year.

These production records are the result of years of selective breeding, feeding and management. Every bird at the station has been trap-nested for the past six years, and all breeding pens selected from the highest producers, size, type and breed character considered. Production records of the dams of all birds used during the past five years range from 250 up to 318 eggs.

The first pen special mating for this year will include hens with records ranging from 300 to 318 eggs each. Cock--

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NEW FALL TERM

ATTENDANCE RECORD

With 274 students enrolled, E. R. Clark, acting registrar, reports a fourteen per cent increase over corresponding figures one year ago. Sixteen Northwestern Minnesota counties are represented, in addition to several central and southern counties, and the states of North Dakota and Montana. The enrollment includes 101 freshmen, 72 juniors, 56 seniors, 27 advanced, and 18 special students.

LARGE CROWD ATTENDS SCHOOL HOME COMING

A large and enthusiastic crowd of alumni, former students, and friends, returned to the Northwest School for Home Coming celebration, October 27. Special events included the general assembly and party during the evening.

HOME NURSING STUDENTS WIN HONORS IN COURSE

During the winter term of the 1927-28 school year, members of the class in home nursing, under the direction of Miss Elesa Simonson, school nurse, were enrolled in a correspondence course in "Child Care and Training." This course offered by the General Extension division of the University of Minnesota consisted of sixteen lessons dealing with the habits and diseases of children under six years of age. Miss Simonson has been advised that the following members of the class were awarded certificates of merit by the Extension division, as a reward for special achievement: Alma Krogstad, Fertile; Mary Johnson, East Grand Forks; Opal Johnson, Plummer; Agnes Johnson, Fisher; Hilma Ahlm, Argyle; Lilian Bakken, Erskine; Williamine Cenfild, Clinton; Florence Hanson, Mentor; Estelle Fillipi, Augus; and Evelyn Bain, Baudette.

FRESHMEN WIN THE OUTDOOR FESTIVAL

The annual outdoor festival was held Saturday evening, October 13, under almost ideal weather conditions. There was a big band and several marching bands in which Coach LaVoil and his loyal squad fought as the Northwest School against the Morris Aggies for Home Coming Day, October 27. The evening's activities closed with cheers and songs for the football team, and a determination to capture the Morris Aggies' goat by winning the annual football game scheduled for Home Coming Day, October 27.

FOOTBALL TEAM MAKES EXCELLENT SHOWING

In spite of the fact that the training period is considerably shorter than at most other schools, the "Aggie" football team has made a remarkable showing in its first four games. Playing the first game of the season after but five days of training, the team was rewarded by a 13-0 victory over the veteran Red Lake Falls squad. The team took advantage of numerous fumbles made by their opponents and at the same time played a strong defensive game.

The second contest with East Grand Forks was another hard fought game, with each squad fighting to the utmost and the Aggies winning victorious by an 18-0 count. A decided improvement over the play of the previous week was noticeable in this latter game, with Widseth's line plunging full back, ripping and tearing the opponent's line to pieces and scoring the first five minutes of play. The second and third touchdowns resulted from beautifully executed passes by Oland to Fisher.

Although Model High, led by the brilliant Captain Schroeder at fullback, offered stubborn resistance in the third clash of the season, the Aggies were again victorious, the final score being 12-0. Model High received the opening kickoff but was held for downs and forced to punt from midfield. The Aggies then proceeded to march down the field by a series of halfback plunges, and passes, with Widseth carrying the ball over for the touchdown. The second and third quarters were played on even terms, with each side attempting a number of forward passes. Shortly after the opening of the fourth period, however, Cain, fleet Aggie end, intercepted a Model High pass and raced 55 yards before he was downed on the Model High 5-yard line. On a line plunges Widseth again carried the ball over for the second and final touchdown.

The Aggies, though weakened by injuries suffered by Confer and Fisher in previous games, exhibited real football in the clash with the veteran Morris team. Morris, smarting under the crushing defeat of last year, remained determined to even the score on this occasion. Fortified by a team of veterans who had played together for two to three years, they started off with a rush, resorting to a series of forward passes, which resulted in the two touchdowns scored during the first half of the game.

Coach La-Voil's team came back in the third quarter with a series of line plunges, end runs and passes, with
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The Northwest School family life, and to eat at least one meal in the same room where their sons and daughters come together three times a day throughout the school year.

The assembly program, which was arranged with the idea of presenting the work of the Music, English, Home Economics and Agricultural departments, with selections by the faculty orchestra. Special numbers included readings by Rishton Bedard, Northgate, and Modie DePochee, Pelican Rapids; a violin number by Alvin Degenres, Gary; piano duet by Norah Hamre and Hazel Stephenson, Gary; selections by the girls' glee club; and the following Senior thesis demonstrations: "Color in the Home and the Living Room," by Evelyn Bain, Baudette, and Florence Hanson, Mentor; "Purchasing Food for the Home," by Alice Naplin, Wylie; "Chemicals for Killing Weeds," by Robert Larson, Crookston; "The Old and New in Dairying," by Lauritz Mikkelson and Lawrence Elton, Hawley, and "A Community Theatre," by Hazel Stephenson, Gary.

The rest of the afternoon was devoted to watching the football game, inspecting the home project exhibits which had been previously judged by Miss Mildred Schenck, of the county office of Home Economics, and A. W. Aamodt, county agent of western Polk county, and to the visitation of building and School and Station equipment.

Chemicals for Weed Control

For many years chemistry has played an important role in the solution of agricultural problems. Problems of soils, livestock feeding, and disease have been solved wholly or in part through the information that chemistry has brought to the subjects. What then, would be more natural than to suppose that the aggravating problem of weeds might also yield to an attack through chemical means.

If the problem was merely to destroy weeds, it would be comparatively simple and probably would have been solved ere this. According to R. S. Dunham, Agronomist, there are, however, several limitations imposed upon the chemist when he undertakes this important task.

Requirements for Practical Chemicals

The cost of the chemical must not be prohibitive. The chemical must not only kill weeds—it must be cheap. Second, it is desirable to use a chemical that is not poisonous to stock. Third, it should not sterilize the soil for any considerable period. And last, it should not injure severely the sprayer with which it is applied.

With these restrictions, the chemist is forced to discard many substances that would otherwise prove effective. Sodium arsenite is deadly in its effect upon weeds, and likewise deadly to man or beast. Furthermore, its cost is prohibitive. Borax is very cheap, but at the Northwest Experiment Station it not only failed to check sow thistles, but caused two to grow where one grew before. Sodium di-chlorate and potassium chlorate, or St. Paul in 100 pound lots is 11 cents per pound. At this cost, the use of even this chemical is restricted to small patches. Applications of smaller amounts were made, but did not give a satisfactory kill unless additional applications were made.

ODIN MALE CHORUS PLEASERS

The Odin Male Chorus, under the direction of T. W. Thorson, Fertile, presented an exceptionally well balanced program to a packed house at the Northwest School on October 19. Chorus numbers were interspersed with piano solos by Miss Ruth Holsted, a comedy sketch by the well known comedians, The Berger Brothers, of Fertile, and a brief talk on the value of music to the rural community by Reverend G. W. Tolo, a member of the chorus.

Mr. Thorson is to be congratulated on this outstanding example of community work. Its influence has not been confined to the Fertile Community, but has spread throughout North western Minnesota, and has set a high standard and an excellent example that might well be followed by persons interested in this as well as other lines of community service.

In his brief address Reverend Tolo gave a most interesting review of the history of the Odin Male Chorus since it came into existence fourteen years ago.

In the year 1914 sixteen men, under the leadership of Dr. Arthur Glimme organized the Odin Male Chorus for the purpose of promoting an interest in song and other music in Fertile and vicinity, as well as fostering a spirit of mutual fellowship and good will. These men had no special training in music, but they loved to sing and were determined to learn more.

Since then the chorus has grown, both...
in quality and membership. At present the chorus has more than thirty members.

As an evidence of special interest in this project, the chorus met for fifty-two rehearsals during the fiscal year 1922-23, the average attendance being 27.3, with a membership of 108. Last year the men attended 46 rehearsals with an average attendance of 28.

The chorus meets regularly every Wednesday evening, regardless of weather conditions. Members come from a radius of ten miles and if conditions prevent the use of a car, they walked through rain or snow.

In August, 1921, T. W. Thorson, the present director, joined the chorus. Under his able leadership enviable progress has been made. The chorus today has a repertoire of 39 English, 19 Swedish, and 50 Norwegian songs, of a total of 108. Most of these songs have been committed to memory and many are sung without accompanying instruments. Constant study and regular practice make this accomplishment possible.

In urging the cultivation of music in other communities, Reverend Toroe offered the following suggestions: (1) hear good music whenever this is possible; (2) join a chorus and feel the joy of producing good music; (3) encourage community "Sings"; (4) exercise the utmost care in the selection of records for musical instruments; (5) read literature dealing with music; (6) boost every sincere endeavor to bring good music, instrumental or vocal, to the community, church, school and home.

SUCCESSFUL Y M. C. A.-Y. W. C. A. RECEPTION

New students received a warm welcome from the upper classmen when the Y. M. C. A. and Y. W. C. A. held their annual reception in the school gymnasium early in October. The large increase in enrollment was evident, with a seemingly endless number of students passed down the receiving line to greet Harvey Johnson, Rollag, president of the Y. M. C. A.; and H. L. Dobias, angular president of the Y. W. C. A., together with members of the faculty.

Mr. R. S. Dunham, Miss Anne Simley, Miss Grace Warne, and Mr. J. W. Minar had arranged a most interesting program beginning with a general mixer and including a number of individual and group contests.

Long before the call for the Grand March, the freshmen had had an opportunity to meet most of the older students, and hence to become better acquainted with their new associates and school surroundings. Following the Grand March, led by Miss Laura Gerber and A. M. Foker, with Miss Rose Polski at the piano, the students were most agreeably surprised by the announcement from Miss Retta Bede that refreshments were ready. Officers of the Y. M. Y. W. C. A. are to be congratulated on the successful outcome of this their first social meeting of the school year.

NORTHWEST STATION PRODUCES RECORD HEN

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scrap, plus two per cent charcoal. A moist mash was fed at noon, using the regular dry mash mixture plus milk and one-half cup cod liver oil per day for each 100 hens.

Green food consisted of six to eight pounds mangers daily for each 100 birds, while the animal food in the form of meat scrap was added to the dry mash. The mineral food was supplied by oyster shells and limestone grit.

All birds were housed in a straw loft, cotton from type of poultry house known as the Northwest Station poultry house. Plans and specifications may be secured upon request.

FRESHMEN ELECT OFFICERS

Members of the Freshmen class held their annual election in the school auditorium on October 18 for the purpose of electing officers, and appointing class advisors. Officers were elected as follows: John Anderson, Hallock, president; Knute Gilbertson, Pelican Rapids, vice president; Richard Bedard, Northcote, secretary; Alpha Brunelle, Clearbrook, treasurer; and Nels Stenborg, Clearbrook, sergeant-at-arms. Mrs. DeEtte Genfield Gennett, and Miss Grace Warne were appointed faculty advisors for the class.

The class of 1931 may well feel proud of the record they have made in the few brief weeks they have been at the Northwest School. For example, in the one big inter-class contest, held in connection with the outdoor festival, the freshmen won by the high score of 31 points as compared to 20 for their nearest competitor. Furthermore, it is agreed by all that the new students have lost no time in acquainting themselves with the traditions of the school and in affiliating with some of the many worth while school activities and organizations.

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to exhibits. Vernon Bryngelson, Callaway, won first on Irish Caddies. Other first prize winners were Theodore Anden, Fergus Falls, corn; Ralph Cartwright, Shevlin, Green Mountains; Melvin Sudrud, Fosston, wheat; Alvin Degerness, Gary, barley; Lawrence Peterson, Gary, flax; Albert Sandahl, Syre, oats, and Elmer Mortensen, Pencer, onions.

County Agent A. W. Aamot placed the awards on the farm crops exhibits, and Mildred Schenck, University Farm, St. Paul, judged the girls' work. According to E. R. Clark, this was the first complete home project exhibit held since this feature of the work was established.

WANTED

Crops foreman wanted. Permanent position for capable single man.

ADVANCED CLASS ORGANIZED

At a recent meeting of the Advanced class, officers for the school year were elected as follows: Chester Torgerson, Fergus Falls, President; John Covlin, Erskine, Vice President; Ruth Hamre, Gary, Secretary; Gunda Gundersrud, Nielsville, Treasurer, and George Berggren, Greenbush, Sergeant-at-Arms.

PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Lertud, formerly of Twin Valley, were recent visitors at the campus. They are now living at 1414 23rd St., Everett, Wash. Clifford attended school during the years 1924-26.

Thelma Thoertsel, '22, of Stephen, Minnesota, is teaching at Syre, Minnesota, during this school year.

Rosalyne Joyce, little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Zimmerman, Jefferson, Ohio, was awarded first prize in a baby show contest in her home town recently. Mrs. Zimmermann, (Clarissa Friday) graduated from the school in 1923. Her parents and a sister, Rosalind, '21, reside at Haney, Minnesota.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Brunelle, Crookston, a baby girl, Elaine, on October 3rd. Mr. Brunelle graduated from the school in 1919.

Ruth Solis, '27, attended the East Grand Forks-Northwestern School football game held at East Grand Forks October 12. Though Ruth is enrolled in the teachers training department of the East Grand Forks High School, she enjoyed seeing her Alma Mater carry away the long end of the 18-0 score.

Dr. W. H. Boyd, of the Veterinary Division, University Farm, was a Northwest School visitor during October.

Miss Myrtle Hetland, '27, who is in training at the Deaconess Hospital, Grand Forks, is enjoying her work very much.

Emil Hallgren, '18, and Miss Lilian Luedtke were married October 25, at Little Falls, Minnesota. Mr. and Mrs. Hallgren will make their home at Bronson, Minnesota.

Justina Sannes, '30, plans on re-entering school at the beginning of the winter term. In the meantime, she is clerking in a store at Thief River Falls.

Professor T. M. McCall, horticulturist at the Northwest School of Agriculture, acted as judge of the farm crops exhibits at the annual Ulen Harvest Festival, October 11. Professor O. M. Kiser judged the boys' and girls' livestock exhibits at Warren and Stephen Achievement days, October 13 and October 20. Mr. Kiser reported excellent exhibits and marked interest in club work.

Almira Torgerson, '16, of Fosston, died October 26, from double pneumonia. Miss Torgerson was teaching at Lengby, Minnesota, this year.