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## Alumni, Students, Graduates, and Friends of the School . . .

As we announced in the last issue of the *Agreview*, James B. Foss of Kenyon, was elected president of the Future Farmers Association of Minnesota at their annual convention here on the St. Paul Campus in May. In this issue we run the picture of Roger A. Carlson of Spicer, Minnesota, who was elected secretary of the State Future Farmers Association.

Roger Carlson and Jim Foss will both be seniors in the School of Agriculture this fall and upon completion of the work will be graduated in March of 1958 and will then return to their respective farms and communities to carry on in the same spirit which is characteristic, not only of the Future Farmers Association but also of the School of Agriculture itself. We are particularly proud of having both the president and the secretary of the State Association as students here in our School of Agriculture.

During June the School of Agriculture was visited by Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Dolby of Hammenhög's School at Hammenhög Skane, Sweden. Mr. Dolby is the Headmaster of that School. Two of our students are working on that farm and will attend that School this fall. They are Donald P. Nickel of Mountain Lake and Wayne W. Carlson of Stanchfield.

Mr. Dolby reports that both of these young men are doing very well and are a real credit to their families, their communities and to this School itself.

Mr. and Mrs. Dolby and their four sons visited the home of Donald Nickel at Mountain Lake and also the home of Wayne Carlson at Stanchfield.

### Letters Received from Boys in Sweden

Since the last issue of the *Agreview* I have had more letters from our boys in Sweden. Douglas Triplett again writes to me and says: "Everything is going very well here and I am happy in my new home. Tomorrow will be the first of June and it doesn't seem that it is three months since we left for Sweden."

"We finished planting potatoes about three weeks ago and that was the last crop to be planted. We have been cultivating the sugar beets and turnips, and have started thinning them now.

"The weather has been a little cool and it froze the other night. The wind blows a lot so that makes it seem colder too.

"One farmer said that we have it better in America because we get paid for not raising anything. He meant the Soil Bank Program. He says Sweden has surpluses of farm products and the prices are low. We told him that everything is not as good as he had heard. At another farm, one of the sons talked a little about the fact that

### SCHOOL OPENING

The Fall Term of the School of Agriculture opens on Monday, October 7. Those enrolling in Practical Nursing and Home Management will begin one week earlier, Monday, September 30.

it is hard for a young fellow to get started farming because farms are high-priced and the products are low. It looks like every one has the same problems no matter where you go."

Bradley Pederson of Minneapolis writes to us from Horagagen 22 at Skalby, Sweden. He says: "Time sure flies. It seems like just yesterday that I got here. The weather here is terrible. It has been cold all the time. They say it is unusually cold

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## SHERWOOD O. BERG IS NAMED NEW AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS HEAD



DR. SHERWOOD O. BERG

The appointment of Sherwood O. Berg as new head of the agricultural economics department at the University of Minnesota was officially approved by the University Board of Regents at their meeting, Friday, May 10.

For the past three years, Berg has been U. S. agricultural attache for Denmark and Norway. He assumed his duties at the University, July 1, succeeding O. B. Jesness, who retired after 29 years at Minnesota.

Born in May, 1919, Berg was raised on a farm near Hendrum, Minn. He attended the University of Minnesota's School of Agriculture and later went to South Dakota State college where he received his B.S. degree "with highest honors" in 1947. He earned his M.S. at Cornell university in 1948 and his Ph.D. at the University of Minnesota in 1951. He was a student of agricultural economics, history, political science, and statistics.

He enlisted in the U. S. Army in 1943, was later commissioned a second lieutenant, and served in a heavy weapons com-

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## GREETINGS, ALUMNI . . .

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this year. It snowed here the 4, 5, and 7 of May.

"My job is very good. I like it very much. There are many young people working here. Most of them are from Germany. I am learning to speak some German besides learning Swedish.

"I am living in a fairly new house with two English-speaking men. One is from Denmark, the other from Holland. They are both very good to me and help me a lot with my Swedish.

"For sports around here there are ping pong, soccer, volley ball and, of course, bike riding.

"I had a little rough time on the boat coming over. I got seasick the first morning out. The rest of the trip I spent in my cabin. The fellows were very kind to me. When I was so sick and couldn't eat, they would come down and tell me about all the wonderful food they were having in the dining room. On the way back I am going to try to eat in that dining room and not in the hospital."

Gail Suter of Guckeen, Minnesota, writes to me from Aronsborgs gard, Balsta, Sweden. He says: "The days are getting longer and the weather is warming up slowly. Getting accustomed to the Swedish way of life has been quite an experience. I have found the work very strenuous and sometimes very boring. The kind of work I did the first four weeks didn't resemble farming as I know it. The spring field work didn't begin until early May. Sweden is quite far north so cereal grains such as oats, wheat, and rye make up most of the crops.

"I have become well acquainted with Stockholm and its many museums, on week-ends. The last few times I have ridden a bicycle the thirty miles to Stockholm where Brad Pederson and I take in the important museums and parks.

"At present Brad Pederson and myself have arranged to take a few days off work early in June and visit the Land of the Midnight Sun.

"I am beginning to enjoy myself a little more each week, as I learn the language a little better. My biggest complaint is the fact that my boss will only speak English to me as he knows English quite well. That makes it difficult for me to learn Swedish. I learn most of the Swedish from the other hired man.

"All in all, it is quite an experience."

### Report Follows "Visiting Order"

As I have indicated before in these issues of the *Agreview* where I give a report on interesting activities on the part of the students and the faculty, the topics themselves may not be in very chronological order but they come in sort of what might be called "visiting order," as we visit together through the medium of this publication.

### Dr. E. Fred Koller Honored

Dr. E. Fred Koller of the Department of Agricultural Economics was awarded the Honorary degree of Doctor of Laws on June 3 by his alma mater, Augustana College, Sioux Falls, South Dakota. Congratulations, Dr. Koller.

### School Alumnus Has Twenty Years of Public Service in North Dakota

We are pleased to note that Mr. H. R. Martinson, of the class of 1905 here in the School of Agriculture, has served as Deputy Commissioner of the Department of Agriculture and Labor in the State of North Dakota now for over 20 years. He tells me that his father homesteaded in Renville County, Minnesota, over 70 years ago and that he homesteaded in northwestern North Dakota in 1906 after graduating from the School of Agriculture of the University of Minnesota in 1905.

It is interesting to note here also that three of the Commissioners of Agriculture in Minnesota—Mr. N. J. Holmberg, Mr. R. A. Trovatten, and Mr. Myron Clark—were all graduates of the School of Agriculture here on the St. Paul Campus.

### The 1957 Summer Reunions

As this issue of the *Agreview* goes to press we can report that District No. 2, School of Agriculture Reunion was held at Hermann Heights City Park on Sunday, June 23 with a very large crowd in attendance. In fact it is reported that it was one of the largest crowds every at one of these reunions.

Mr. Ivar Glemming of the School of Agriculture music faculty directed the Lakeshore Band along with many former band members who returned to join in this part of the program. The report is that this combination band make up of former School band members did a very fine job under Mr. Glemming's direction.

Mr. Vincent Bailey, Class of 1922, of Newport, represented the Alumni Association. Mr. Oren Shelley, Class of 1931, of Minneapolis, also spoke to the group.

Professor Nowotny, Director of Physical Education on the St. Paul Campus, and Professor Ralph Miller also spoke to the group.

Unfortunately, Marlin Gratz, attended 1940, of Fairmont, the president of the district, was unable to attend. Vice-president Lester J. Skoberg, Class of 1936, of Sacred Heart, presided. He was assisted by Mrs. Obert Jacobson (Mildred Rossbach), Class of 1942, of Madelia and Cletus H. Franta, Class of 1951, of Lafayette.

The new officers elected for the coming year are:

**President:**—Dr. Henry Schwermann, Class of 1926, New Ulm

**Vice-President:**—Ernald Miller, Class of 1926, Hanska

**Secretary:**—Mrs. Porter Olstad (Adelia L. Schmeising), Class of 1930, Hanska



**ROGER A. CARLSON**  
Secretary, Future Farmers of America  
Association of Minnesota

**Treasurer:**—Norman E. Sauer, Class of 1950, New Ulm

The reunion next year will be held in New Ulm, either at Hermann Heights, the city park, or Flandrau State Park. The final selection is left up to the executive committee.

The date for the reunion will be on the fourth Sunday in June, June 22, 1958.

The next issue of the *Agreview* will carry the report on the reunions held at Rochester and at St. Cloud.

### William Boss '04 Awarded Honorary Degree by Macalester

We are particularly pleased to note that Mr. William Boss, of the class of 1904, Professor Emeritus of the University of Minnesota, was awarded an honorary doctor of science degree by Macalester College during commencement exercises, June 10, 1957.

Professor William Boss throughout his entire active career here at the University contributed much to the ongoing of the School of Agriculture. He was for several years the president of the School of Agriculture Alumni Association and has been ready at all times to give support and encouragement in every way possible. Congratulations, Dr. Boss!

### Rev. L. L. Dittmer '48 Is Ordained

Lowell L. Dittmer of the class of 1948 and Mrs. Dittmer visited here Thursday, June 13. Lowell was ordained in St. Paul's Evangelical and Reformed Church at Plato on Sunday, June 23. Following that, he and Mrs. Dittmer and their family of two girls and one boy left for Bourbon, Indiana, where Rev. Dittmer has accepted a call to the St. Paul's Evangelical and Reformed Church of that city.

We are always pleased when some of our fine rural young men and young women go into the ministry and missionary fields.

**An Adventure in General Education**

Beginning with this fall term of School, two hours of each Saturday morning will be devoted to presentation of visual educational material under the general topic of *Orientation to the Modern World*. Each of these areas is marked by rapid technological and social change in the modern world.

Fifteen broad subject matter areas have been selected, covering the following—agriculture, business, conservation, consumption, education, fine arts, government, health and medicine, leisure and recreation, religion and cultures, research, transportation and communications, science and industry, social problems and vocational guidance.

These films are being arranged through the cooperation of Mr. Wilbur F. Jensen, Director, Audio-Visual Education Service of the University of Minnesota, and Mr. Wesley Grabow, Materials Adviser for the Audio-Visual Education Service.

This class in orientation to the Modern World will be offered once a week on Saturday morning from 9:00 until 11:00 or perhaps 10:00 to 12:00. The exact hour has not yet been selected.

Students will register for this course just as for any other course and will take general examinations on the content material presented. This will be essentially the only course offered on Saturday mornings. There will be examinations during the term at midquarters and at the close of the term.

The course will be under the general supervision of a committee appointed by the superintendent of the School of Agriculture.

This promises to be truly an adventure in general education. It is hoped that the course may open with a large enrollment this fall. The first meeting of this class will be on Saturday, October 19. There will be no meeting of the class on Saturday, October 12, since that is Columbus Day, a holiday. The class will meet every following Saturday except Saturday, November 30, which is the period following Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 28, when no classes are offered.

There will be no lecture connected with this class. All of the material will be presented through the motion picture.



J. O. Christianson, Superintendent  
The School of Agriculture and  
Director Agricultural Short Courses  
University Farm, St. Paul 1, Minn.

# State Fair Headquarters Will Once More Welcome School Alumni

The School of Agriculture Alumni Association will maintain State Fair Headquarters in the Agriculture-Horticulture Building during the entire period of the Fair. These headquarters will be open each day beginning about 9:00 a.m.

Martha Hawkins of the class of 1917 will be in general charge of this activity. She will be working with Victor Dose, the secretary, and Kenneth Law, the president, and others of the Alumni Association, as well as members of the School of Agriculture staff.

Coffee will be served each day at 4:00 p.m., including Sunday.

This is an activity of long standing, the Association having maintained headquarters at the State Fair for somewhere in the neighborhood of 40 years. The rental for the space used is paid for out of gifts left for that purpose by graduating classes in the School. This Alumni Headquarters is a fine place to stop to visit, to meet old friends and make new ones, and to become acquainted with the ongoing program of the School.

Thursday, August 29 at 4:00 p.m. will be the traditional reunion and program at

the headquarters in the Agriculture-Horticulture Building.

The present officers of the School of Agriculture Alumni Association are:

President, Kenneth B. Law, Hastings, Minnesota, Class of 1915

Vice-President, Vincent K. Bailey, Newport, Minnesota, Class of 1922

Secretary-Treasurer, Victor Dose, St. Paul, Minnesota, Class of 1937

Assistant Secretary, Miss Martha Hawkins, Minneapolis, Minnesota, Class of 1917

Members of the Executive Committee in addition to the elected officers are:

Miss Gertrude Esteros, St. Paul, Minnesota, Class of 1931

Dr. William Dankers, St. Paul, Minnesota, Class of 1925

Dr. Fred W. Gehrman, Minneapolis, Minnesota, Class of 1930

Mr. Grant P. Miley, St. Paul, Minnesota, Class of 1941

Mrs. Reuel Breithbarth, (Erma A. Markuson), New Brighton, Class of 1941

Mr. Oren Shelley, Minneapolis, Minnesota, Class of 1931

## Applications Received From New Students

Applications from new students come to the office almost every day. Young men and young women interested in continuing education beyond high school are making application for enrollment in agriculture, in practical nursing and home management, and food technician training.

Rooms are being reserved in Dexter Hall and Dining Hall Dormitory for the young men and in Meredith Hall for the young women. Former students who are returning who have not yet reserved their rooms are urged to get their reservations in as soon as possible.

Among the new students enrolled at the School of Agriculture for the fall term beginning Monday, October 1, is Emilio Maurer from Calzada de los Fuerter #2806, Puebla Pue, Mexico. Emilio's father has a ranch in Mexico with 700 dairy cows. Emilio plans to return to that ranch and continue in the dairy business along with his father. At the present time, Emilio is working on a farm near Rosemount to become acquainted with American methods of farming, and also to improve his use of English.

### BIRTHS

A daughter, LeAnne Joyce, was born on March 16, 1957 to Mrs. Ken Watschke, (Constance Lee, Class of 1949). Other children include Karen and Keith.

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pany in Europe. From 1945-46, he was food and agriculture officer at SHAPE headquarters in Paris. He received the Bronze Star medal, the Combat Infantry Badge, and the Army Commendation Ribbon for his military service.

Berg was American agricultural attache to Yugoslavia in 1953 and in 1954 was appointed agricultural attache to Norway and Denmark.

In 1956, he received the Superior Service Award from the U. S. Department of Agriculture "for initiative in arranging for and assisting in conducting a series of meetings with farm leaders throughout Denmark to promote better understanding of U. S. farm policies."

He is a member of the American Economic association and the American Farm Economic association, which in 1952 presented him with an honorable mention for his Ph.D. thesis. He also belongs to Alpha Zeta, national honorary agricultural fraternity. He is author and co-author of several articles on agricultural economics and foreign trade.

Berg is married and has one child.

Mr. Berg played a most important part in arranging for the Danish young farmer exchange program at the School of Agriculture on the St. Paul Campus. The first group of six young Danes arrived in April, are working on Minnesota farms and will be enrolling in the School of Agriculture October 7 for the fall and winter quarters.

# 15,000 Served by Short Courses During 1956-57 Fiscal Year

Agricultural Short Courses served over 15,000 people during the past fiscal year. The number of people served through Agricultural Short Courses has increased each year for several years. The following is a list of the short courses and conferences arranged through Agricultural Short Courses on the St. Paul Campus for the period, July 1, 1956 to July 1, 1957.

## Attendance at Short Courses and Conferences, Institute of Agriculture July 1, 1956-July 1, 1957

Aircraft Sprayers' Short Course, February 20	80
Alumnae Club of the University, March 16	90
Animal Nutrition Short Course, September 10-11	261
Beef Cattle-Grassland Field Days, Rosemount, September 18	304
Beekeepers' Short Course, May 8-10	50
Berry Growers' Short Course, November 28	52
Boys' State, June 9-15	336
Canners and Fieldmen, January 30-31	188
Concrete Drain Tile Manufacturers, December 6-7	87
Dairy Bacteriology, November 14-15	40
Dairy Herd Improvement Association, September 24-29	27
Dairy Herd Improvement Association, December 10-14	15
Dairy Herd Improvement Association, April 1-6	20
Dairy Products Institute, September 19-21	561
Dome Club, March 5	35
Editors' Short Course, October 5	106
Fair Management Short Course, March 25-26	124
Farm and Home Week, January 8-11	4,000
Farm Electrification, November 8-9	101
Farm Income Tax, October 1-3	490
Farm Power Workshops—Waseca, July 18-20; Morris, July 18-20; Grand Rapids, July 25-27; Tracy, July 27-29	22
Fisheries, Biology and Management Short Course, December 3-7 and March 11-15	34
Flock Selecting and Pullorum Testing Agents' Short Course, July 23-27	92
Flower Arranging Short Course, July 17	184
Flower Judging Workshop, July 18	27
Flower Judging Workshop, July 19	25
4-H Club Week, June 11-14	850
Future Farmers of America Convention and Judging Contests, May 5-7	2,500
Grain Elevator Operators' Short Course, February 25-March 15	7
Home Economics Career Day, April 4-6	200
Home Economics Teachers' Conference, August 20-24	412
Horticulture Short Course, March 28-29	367
Ice Cream Manufacturers' Short Course, February 4-8	14
Livestock Marketing Clinic, April 26-27	92
Liquefied Petroleum Gas Service School, March 25-27	168
Lumbermen's 4-Week Short Course, February 4-March 1	22
Manufacturers of Dry Milk Short Course, February 11-15	16
Market Milk Short Course, January 28-31	16
Minnesota State Fire School, April 22-26	312
National Alfalfa Conference, September 5-7	90
Parent and Visitor Day, November 28	158
Pest Control Conference (U. S. Department of Agriculture) February 18-20	200
Representatives of Land-Grant Colleges Short Course, July 24-26	15
Rose Growers' Day, June 18	94
School Lunch Workshop, Waseca and Grand Rapids	127
School Lunch Workshop, Morris, June 10-12	37
School Lunch Workshop, Waseca, June 17-19, 1957	63
School of Agriculture-Alumni Meeting, March 10-11	550
Shade Tree Short Course, March 5-6	95
Soils and Fertilizer Short Course, December 3	595
Soils Service Supervisors' Short Course, March 26-28	108
State Rural Youth Conference, March 31-April 2	143
Swine Feeders' Day, September 28	178
Tile Drainage Contractors, February 18-19	74
Weed and Seed, January 14-18	156
TOTAL	15,010

Short Courses are in constant process of arrangement and planning to meet the needs of groups throughout the state who are interested in special study of various phases of farming, homemaking and activities associated with rural living. We are naturally looking forward to the day

when the Short Course Center will become a reality on this Campus. We will then have a home for these many groups and with such a home we will be able to serve these groups more efficiently and more effectively.

During the School of Agriculture year, many of the foreign groups attend the School convocations and classes in such subject matter as fits in with the objective of their visit here.

The staff for all of these Short Courses comes not only from the faculty of the Institute of Agriculture, but from within the entire University and from industry and from other Land-Grant Colleges.

## Short Courses Now Planned

Short Courses planned currently for the balance of this year and the first part of next year are the following:

Home Economics Teachers Conference .. August 19-23	
Animal Nutrition Short Course .. September 9-10	
Dairy Products Institute .. September 17-19	
Beef Cattle-Grassland Field Days .. September 19	
Swine Feeders' Day .. September 27	
Feed Dealers' Short Course .. Date to be announced	
Farm Income Tax Short Course .. October 7-9	
Bankers' Agricultural Credit Conference November 1-2	
Farm and Home Week .. January 14-17	
Canners' and Fieldmen's Short Course .. February 5-6	
School of Agriculture, Alumni Meeting .. March 16-17	
Fair Management Short Course .. March 24-25	
State Rural Youth Conference .. March 27-29	
Minnesota State Fire School .. April 21-25	
Beekeepers' Short Course .. May 6-8	

## WILLIAM H. DANKERS ON EUROPEAN TRIP

Dr. William H. Dankers, for many years president of the School of Agriculture Alumni Association and presently a member of the Executive Committee, left St. Paul, Sunday, June 16, for Washington, D.C. There he conferred with a number of government representatives and leaders of cooperatives before departing for Europe.

He also spent two days conferring with United Nations representatives in New York relative to the technical assistance program for underprivileged countries. Dr. Dankers flew directly to Paris via Lufthansa, German Airlines, leaving Idlewild Airport in New York at 6:00 p.m., Wednesday, June 26, arriving in Paris at 11:30 a.m., Thursday, June 27. He proceeded on from Frankfurt and Bonn, Germany, and then to Hamburg where he purchased a new German Volkswagen. He will spend most of July on the continent in Germany, France, Austria, Italy, Switzerland, and the Benelux countries.

Most of August will be taken up with tours and meetings pertaining to cooperative associations in and around Helsinki, Finland; Stockholm, Sweden; Copenhagen,

Denmark; Hamburg, Germany; Paris, France; and London, England.

September will find Dr. Dankers in the Scandinavian countries, England, and Germany.

His main headquarters for mailing purposes will be: C/o Agricultural Attache's Office, Foreign Agricultural Service, U.S. D.A., American Embassy, Box 850, Bonn-Bad Godesberg, Germany.

Dr. Dankers expects to return to the campus some time during the latter part of October. Naturally, he will be scheduled as one of the Convocation speakers for the School of Agriculture, immediately upon his return.

## Students, Alumni, Staff Will Miss Mrs. Karow, Retiring This Month

Mrs. Helen Karow will be retiring from the University on August 15, after serving with real distinction in Agricultural Short Courses and then the School of Agriculture following service in other departments on the St. Paul Campus. No alumnus has greater loyalty to School, and the University.

Mrs. Karow was always kindly and helpful to students, faculty, and visitors. It is hoped that the rich memories may play a part in making the retirement years ahead pleasant and meaningful. A host of School students and Short Course students will always remember her helpfulness.

Miss Nancy Meyer of Caledonia has been appointed to succeed Mrs. Karow. Miss Meyer was an IFYE student in England and Wales in 1956 and has been employed in the 4-H Club Office.

Miss Betty Jane Paulson, class of 1952, and Dean Mason, attended 1950, 1955-56, were married at Hanska on June 15. They will make their home at Fort Ripley.

Miss Shirley Leegaard has been appointed to succeed Miss Paulson. Miss Leegaard comes from Leland, Iowa.

## WEDDING BELLS

Vernon Drake, Class of 1949, and Marlys Paulson on June 16, 1957 at Staples, Minnesota.

Nils Goran Lindwall, Swedish Exchange Student 1955-56, was married to Carin Widmark on March 16, 1957.

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