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

Since our last issue in August, many things have happened. We have had many Short Courses and Conferences here on the St. Paul Campus, the School of Agriculture has opened for its 70th year, student organizations are underway, fine young men and women from all over the state have been elected to positions of leadership in those student organizations.

New students from Sweden and from Denmark, from Mexico and Nicaragua, are getting underway and are participating not only in all of the regular classes but in the general student activities as well. There is much activity on this Campus with the College students, Short Course students, School of Agriculture students, many new buildings going up, no parking places available. However, through it all is a spirit of growing, of developing, of enthusiasm which is becoming more and more noticeable.

Foreign Students and Groups

Elsewhere in this issue we are listing the number of foreign students who have been here and foreign groups who have been served by all of the departments at the Institute of Agriculture. We are listing the names of individuals who come here for shorter periods of time. Also we are listing the names of all the students who have been elected to positions of leadership in the various student organizations.

I know that this may mean more to the alumni and the students than it will to those who have not been in attendance. But even to those of you who have not been students here, this list should be significant because it illustrates so well one of the very significant phases of this School of Agriculture program. That is, the development of leadership—the strengthening of the faith in each individual student in himself or herself. They gain this faith and this strength by becoming a part of an organization, either as members or as officers.

Each student is participating in several

extra-curricular activities in addition to the regular class activities. Personally, I prefer the term "co-curricular," rather than extra-curricular since we believe that these activities are really correlated with the teaching program.

The following are students who have been elected to positions of leadership for this School year.

Officers Elected

CLASS OFFICERS FOR 1958 for the School of Agriculture are: *President*, Roger Carlson; *Vice-President*, Bruce Bremer; *Secretary*, Karen Albers; *Treasurer*, Mrs. Marlene Leidner; *Sergeant-at-Arms*, Donald Backer; *Student Council Members*—John Day, Yolanda Smith, George Swenson, Leo Kramer, Marvin Storm and Roger Carlson.

OFFICERS FOR THE CLASS OF 1959 are: *President*, Paul Voxland; *Vice-President*, Stephen Gilland; *Secretary*, Donna Pedersen; *Treasurer*, William Storlie; *Sergeant-at-Arms*, Elton Braun; *Student Council Members*—Ruth Holt, Sheila Soine, Paul Voxland, Harvey Hesse, Marvin Manske, Wayne Withers.

STUDENT COUNCIL OFFICERS include: *President*, George Swenson; *Vice-President*, Marvin Storm; *Secretary*, Shelia Soine; and *Treasurer*, Harvey Hesse.

Dormitory officers elected are:

MEREDITH HALL—*President*, Eunice Hagstrom; *Vice-President*, Margaret Rohe; *Secretary*, Donna Pederson; *Treasurer*, Darlene Schlicht.

DEXTER HALL—*President*, Marvin Storm; *Vice-President*, Marvin Manske; *Secretary*, Leo Kramer; *Treasurer*, George Swenson.

DINING HALL—*President*, Roger Carlson; *Vice-President*, Sherman Mankell; *Secretary*, William May; *Treasurer*, Bruce Bremer.

Monitors elected for the various dormitories include:

MEREDITH HALL—Yolanda Smith; Melinda Sommerfield.

DINING HALL—Gerald Thorp, Second Floor West; Loren Barends, Third Floor West; John Mertesdorf, Third Floor East; Iver Lalim, Second Floor East.

DEXTER HALL—Rodger Brandt, First Floor; Idwin Winberg, Second Floor; Sherwood Krosch, Third Floor.

Officers elected for the various student activities are listed below:

FFA ALUMNI—*President*, William Fisher; *Vice-President*, Lyle Mehrkens; *Secretary*, Bruce Bremer; *Treasurer*, Gilbert Friesen; *Reporter*, William Storlie; *Sentinel*, Francis Wanous.

BIBLE STUDY CLUB—*President*, Dennis Anderson; *Vice-President*, Ruth Holt; *Secretary*, Karen Albers; *Treasurer*, Eunice Hagstrom.

RURAL YOUTH—*President*, Gordon Quaal; *Vice-President*, William T. Fisher; *Secretary*, Ruth A. Holt; *Treasurer*, Margaret Rohe; *Sergeant-at-Arms*, Keith Schirm.

ARCHERY CLUB—*President*, George Swenson; *Vice-President*, Yolanda Smith; *Secretary-Treasurer*, Mary Woodis; *Custodian*, Donald Aden.

LUTHERAN STUDENT ASSOCIATION—*President*, Lyle Mehrkens; *Vice-President*, Bruce Bremer; *Secretary*, Donna Pederson; *Treasurer*, William Storlie.

G.A.A.—*President*, Berta Martagon; *Secretary*, Donna Pederson; *Captain of Basketball*, Twila Severson.

DAIRY AND LIVESTOCK CLUB—*President*, Sherman Mankell; *Vice-President*, John Day; *Secretary*, Gilbert G. Friesen; *Treasurer*, Daryl Swan.

CAMERA CLUB—*President*, William May; *Vice-President*, Sven Poulsen; *Secretary*, Merrill Carlson; *Treasurer*, Bertil Anderson.

TOASTERS CLUB—*President*, Donald Aden; *Vice-President*, George Swenson; *Secretary*, Eunice Hagstrom; *Treasurer*, Lyle Mehrkens.

PRACTICAL NURSING CLUB—*President*, Yolanda Smith; *Vice-President*, Loretta Larson; *Secretary*, Ruth Holt; *Treasurer*, Melinda Sommerfield; *Junior Historian*, Darlene Schlicht; *Senior Historian*, Eunice Hagstrom; *Junior Sergeant-at-Arms*, Hettie Edgerly; *Senior Sergeant-at-Arms*, Joanne Lange.

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GREETINGS, ALUMNI . . .

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I recently received a letter from Mr. Leonard Harkness, the State 4-H Club Leader. He told me that Marvin Manske of Faribault County, who is enrolled here as a student, had just been named State winner in the National 4-H Achievement Program. Mr. Harkness also told me that Bruce Bremer of Wabasha County, who is also enrolled here in the School, was named State 4-H Forestry Winner. Both young men were delegates to the 1957 National 4-H Club Congress in Chicago.

Letters Received from Boys in Sweden

I continue to receive encouraging letters from our students in Sweden. They are now enrolled in various agricultural schools in Sweden.

I was interested in one paragraph in a letter from Wayne Carlson in which he said: "I wrote a letter to Rektor Bror Wallentine at Plonninge, asking for some kind of part-time work to help pay for my schooling. He replied that it is impossible at the present time and that there is little time over after you finish the day's schooling."

I bring this quotation in because it points up the similarities of our program and the programs in the Swedish Schools. If one is to get full advantage of all the classes and opportunities offered, there really is not a great deal of time for part-time work. When one considers the fact that the students are here for only two terms of eleven weeks each over a two-year period, one can well appreciate that the program is very intensive.

I am happy to report to the readers of the *Agreview* that our students from Sweden and the students from Denmark are participating in student activities, are taking a regular full program of class work, and each group has presented a program at one of the evening student forums.

As I have said before in this *Agreview*, the report which I bring to you is sort of like a letter home, a letter to all the friends and graduates and former students of this great old school. And usually in a letter, you just write as things come to you.

Perhaps it is not organized in regular continuity, or the topics may not appear in the order they should—which leads me to the next topic which is a letter from our good friend, Elmer Reese, now the Agricultural Attache for Denmark and Norway located in Copenhagen.

He writes to tell me that the agricultural leaders of Norway would like to be included on our student exchange program, which now includes Sweden and Denmark. They are ready to send us four or five young Norwegian farmers next year, if we can arrange places for them. If we are to include Norway, then we would have a complete coverage for the three great Scandinavian countries, Norway, Sweden, and Denmark.

However, that will depend entirely on the availability of good farms for these students to work on during the spring and summer months. We will again have students from Denmark and from Sweden, and as I have indicated, perhaps a few from Norway. They will be here to start on the farms around the latter part of March.

If any of you wish to be considered for this placement write directly to me at the School of Agriculture and we will send you forms to be filled out in making application for the services of these fine young men. These young men are all young farmers who have had some vocational training in their own country and who definitely plan on returning to the business of farming in their countries after completing the work here.

We again have the opportunity of arranging for some of our boys to go to Sweden or Denmark this coming year. So far we have had no definite commitments, although some have indicated some interest in the possibility. I say this to the students now in attendance. If any of you are interested in the possibility of a work-and-school program in Sweden or Denmark, get in touch with me as soon as possible.

Bankers Scholarship Students in Attendance at School

Elsewhere in this *Agreview* you will find a picture and list of names of all the Bankers Scholarship winners. You will notice they come from some 30 counties and there are a total of 41 students. The

bankers of Minnesota are to be commended on investing in the future of these fine young people.

At the recent Bankers Agricultural Credit Conference held on this Campus, the bankers scholarship students were honored guests at the Friday luncheon. Each student sought out his own banker and sat with him during the lunch period.

James Foss spoke in behalf of the students in the School. He emphasized the value of this type of training, not only in technical agriculture but in leadership as well. He emphasized the significance of the cooperative relationship between the bankers and the students, and indicated that when he and his associates returned to their homes they expected to continue in this same relationship in the ongoing program for that which is most worthwhile for agriculture.

Following the talk by James Foss, Mr. Paul C. Lindholm of the Northwestern National Bank in Minneapolis, who is chairman of the state committee on scholarships, responded for the bankers. He told the students why the bankers were investing a total of over \$8,000 in the group through scholarships here at the School of Agriculture this year.

He emphasized the need of trained leadership which will come back to the farm. He emphasized the need for continuing relationships in a cooperative way between the bankers and the young farmers, even after these young farmers have completed their work here at the School.

He encouraged these young men who indicated that they still have faith in agriculture. That is why they are enrolled

RED OWL SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS, 1957-58



Mr. Paul S. Nickel, Red Owl Stores, Inc., presents Red Owl Scholarship checks to (l. to r.) Benita C. Nelson, 407 Whitney, Marshall, Minnesota; Darlene Schlicht, Route 1, Cambridge, Minnesota; Sheila Joy Soine, Route 1, Dennison, Minnesota; Barbara Heinold, 216 West 14th Street, Hastings, Minnesota; and Berta Martagon, 296 Chestnut, St. Paul, Minnesota.

MINNESOTA BANKERS SCHOLARSHIP STUDENTS FOR 1957-58



BACK ROW (left to right)—Allen Holmen, Lanesboro, Fillmore County; Dallis Ringler, Motley, Cass County; Selmer Smith, Minnesota, Lyon County; Donald Backer, Pipestone, Pipestone County; Willard Sanders, Hoffman, Grant County; Roger Carlson, Spicer, Kandiyohi County; Harvey Hesse, Janesville, Blue Earth County; Duane Janssen, Barnesville, Clay County; Leo Kramer, St. Charles, Winona County; Harlan Nelson, Ashby, Grant County; John Mertesdorf, Vernon Center, Blue Earth County.

THIRD ROW—William Stevermer, Easton, Faribault County; Marlo Schultz, Sherburn, Martin County; Jan Willette, Delavan, Faribault County; Loren Bauman, Jasper, Pipestone County; Clement Kreye, Wabasha, Wabasha County; Kenneth Kulzer, Melrose, Stearns County; Merrill Carlson, Chokio, Stevens County; Harland Johnson, South Haven, Stearns County; Roger Voorhees, Appleton, Swift County; Clair Monson, Granite Falls, Yellow Medicine County.

SECOND ROW—Clarence Schultz, Rochester, Olmsted County; Lavern Freiheit, Goodhue, Goodhue County; Delbert Brede, Glencoe, McLeod County; George Swenson, Windom, Jackson County; David Merkins, Ada, Norman County; James Foss, Kenyon, Goodhue County; Elton Braun, Danube, Renville County; Dale Yungk, Atwater, Kandiyohi County; Robert Roue, Fosston, East Polk County.

FRONT ROW—Morten Kellogg, Taopi, Mower County; Allen Erdman, Lismore, Nobles County; Bruce Bremer, Lake City, Wabasha County; Dale Krier, Rochester, Olmsted County; Donna Pederson, Delhi, Redwood County; Gilbert Friesen, Mountain Lake, Cottonwood County; Larry Johnson, St. Hilaire, Peannington County; Donald Arens, Wheaton, Traverse County; Harris Richardson, Tenney, Wilkin County.

(NOT PRESENT—Keith Schirm, Correll, Swift County; Idwin Winberg, Pillager, Cass County; Wayne Withers, Osakis, Douglas County. These boys were all working at home and were not able to attend the day the picture was taken.)

here at the School, preparatory to returning to their farms. Many of these young men will return and enter partnerships with their fathers immediately, and others will work toward that.

We reported a survey to the Bankers Agricultural Credit Conference, showing that the bankers scholarship students were averaging nearly 5 co-curricular activities here on the Campus in addition to the regular class work. It was also significant that these students were carrying full programs of study.

Glemming Given Research Grant

Mr. Ivar Glemming, bandmaster and teacher of instrumental music at the School of Agriculture, recently received a grant-in-aid of research from the University of Minnesota to apply on work that now has culminated in the completion of his second symphony.

Sympathy to Sirek Family

Everyone is saddened to learn of the untimely and tragic death of Mrs. Carl Sirek, formerly Frances Smith, who served as secretary in the School of Agriculture office for several years, as well as in the Department of Entomology office.

Dr. and Mrs. Sirek and their two girls

were involved in an automobile accident near Ashland, Virginia, on October 10. Mrs. Sirek was apparently making recovery after an operation but passed away on Sunday, October 13.

Dr. Carl Sirek, a graduate of this School in the class of 1932 who later received his doctorate here at Minnesota, has served as head of the Department of Animal Husbandry in Montana and is now Director of Research in Animal Husbandry in the Agricultural Research Service of the U. S. Department of Agriculture. Dr. and Mrs. Sirek and family had just recently settled in their new home in Washington. The sympathy of alumni and faculty of this Campus goes out to Dr. Sirek and his children.

Agrarian Board Plans 1958 Yearbook

The Agrarian Board is already hard at work earning money and planning the 1958 yearbook. The following seniors are serving on the board:

Lyle Mehrkens, editor; William May, assistant editor; John Day, business manager; Roger Erickson, assistant business manager; Bruce Bremer; Loren Barnes; Eunice Hagstrom; Leo Kramer; Donald Lehti; Lynette Schmidt; Yolanda Smith; William Stevermer; Joanne Lang; and Marlo Schultz.

Loretta Larson and Lavern Freiheit represent the juniors on the board.

An enthusiastic group, the board is hoping to create a good book to preserve this year's activities.

For the last three years the *Agrarian* has been rated with junior college yearbooks by the Associated Collegiate Press. In former years it was rated with high school books. A rating of first-class is the highest rating that is given to junior college yearbooks, since All-American rating is reserved for four-year annuals.

The 1957 *Agrarian* was given a high second-class rating, which, in view of the fact that it competed with schools with a much higher enrollment and schools that have three more months in which to produce their book, is a record to be proud of. This year's board is aiming for first class rating for the 1958 *Agrarian*.

J. O. Christianson, Superintendent
The School of Agriculture and
Director Agricultural Short Courses
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Mr. and Mrs. Paul W. Brown

JUNIOR CLASS ELECTS GOD PARENTS

In keeping with time-honored tradition covering over 60 years, the Junior Class in the School of Agriculture has elected a member of faculty and his wife as God Parents. The newly elected God Parents are Mr. and Mrs. Paul W. Brown.

Mr. Brown is a graduate of this College of Agriculture at Minnesota, has taught agriculture in high school, and has served as county club leader. Mrs. Brown is a graduate of the School of Home Economics of this University and has taught Home Economics in high school. They have two children, Paula, age 3, and Timothy, age 2 months.

Mr. Brown teaches Farm Mathematics, Conservation, Fire Prevention and Safety, and assists in Field Work in Leadership. He is also project supervisor for South-eastern Minnesota. In addition to being a member of committees on Student Work, Dormitories, Swedish and Danish Student Exchange, and Scholarships and Awards, he is also chairman of the Committee on Student Activities and Student Employment.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Brown are very active in their church. Mr. Brown is president of the Young Peoples Club of the St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church where he also teaches Sunday School. He is president of the Chelsea Heights Child Psychology Study Group and a member of the Lions Club.

The members of the Junior Class are to be congratulated on their fine selection of God Parents.

WEDDING BELLS

Barbara Madden of Marshall, class of 1955, and Wayne Micha, Hutchinson, class of 1954, were married at Marshall on January 12, 1957 and are now living in Hutchinson.

Cletus Madden, class of 1953, of Marshall married Mary Ellen Divire of Marshall on April 6, 1957.

Foreign Visitors and Groups

Foreign visitors scheduled through the office of Dr. J. O. Christianson, Foreign Contact Officer, Institute of Agriculture, July 1, 1956 to August 31, 1957.

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Storage of Grains and Cereals, August 26-September 1, 1956	4
German Scientists, September 3-5, 1956	8
Rural Youth Leadership Training Course, September 24-November 27, 1956	14
Agricultural Extension Training Group, April 1-June 14, 1957	3
European Study Team, April 29-May 3, 1957	17
Farm Management Short Course, May 27-June 21, 1957	15
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Plant Breeding, Cereals Group, June 17-August 9, 1957	3
Seed Improvement Training Course, July 15-19, 1957	21
Turkish Grain Marketing and Storage Teams, July 22-31, 1957	8
Finnish Agricultural Leaders, August 5-15, 1957	5
Rural Youth Leadership Training Course, August 5-September 27, 1957	6
Russian Mining Officials and Engineers, August 12-14, 1957	6
Chilean Crop Improvement Team, August 19-23, 1957	15
Sixteen Frenchmen, August 23, 1957	16

INDIVIDUALS

John Conochie, Australia, July 2, 1956
Helge Hellqvist, Sweden, July 2-13, 1956
Richard Wellesley, England, July 16-August 17, 1956
F. N. Bonsma, Union of South Africa, July 23-24, 1956
Marike Geertsene, Netherlands, July 30-August 4, 1956
Walter Rodriguez, Bolivia, July 30-November 30, 1956
Anton Berge, Norway, August 6-10, 1956
E. Joannes Larsen, Denmark, August 20-24, 1956
Jorge Almenara, Peru, August 27-September 21, 1956
C. K. Reake-Williams, Tanganyika, August 28, 1956
Heinrich Luebke, Germany, September 24, 1956
Ali Ulubas, Turkey, September 10-21, 1956
L. L. Roux, Union of South Africa, September 20-21, 1956
Bryan H. Llewellyn, United Kingdom, September 20-22, 1956
Jose Ocampo, Peru, September 30-October 13, 1956
Maurice Tincker, Scotland, October 22-23, 1956
Kenneth G. Mitchell, England, October 25-November 2, 1956
Kristian Joost, Sweden, November 13-16, 1956
J. H. Bouckaert, Belgium, November 19-21, 1956
Amir Hossein Amir Parviz, Iran, January 3-June 14, 1957
Hernan G. Navarrete, Chile, January 3-June 14, 1957
Ethem Ersoy, Turkey, January 4-July 15, 1957
Osman Tosun, Turkey, January 14-20, 1957
Manuel Tamez, Mexico, January 14-February 15, 1957
Ghazi Abdul Latif, Iraq, February 18-March 29, 1957
Moncilo Stambolic, Yugoslavia, March 11-May 31, 1957
Pautilha Guimaraes, Brazil, March 11-June 14, 1957
Rafael Alvargonzalez, Spain, March 25-April 19, 1957
Radom Setteeton, Thailand, March 25-April 19, 1957
Ernest Hellmann, Germany, April 8-11, 1957
Shoji Kudo, Japan, April 18, 1957
H. Komuro, Japan, April 18, 1957
Bogdan Belic, Yugoslavia, April 18-19, 1957
Bogdan Glavovski, Yugoslavia, April 18-19, 1957
Martin Pitt, England, April 30, 1957
Hubertus van de Wiel, Netherlands, May 1-October, 1957
Mohamed Nour, Sudan, May 13-14, 1957
W. Eric Duncanson, Ghana, May 15-17, 1957
Hideo Mukoo, Japan, May 27, 1957
Tositake Iida, Japan, May 27, 1957
Muhammad Sarwar Khan, Pakistan, May 27-31, 1957
Albert Kars, The Netherlands, May 29, 1957
John Cornwell, New Zealand, June 16-17, 1957

T. S. Aiyaswamy, India, June 17-21, 1957
Miguel Angel Cevallos, Ecuador, June 17-21, 1957
Ching-yuang Chi, China, June 17-21, 1957
Long-shiong Lee, Taiwan, June 21-July 3, 1957
Jean Marc Jean-Baptiste, Haiti, June 24-August 30, 1957
Holenarsipur Laxminarayana, India, July 9-August 2, 1957
Otto Gonzalez, Venezuela, July 15-19, 1957
Gregory John Karamanos, Greece, July 15-19, 1957
Jose Rodriguez, Mexico, July 15-18, 1957
Juan Salazar, Mexico, July 15-19, 1957
R. C. Gibson, Australia, July 22-23, 1957
Pautilha Guimaraes, Brazil, July 25, 1957-January 17, 1958
Arne Larsen, Denmark, August 25-September 7, 1957
Haili Ibrahim Aksoz, Turkey, August 26-27, 1957
Joze Sparring, Yugoslavia, August 26-September 27, 1957
Oscar Nery Sosa, Guatemala, August 26-June 13, 1958

In providing programs for these groups in the Institute of Agriculture, every department on the Campus has contributed most significantly.

'Testament of Nations' Is Newest Composition by Ralph Williams

During the early part of 1957, Mr. Ralph Williams of the School of Agriculture staff was requested by Bandmaster Clarence Sawhill, director of the UCLA Bands and T. W. Thorson, director of bands in Crookston, Minnesota, to compose a selection for chorus and band that could be dedicated to the International Peace Garden which is located at a point near Dunseith, North Dakota and Boissevain, Manitoba. This composition, which Mr. Williams has now completed, is titled "Testament of Nations." It will be published within the next few months by the Schmitt-Hall-McCreary Co. of Minneapolis.

The "Testament of Nations" will be presented in a concert next summer at the annual International Music Festival which is held at the Peace Garden. High School musicians and directors from the United States and Canada attend this festival each summer and the climax of this event is a grand concert by a combined chorus and band. These annual concerts are directed by Mr. Sawhill.

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