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## Commencement Climaxes and Concludes Activities of Seniors in School of Agriculture

Forty years ago, early in October, the old Home Building on University Farm opened its doors to a troop of about forty-seven young men entering upon a new experiment in education. The School of Agriculture, originating under what became known as the Minnesota Plan, had been opposed because "practical agriculture could not be taught in the winter time" and "because the farmer would not send his son to any theoretical School of Agriculture," but, backed by progressive farm organizations, in particular, the Grange, the course of study was made, the Home Building built, and the faculty with Professor Brewster as principal was engaged. No school like it had been tried and it was the subject of much speculation as to whether it would attract students and hold them.

There were in 1888, on University Farm, the Farm House, the Station Building, and the Great Barn, besides the Home Building. The Farm was just that, with no communication with Minneapolis and St. Paul except by rail and by horse and buggy.

In the forty-year interval between 1888 and 1928 the School of Agriculture has attracted 14,000 students and graduated over 3,300 of them. The Twin Cities have grown up to the campus and threaten to encircle it. The buildings have increased from the four named to a plant whose value is estimated at \$19,927,351.46 on a tract of land worth \$573,763.00.

It is in celebration of the founding of the School that the alumni are invited to come, commencement week, March 19 to 21, to University Farm. It is in celebration of that event that Mrs. Brewster has been invited from her Florida home to meet her "boys." The alumni association call and plans will be found on another page of this issue.

But these invitations share importance with those that are being issued to the thirty-eight annual commence-

ment exercises, the commencement exercises of the class of 1928 when ninety boys and seventeen girls will receive their diplomas from the School.

The first event of the commencement season is the Class Sermon which will be preached by the Rev. Phillips E. Osgood of St. Mark's Episcopal Church of Minneapolis, Sunday evening, March 11, at 7:30 o'clock. This early date is chosen so that the entire student body may share in this senior exercise.

Socially, the most important event to the Seniors is the party and reception to be given by President and Mrs. Lotus D. Coffman and Dean and Mrs. Walter C. Coffey, Saturday evening, March 17, at eight o'clock. Members of the faculty and alumni in the College of Agriculture are also guests. At this time seniors and faculty see each other in new and strange roles.

Sunday afternoon, March 18, at six o'clock the seniors meet at one of the dormitories for a last supper meeting and social hour. From this time on, events follow in rapid succession, the Senior Class play, alumni meetings and the alumni banquet, and commencement exercises. The Honorable Mr. Nestos, ex-governor of North Dakota, has accepted the invitation to be the commencement speaker. New and unusual demonstrations will be presented by the senior commencement speakers.

While not a feature of the commencement week, the last assembly exercise

is one in which seniors participate. It is held Thursday evening, March 15, at 7:30 o'clock, and at this time, each class assembles in its own section. To the Seniors, their future is revealed. By the Seniors, numerous bequests are left their brothers and sisters in the other classes. To the School is given the Senior memorial which is to be a Minnesota flag and case to pair with the United States Flag and case now in the proscenium of the stage and which was gift of the Class of 1926.

### COMMENCEMENT CALENDAR

#### SUNDAY, MARCH ELEVENTH

Commencement Sermon..... Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.  
Rev. Phillips E. Osgood  
St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Minneapolis

#### FRIDAY, MARCH SIXTEENTH

Final Assembly and Class Night Exercises  
..... Administration, 7:30 p.m.

#### SATURDAY, MARCH SEVENTEENTH

Reception to Graduating Class  
President and Mrs. Coffman  
Dean and Mrs. Coffey  
Home Economics Building, 8:00 p.m.

#### MONDAY, MARCH NINETEENTH

Class Play..... Auditorium, 8:15 p.m.  
(Admission by ticket)

#### TUESDAY, MARCH TWENTIETH

Alumni Day  
Class Reunions..... 10:00 a.m. to 12 m.  
Alumni Lunch ..... Dining Hall, 12:30 p.m.  
Alumni Business Meeting.....  
..... Eng. Bldg. 107, 2:00 p.m.  
Alumni Dinner ..... Dining Hall, 6:00 p.m.  
(Admission by ticket)

#### WEDNESDAY, MARCH TWENTY-FIRST

Graduating Exercises ..... Auditorium, 2:00 p.m.  
Address  
Presentation of Diplomas  
President L. D. Coffman  
Alumni Ball ..... Gymnasium, 8:30 p.m.  
(Admission by ticket)

University Farm, St. Paul, Minn.



## COMMENCEMENT

Elaborate preparations are under way to make the thirty-ninth commencement of the School of Agriculture one long to be remembered. Those who have had an opportunity to attend any of the commencement week programs during the last few years will appreciate what this means. From the time of the reception for the senior class by President and Mrs. Coffman and Dean and Mrs. Coffey, in the Fireplace Room in the Home Economics Building on the evening of March 17, until midnight on March 21, when the last strains of "Home, Sweet Home" bring the Alumni Ball to a close, every minute will be crowded full of events of interest to all who ever attended the school. The longer you have been away the more you will enjoy these events.

Room 105 on the first floor of the Administration Building has been set aside as alumni headquarters. Here you can rest, make appointments with classmates and friends, secure information, check your bundles, babies, or husband if you have one, if not perhaps the attendant can help you find one. Make this room your headquarters for the week. Sleeping quarters may be secured in the dormitory at a charge of 50 cents per night per person. If you care to reserve a room in advance, drop the secretary a line. If not, we will take care of you whether you make a reservation or not.

The baccalaureate sermon will be delivered by Dr. Osgood of St. Mark's Episcopal Church of Minneapolis on the evening of March 11 at 7:30 in the auditorium of the Administration Building. We hope many of you will be able to attend this service.

Tuesday, March 20, is Alumni Day. On that day between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. will be held the thirtieth anniversary of the class of 1898, the twentieth anniversary of the class of 1908 and the tenth anniversary of the class of 1918. If you are a member of any of these classes you will want to attend your class reunion. Every member of these classes will receive a personal letter giving the time and place of reunion. An informal meeting and reception of all the members of the association will be held in Room 105, Administration Building, between the hours of 10 and 12 on Tuesday, March 20. The association will have luncheon at the farm cafeteria at 12:30. If you can not attend the reception come to the luncheon. Make up a table of some of your old classmates for the luncheon.

The annual business meeting is called for Tuesday, March 20, at 2:00 p.m. in Room 107, Engineering Building. Many important matters will come up for discussion at this meeting. Last year we had 250 in attendance with the association and see what it is doing. If you have any suggestions or problems you think the association should take up, bring them to this meeting.

Whatever you do don't miss the Alumni Dinner in the School dining hall at 6 p.m. on March 20. To those who have attended one of these meetings during the past few years nothing need be said. To those who have not, may I suggest that the program this year is going to be a knockout. The three classes holding the thirtieth, twentieth, and tenth reunions will be represented on the program and will compete for the large silver cup, which is offered to the class putting on the best stunt. Besides a good dinner we have arranged for a full evening's entertainment. You can get tickets at the alumni headquarters or from the secretary at \$1.25 per plate. You will confer a great favor on the committee if you will order your tickets in advance. In

addition to this you will help save the association some money as we must make a guarantee to the dining hall. If we fall short of our guarantee we must pay for this shortage. Tickets ordered in advance will eliminate to a large extent this possibility.

The commencement exercises will be held in the auditorium of the Administration Building at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 21. A complete program of these exercises will be found on the first page of this issue.

The Alumni Ball will be held on the evening of March 21 in the Gymnasium. Do not think that because you have been out of school for a long time that you will not have a good time at the ball. If you dance the modern way we can accommodate you. If you prefer the old fashioned waltz, schottische, and quadrille we will have them on tap. If you are too old or too bashful to dance we have provided entertainment to meet your needs. A large number of the old time graduates will be in attendance at this ball. Besides the regular ball there will be some special features. Tickets for the ball are \$1.00 per couple and can be secured at the alumni headquarters or from the secretary or at the door.

L. B. BASSETT,  
Acting Secretary, Alumni Association,  
School of Agriculture

## THE 1928 AGRARIAN

There is probably nothing that the students of the School of Agriculture take more pride in than the Agrarian. In this book are recorded many memories that will be dear to them when they are no more attending the School. Pictures of former classmates, jokes, pet sayings, and other things of this nature will all help to make idle afternoons more enjoyable.

The great Art of Music is the theme of the 1928 Agrarian. This theme has been worked out in the entire book and many new ideas are present in this year's Annual that have not appeared heretofore.

The board has been fortunate this year in having the score card of the 1927 Agrarian, which won first place in a national contest held at Chicago. This information has been of great help in improving this year's Agrarian as the weak points were shown up and remedied.

The Agrarian is expected to be ready for distribution March 14. There have been but 500 copies ordered and this means that there will probably be a shortage.

## A MASTER FARMER FROM ILLINOIS

Wayne McClure, a graduate of the University of Minnesota school of agriculture in 1906, has been added to the ranks of the master farmers. Mr. McClure is credited with a rather notable performance in agriculture. He has been farming his 280 acres at Manhattan, Ill., for 17 years with the assistance of only one man. He has modern, sanitary barns for his livestock, and a modern, sanitary poultry plant. An automatic picker harvests his corn, and another automatic device waters his livestock. Nine horses and a tractor are used to cultivate his acreage. Mr. McClure knows all the ins and outs of rotation. He looks to the experiment station at the University of Illinois as an abundant source of information. His library is well stocked with agricultural bulletins and publications, and his business records are thorough and up to date.—Minneapolis Tribune.



## BOARD OF REGENTS VISIT SCHOOL OF AGRICULTURE

Among the most unique assemblies that ever were held in the School was the occasion when the Board of Regents, the president of the University, Dr. Coffman and the Dean of the Department of Agriculture, Mr. Walter Coffey, were present in a body, Friday, February 10. Fourth hour classes were dismissed and assembly began at 11:30 with the band playing under Mr. D. W. Boland. The boys' double quartette sang "Minnesota" and were assisted in the singing of "The Agrarian, of 1928" by the girls' quartette.

In turn, Principal D. D. Mayne introduced Dean W. C. Coffey, Dean Coffey presented President Coffman and President Coffman introduced the members of the Board. Each of the members who were present, Messrs. Fred B. Snyder, A. D. Wilson, J. E. G. Sundberg, William Mayo, Samuel Lewison, J. G. Williams and George H. Partridge expressed their greetings and their pleasure at being present and a few spoke at length.

Mr. Fred B. Snyder, who is president of the Board of Regents, outlined the development of agriculture in his life time and concluded his remarks with, "Upon you more than on those who come from the social ranks rests the future of this nation."

Mr. A. D. Wilson, '98, formerly chief of the Extension Division, made a plea for more students to utilize the excellent opportunities the school afforded.

Another graduate of the School of Agriculture, Mr. J. E. G. Sundberg, '98, told of the introduction of co-education into the School while he was a student and traced the expansion of the School and its departments. Stating the amount contributed for the support of the School, he challenged the students to meet the generosity of the State with proportionate return in work and service.

Dr. Will Mayo, of the Mayo Clinic at Rochester, used the theme, "The only thing that makes a people great is the preparation and provision it makes for its posterity," to introduce the proposal that new sources of food supplies must be found to provide for future generations. He saw in the "pastures of the sea" an undeveloped and promising field.

### HOFFMAN WINS FIRST PLACE

Harold L. Hoffman, who chose as the subject of his declamation "The Trial of Ben Thomas," was the winner in the finals of the first 1928 Caleb Dorr Scholarship Fund contest which was held in the auditorium, Monday night, February 20. Edward Calvin, who read "Sockery Joins the Lodge," won second place. The other four contestants and their readings placed in this order: Chester Billings, "The Perfect Tribute;" Angelina Linder, "The Wheels of Time;" Sophia Boerboom, "When Jimmie Tended the Baby;" and Harvey Dankers, "Jean Valjean." The prizes awarded were: first place, \$15; second, \$12; third, \$10; fourth, \$6; fifth, \$4; sixth, \$3.

Principal D. D. Mayne presided over the contest and Mr. Robert Lansing, Mr. Wilbur Furlow, and Eleanor Horrigan acted as judges. Miss Mary McNabb, who trained the contestants, was chairman of the contest committee. The orchestra, under the leadership of D. W. Boland, played a group of selections and Ralph Eckbald and Fred Johnston sang "Ain't She Sweet?" and "Blue Heaven."



PRESIDENT L. D. COFFMAN

### SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

Professor Hugh A. Smith of the University of Wisconsin has recently announced the results of his research into the relation between school grades and success in life. He bases them on data going back 45 years and says that the school boy whose average grades come within that narrow top layer generally classified as "excellent" will have fifty times as great a chance of getting into "Who's Who" as those in the nine layers beneath. Professor Hughs maintains that grades are a reliable index to success or failure in later life and that those in the upper tenth of the classes have 40 times as great a chance of achieving a career in life as those below them. The Pathfinder comments: "It is good for us to be jolted back occasionally to the realization that, after all, it is WORK that counts."

On the basis of 90 per cent for scholarship and 10 per cent for outside activities during the 1927 fall term of school, the Caleb Dorr Scholarship Committee recommended the following juniors to associate membership in the Honor Scholarship Society: William Wiener, Vernon Moore, Joseph Bickman, Sophia Boerboom, Leonard Gladen, William Peterson, Le Roy Brown, Angeline Linder, Clarence Jonk, and Emery Erickson. The following freshmen were nominated to membership at the same time: Roy Bergeson, Carl Anderson, George Pitcher, Percy Perretin, M. Clark Piper, and Harry Kosen.

Cash prizes were awarded to the five students, irrespective of class, who had the highest fall term average figured on the same basis as the Honor Scholarship Society Ratings. They were given as follows: to Walfred Mattson, \$25; Peter Giske, \$20; William Wiener, \$15; Marion Jones, \$10; and to Hattie Holmberg, \$5.





PRINCIPAL D. D. MAYNE

### ASSEMBLY IS FORUM OF ENTERTAINMENT AND INFORMATION

Probably no feature of the School of Agriculture is so well and so kindly remembered by its alumni as assembly, which is held daily except Mondays, Thursdays, and Sundays. No doubt, a day does not pass but what somewhere an alumnus remarks over his dinner, "I wonder what Mr. Mayne has to offer in assembly today." "Do you suppose his dream of having assembly exercises broadcast will ever materialize? I hope so." In spirit, he sees students making announcements, hears the old songs sung and listens to a distinguished speaker. All moves with precision and students, thinking in a well defined region, are dismissed on the quarter hour to go to their dinner. The February program of assembly exercises follows:

February 1. Hubert's Novelty Orchestra, which includes in its membership Hubert Fairchild, Donald Mitchell, William Dankers, Percy Perretin, William Albright, and Leonard Langord, appeared for the first time and played a group of popular numbers. Mr. Edwin Manchester, a comedy magician from Minneapolis, mystified and amused the audience with his tricks. Marvin Nichols assisted him.

February 3. Mr. Hugh J. Hughes, formerly editor of the Farm Stock and Home, and now with the St. Lawrence-Great Lakes Waterway organization, told what is being done to hasten the building of the waterway and what it will do to assure prosperity to the mid-west. Mr. Hughes surprised his audience when he informed it that Duluth is even now the third seaport in the United States in point of volume of business. Pearl Rudd sang "Mighty Lak a Rose."

February 4. The band under the direction of Mr. D. W. Boland initiated the opening exercises of the annual field meet and home coming, and the boys' dou-

ble quartet followed in singing "Winter" and "Nut Brown Maiden." The singing of "The Maroon and Gold," "Vale," and "Minnesota" preceded the appearance of Mr. J. King Ross, '13, who is head of the Northwest School for Laboratory Technicians. Mr. Ross reminded his audience of the fact that the School of Agriculture has been and is the best school of its type in the United States. He recalled his experiences while in school and welcomed alumni and former students to Home-coming and Field-meet.

February 7. Ralph Eckblad sang "The Magic of Your Eyes." Mr. Mayne reviewed the newest theories in regard to mind and thought, explained away the idea that the mind is localized in the brain, and explained how thoughts can have their beginning in any part of the body.

February 8. W. S. Furlow, instructor in English in the College of Agriculture, gave a eulogy on agriculture and prophesied a great future for it. Don Mitchell sang "When Irish Eyes Are Smiling."

February 10. This was the occasion of the visit of the Board of Regents which is reported elsewhere.

February 11. Miss Mabel Willson introduced a group of fourteen students in the singing of a new Aggie song to the tune "The Irish Washerwoman" and in the dancing of the Virginia reel to the tune. This was preliminary to preparations being made for the Old Fashioned Dance. Margaret Miller appeared at the piano and Mr. J. O. Christianson accompanied her on the violin.

February 14. Bishop Paul Jones of the Episcopal church was introduced by Rev. Howard Y. Williams of St. Paul as a representative of the "Fellowship of Conciliation," a national organization. Instead of correcting wrongs and settling difficulties, Bishop Jones explained that war imposed wrongs and created differences and proposed the solution of international difficulties in a legal manner.

February 15. Frederick Johnston and Ralph Eckblad sang "Blues." Mr. Louis Kelehan, formerly county agent of Lyon County, explained the need for the protection of insurance and how the Farm Bureau Accident Insurance company was helping the farmer insure himself against accident, economically.

February 17. Pearl Rudd played the piano solo, "Spring Showers." Professor A. E. Stewart of the division of agricultural engineering, gave a demonstration lecture on the way in which electricity travels thru matter.

February 18. Mrs. Mignon Quaw Lott of Bozeman, Montana, was given the entire assembly hour to demonstrate how to get an audience to play and to laugh. Under her direction, motion songs were sung and contests staged, all of which were suitable for the average community gathering.

On Saturday evening, February 15, Miss Laura Matson, faculty adviser of the Agrarian, entertained the members of the Agrarian board to a six o'clock dinner at the Curtis Hotel in Minneapolis. Following this the group enjoyed a "dutch treat" by going to a play "Twelve Miles Out" at the Schubert Theatre. This evening of enjoyment capped the climax to a year of strenuous work of putting out an annual.

All alumni and students who have not yet ordered their Agrarian should make it a point to do so at once and avoid disappointment.



## AGGIES DEFEAT MINNESOTA COLLEGE, 27-24

It seems as if some magic power holds the Aggies spellbound in the first half of their games. Their opponents have a good time that long and rooters of opposing teams have a better time. And then the spell is broken and a recharged team comes out on the floor and plays basketball until the zero hour. This was what happened in the Minnesota College-Aggie game played Saturday night, January 28, at the gymnasium of the University Baptist church. At the end of the first half, Aggies were at the wrong end of a 14 to 20 score. The Aggies warmed up slowly and with but six minutes to play, Minnesota College still had a nine point lead. From then on, the Aggies took matters in their own hands. Jonason dropped in two free throws just before the gun sounded, tying the score, 20-20. In the overtime period, the Aggies netted 7 points to the collegians' 4, making the score 27-24 in favor of the Aggies. High scorers for Minnesota College were Jacobson and Erickson, Jonason marked up 11 points for the Aggies, Baumgartner, 7; Fuglie, 5; Fredrickson, 5; and Ukkelberg, 1. The lineup was the same as in previous games with Jonason at center, Baumgartner and Fredrickson forward, and Ukkelberg and Fuglie at guard. Hendricks substituted for Baumgartner for a few minutes. A husky group of Aggie rooters under Hubert Fairchild helped Coach Monough charge the team. What the group lacked in numbers it made up in power.

A very interesting game was played, Saturday evening, February 25, between the Aggies and the Mankato Commercial College team, a return game to the one played early in the season on the Mankato floor.

The Aggies, tho crippled by the loss of Ukkelberg and the illness of Baumgartner, who nevertheless played the game, were well in the lead at the end of the first half. The Mankato team made a splendid comeback during the last half and the game closed with a 30-25 score in their favor.

Jonason, Fredrickson, Baumgartner, and Fuglie occupied their regular positions and Hendricks took Ukkelberg's place. Carey, Tvedt, and Christgau relieved them for short intervals.

A large crowd attended and royally supported the team with cheers and yells. The band, under William Dankers, added to the enthusiasm of the Aggies.

### AGGIES-DUNWOODY

Tuesday afternoon, February 21, the basketball team journeyed to Dunwoody. As the game with them on the School floor was very close, a fast game was expected, but it proved to be rather slow and one sided. The score at the half was 18-6 in favor of the Aggies and ended with the score of 39-23, the Aggies holding the lead throughout.

The line-up was Fuglie and Ukkelberg at guard, Frederickson and Baumgartner at forward, and Jonason at center. Hendricks and Tvedt substituted for Baumgartner and Fuglie in the last quarter. Baumgartner and Frederickson starred for the Aggies, each scoring sixteen points. Olson was the leading scorer for Dunwoody besides playing a nice floor game.

### WILL SHE TRY IT?

Dor S.: "How shall I make my hair grow? Fred said he would not marry a bob-haired girl."

Eunice M.: "Wear a wig and fool him."



EDGAR DETERS

### EDGAR DETER EMULATES BROTHER AS WINNER OF POULTRY PRIZE

Of the forty-one poultry project boys and girls who had exhibits at the annual show of the Minnesota State Poultry Association in St. Paul, in February, Edgar Deters, '30, of Eitzen, won the grand championship as exhibitor. Edgar placed third in the poultry judging contest. He is brother of Fremont Deters who had the champion pen of poultry at the Junior Livestock Show in 1925 and won the state championship in 1924. The brothers have developed a strain of White Rock to such a point that their exhibits win wherever shown.

### TOURISTS VISIT INTERESTING PLACES

The Boys' Student Council sponsored five excursions in February. The expense of each excursion was only the cost of transportation to and from the destination of the tour.

On February 4, Deere and Weber machinery company was made the objective of a company of sixty boys under the direction of Rollo Campe. The Deere and Weber concern had made an exception to their rule to close on Saturday afternoons and provided a guide who explained and exhibited an extensive display of machinery.

Alfred Wise, president of the Boys' Student Council led the group that visited the St. Paul Institute and the State Historical Society Building on Saturday afternoon, February 11. About thirty-five students went and all found the afternoon too short to see all the interesting exhibits.

The trip to the Purity Bakery and Montgomery Ward which was sponsored by the boys' student council on the afternoon of February 22 was one of the most successful and beneficial trips taken this year.



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### WANTED—ALUMNI SUPPORT

If you are not a subscriber, this copy of the News of the School of Agriculture comes to you through the courtesy of your alumni association and we hope you will enjoy it. The paper is published monthly during the school term. The next issue is the October number. The subscription price is only fifty cents for two years! We want your subscription. Send it NOW. But that is not all we want. We need more alumni news, news about YOU. Won't you send it or instruct the secretary of your alumni association to send us the news? Your friends are more interested in you than in the present day student. SEND US THE NEWS NOW.

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### PASTE THIS IN YOUR HAT!

Mch. 3, Saturday, Dairy judging ..... Afternoon  
Class party in honor of seniors,  
Gymnasium ..... 6:00 p.m.  
10, Saturday, Dairy Club banquet, Dining  
Hall ..... 6:30 p.m.  
Movies, Auditorium ..... 8:00 p.m.  
11, Sunday, Commencement sermon, Au-  
ditorium ..... 7:30 p.m.  
16, Friday, Class night and final assem-  
bly, Auditorium ..... 7:30 p.m.  
17, Saturday, Winter term closes, 12 m.

### IN THE MEANTIME, TRY BEANS

The most modern young matron in this neighborhood is going to give her husband waffles for breakfast some morning as soon as she can find a good variety of canned waffles.—Ex.

### PENDERGAST HALL HOLDS OPEN HOUSE

On Sunday afternoon from three of five o'clock, February 5th, Pendergast Hall held Open House to the students of the School, the members of the faculty and visiting alumni.

The four floors of the dormitory were decorated in commemoration of the different holidays which occur in the month of February. The first floor brought to the minds of the visitors the field meet of the previous day. The second floor took St. Valentine as its patron saint and was decorated with red hearts and evergreen boughs. The guides had red hearts pinned on their sleeves. The third floor observed Abraham Lincoln's birthday. On a wall of the hall was a large American flag draped over the picture of the Emancipator. Under this picture was a fireplace with a few old worn books, including a Bible, lying near. On the side wall was an old musket, a relic of Civil War days. The fourth floor observed the birthday of George Washington. There were exhibited under guard, the "original" cherry tree and hatchet which made the Father of His Country famous.

After the guests had been shown through the rooms they were brought down to the parlor where a program of music was in progress. Here they were received by Principal Mayne, Miss Hognason, Rodney Butson, president of the dormitory and George Wehrend, 1927 fall term president.

Refreshments were served in the south room from a candle-lit and flower-decked table over which Mrs. Drew and Mrs. Mackintosh, and Misses Holbrook and Langtry presided in turn. Miss Hallie Fisher acted as hostesses, here.

Over three hundred and fifty guests were shown through the dormitory by a company of guides under the direction of Frank Crippen.

Of the first students who lived in the dormitory, Messrs. Hoverstad, Mackintosh, Will Boss and Andrew Boss were present.

The refreshment committee was headed by Howard Roberts, and Leonard Gladen had charge of the program. Every boy served on one or more committees for the Open House.

### BIRTHDAY DANCE

Because Lincoln had a birthday, the School had a holiday and because there was a holiday on Monday, February 13, the students council celebrated the event with a daylight dance at the gymnasium. Emery Carlson, Roger Poole and Alfred Wise acted as floor committee. The Misses Hognason and Matson were hostesses and Mr. J. O. Christianson faculty representative.

### HOW THEY PROPOSED

Leonard Connelly, "When do we eat?"  
Rodney Butson, "Yo sho a nice."  
Arvid Sponberg, "Say, listen."  
Roy Munson, "How about it?"  
Carroll Broadbent, "I come after the big things in life."  
Lloyd Madison, "When can I have a date?"  
Alfred Wise, "How are my chances?"  
Lillian Muckala, "Well, shall we make it a go?"  
Chester Billings, "You're great!"





PRINCIPALS IN TULIP TIME CAST

Dorothy Sprenger, Dorothy Olson, Fred Johnston, Einer Eilertson, Margaret Miller, Clarence Jonk, Lloyd Madison, Omar Holland.

### TULIP TIME

This was the name of the operatta presented by the mixed chorus under the direction of Mrs. Phillip J. Larson, assisted by Mr. Cecil Birder and Miss Bernice Dickerman, on Saturday evening, February 18, in the auditorium. The orchestra was composed of Mr. D. W. Boland, Mrs. Theodore Mertens, Miss Bernice Dickerman, Mr. Leonard Langord, and Rhys Haight. The solo dance by Dorothy Erickson was under the direction of Miss Gladys Kaercher.

The cast of characters taking part included Fred Johnston as Hans, a young Dutch apprentice; Margaret Miller, Aunt Anna, Christina's guardian; Dorothy Olson, the village maiden, Katinka; Einar Eilertson, the Burgomaster of Osendorf, Henrick Van Ooster; Dorothy Sprenger, a charming Dutch girl, Christina; Clarence Jonk, an authority on botany, Theophilus McSpindle; Omar Holland, an American college student, Ned Baxter; Lloyd Madison, a fellow student of Ned, Dick Warren; and Dorothy Erickson, a dancer, Rachel.

The scene of action was the market place in a village of Holland and the time was spring and tulip time. The Dutch costumes of the principals and the chorus were colorful and altogether charming.

The performance of the operetta was distinguished thruout by spirit, fine rhythms, and sure attack. The principals acquitted themselves like professionals and the chorus gave them excellent support and competed with them for the interest of the audience. At all times, each player was eager and ready to pick up his thread in the story and work it in smoothly. The less showy part was taken by the orchestra, but it was performed with distinction. All agree that the production of "Tulip Time" sets a new high standard for achievement in music in the School of Agriculture.

### NINE PRIZES AWARDED WINNERS OF COMMUNITY BETTERMENT CONTEST

Nine cash prizes were awarded to the winners of the Caleb Dorr Community Betterment Contest in the order named: John Jaenicke for Farmers' Club Reorganization, \$35; Carroll Broadbent, Sunday School Class, \$30; Alfred Sabin, Farmers' Club and 4-H Club, \$25; George Wehrend, 4-H Club Leadership, \$20; Harry Marshall, 4-H Club Leadership, \$15; Johanna Born, Traveling Library, \$10; Alexander Paulsen, Scout Leader, \$5; Lowell Juni, Kitten Ball, \$5; and Almer Ecklund, 4-H Club Work, \$5. Those winning the first five prizes told the stories of their projects at the March 3 assembly.

All selected their projects before leaving School in the spring of 1927 and carried them on under the check of the summer supervisors, Messrs. J. O. Christianson, P. L. Johnsrud, William Dankers, and Ole Engene.

Accurate records were kept and a written account of their projects was examined by the contest committee consisting of Mr. P. L. Johnsrud, Dr. G. A. Lundquist, and Mr. J. O. Christianson. Following this, these judges examined each contestant orally on his project. Out of the eighteen contestants who entered the contest and submitted their reports to the committee, the nine prize winners were selected.

### 1927 AGRARIAN RECEIVES SECOND SCORING

In the national contest conducted in the high schools and colleges of the United States by the Scholastic Review, the 1927 Agrarian was given no place because it was not entered, but the examining committee scored the book and gave it 994 points out of a possible 1000.



## LIVESTOCK JUDGES ACQUIT SELVES WELL

The general livestock judging team of the Minnesota School of Agriculture placed second in a judging contest featuring the opening of the annual Winter shows and Farmers' Week at Crookston early in February. There were eight teams in the competition, which was won by the West Central School at Morris with a score of 1,886 points out of a possible 2,250. The Minnesota School was second, 1,870 points, or only 16 points below the winner. Placings of the remaining teams in order were: Manitoba School of Agriculture, 1,848; Northwest School at Crookston, 1,834; Park River, N. D., 1,754; North Central School at Grand Rapids, 1,751; Maddock, N. D., high school, 1,678; South Dakota School of Agriculture, 1,655.

Charles H. Baker of Owatonna, Clarion V. Moses of Kasota, and William G. Wiener of Fulda, with Melvin R. Anderson of Clarkfield, composed the team representing the Minnesota School of Agriculture. Prof. M. A. McCarty of the animal husbandry division at University Farm coached the members of the team and accompanied them to Crookston. Clarion Moses won second individual honors in the contest and was the foremost judge of horses. Baker placed fourth among individual judges, and was second best on sheep, third on horses, and second on hogs and sixth on beef cattle. Wiener placed tenth in the field of 24 judges, but was high man in judging swine and sheep and fifth in horses.

Moses was awarded the Percheron Society's medal for being the best judge of horses, and Wiener won the American Duroc-Jersey medal for being the best judge of swine. As a team the lads from University Farm were high in the judging of horses, sheep and swine.

Ten classes of livestock were judged and oral reasons given on five of the classes. The judges were C. L. McNelly, swine; W. E. Morris, horses; H. R. Searles, dairy cattle; R. C. Shaw, sheep; C. M. Kelehan, beef cattle; D. H. La Voi, formerly University Farm but now of the Crookston school, was superintendent of the contest.

"I wish to express through you to the boys of the School my appreciation of their hearty co-operation in helping me select a good judging team to represent the Central School. We do not know, of course, what our chances of winning the contest may be because we do not know how strong and well trained the representatives of the other schools will be. I do know this, that our boys will give a very good account of themselves and will very creditably represent the institution."

This is an excerpt from a letter from Mr. Mark H. McCarty to Principal Mayne previous to the Crookston meet. The results justified his opinion.

On February 11, the Mankato Teachers came with set determination to make good the loss sustained in their last encounter with the Aggies on the Mankato floor and it was evident that it would require more punch than they possessed to make good their intentions for the Aggies, playing with the support of a crowded gymnasium, early showed themselves in good form and brought the account to a close with a score of 23 to 20 in their favor. The regulars, Jonason, Baumgartner, Fuglie, Frederickson, and Ukkelberg, forming the line-up. Hendricks substituted for a few minutes of play.

## ANNUAL LIVESTOCK JUDGING CONTEST

Vying with each other in friendly, earnest fashion fifty students of the Central School of Agriculture matched judging ability in the fifth annual Livestock Judging Contest held February 22 at the Livestock Pavilion under the direction of the Dairy and Livestock Club.

Eight rings of livestock, two classes of 4 animals each of beef cattle, sheep, hogs, and horses were placed by the student judges. Oral reasons for the placing of four classes were given by each student, after the judging of the animals.

When the judging was concluded and the results tabulated, Stanley L. Campbell, Utica, with a score of 541½ out of a possible 600 points, was declared champion judge of all classes of livestock. Carl Franson, Fridley, with a score of 512 was the second best judge of all classes among the 50 contestants. These students are winners of a gold and silver medal for champion and reserve champion judge, offered this year by Lloyd Crandall of St. Croix Falls, Wisconsin, a graduate of the School in 1917.

Besides scoring high in all around judging, Mr. Campbell proved himself the best judge of beef cattle and hogs. Henry G. Nelson of Palisade won first in the judging of horses, and Harry A. Kosen, of Dakota, was the best judge of sheep. For their creditable showing each of these students will receive a gold medal offered by Mr. Dan A. Wallace, Directing Editor of The Farmer, St. Paul.

A Senior judging team made up of Charles Phillips, Hopkins, Marion Jones, Oak Park, and Ed Olson, Worthington, were the victors in an interclass contest, winning over teams representing the Junior and Freshman classes. The Intermediate Class was not represented this year. The winning Senior team now gains possession of a silver cup held for the past year by the present Junior class.

Carrol Broadbent, President of the Dairy and Livestock Club, was Superintendent of the contest, with Charles Baker, Clarion Moses, and William Wiener acting as assistant superintendents in charge of the several classes of livestock.

Judges of the contest were Professor W. H. Peters, beef cattle; Professor P. A. Anderson, sheep, Professor E. F. Ferrin, swine; and Professor A. L. Harvey, horses.

## GIRL RESERVES TEA PARTY

The Girl Reserves of the School of Agriculture enjoyed a pleasant hour at a tea party in the Y.W.C.A. office on February 9, at 6:15 p.m.

Miss Hoover led the girls in singing hymns of praise and good will, after which she gave a most interesting talk on China. Before departing, the girls were served delicious tea and cookies. The tea had been brought over from China by Miss Tabitha Gerlach, a Chinese girl who is taking a home economics course in college.

In connection with this meeting, the officers for the coming year were elected. They are as follows:

|                        |                 |
|------------------------|-----------------|
| President .....        | Stella Williams |
| Vice-president .....   | Clarice Wilson  |
| Secretary .....        | Pearl Rudd      |
| Treasurer .....        | Myrtle Ulrich   |
| Program Chairman ..... | Agnes Wiebusch  |
| Social Service .....   | Ina Wilson      |
| Social Chairman .....  | Blenda Lofgren  |



1928 FIELD MEET

Early on the morning of February 4, class colors and class flags could be seen floating from various parts of the campus. Suddenly from a door came a sailor-capped senior hotly pursued by underclass men. By some classes, the field meet was won that morning each time a senior was compelled to forfeit his cap. Dispensers of inside dope gave every class a lead over the seniors who were very politic and reticent over their claims. Apparently, they were willing to concede the claims made by their opponents.

Assembly began promptly at 12:10 o'clock, each seat section crowded with students and a liberal sprinkling of alumni who had begun registering on the previous day. The band under Mr. Boland sustained the enthusiasm of the assembly with some snappy selections. "The Agrarian of 1928" was sung by the men's double quartette assisted by the girls' quartette. Principal Mayne then introduced Mr. J. Ross King, '13, who gave an inspiring talk on the place the School of Agriculture holds in the regard of its alumni.

At 1:15 o'clock, a pep-fest was held in the auditorium, the band leading off with snappy march music. First, seniors and then each class in turn, tested the resistance of the walls of the room in roof-lifting yells. From here all proceeded to the gymnasium with the band at the head of the procession. The enthusiasm displayed in the auditorium did not wane on arrival at the gymnasium, for each class occupied a reserved section and cheered its contestants to the end. The field meet was remarkable in a number of ways. In the point of attendance of alumni, no meet has equalled it. It was estimated that three hundred were present during the day. The meet was noteworthy because of the number of records that were broken. Edward Bremer, '24, holder of three field meet records, saw his brother Erhardt, '26, break the mile run record made in 1925 by Errol Anderson, '24, reducing the time from 5 min. 3 sec. to 4 min. 52 3/5 sec. Martin Peterson, '28, negotiated the rope climb in 6 1/5 sec., beating the previous record by 3/5 sec. Helen Baker, '29, raised the record for the high jump from 4 ft. to 4 ft. 5 3/4 in. The Freshman hope, Kenneth Larson, outdistanced all competitors in the pool, besting Henry Carlson's 1927 record by 2/5 sec., making the present record 58 1/5 sec. for the 80-yard swim. For the first time in the history of the field meet, the intermediates placed second and nearly made good the threat that they would win the meet.

When the final accounting of scores was made, the seniors were declared winners with 45 points. The other classes scored in this order: second, Intermediates, 35 points; third, Juniors, 24 points; and fourth, Freshmen, 18 points. Already plans for winning the 1929 meet are under way. The summary of the 1928 meet appears on this page.

On Sunday evening, February 26, the men's double quartette and eight of the girls of the School of Agriculture enjoyed a waffle supper and Leap Year Party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Larson. These young folks were chaperoned by Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Larson and Rhys Haight and Bernice Dickerman. After a bounteous and well prepared feast of waffles, pork sausages, coffee and cookies, the group passed a pleasant evening singing lovely melodies and playing games.

"A" CLUB BANQUET

The third annual "A" Club Banquet was held Wednesday evening, February 22, in the Party Room of the cafeteria, under the management of the "A" Club officers.

At six o'clock the doors were opened and the group was seated with the "A" men on the right of Mr. Christianson, who presided at the head of the table. With them were seated Mrs. Christianson, Principal D. D. Mayne, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Harvey, Mr. and Mrs. Thompson, and Mr. and Mrs. Monough at the speakers' table.

A delicious banquet was served consisting of cream of tomato soup, first course; beef tenderloin, mashed potatoes and gravy, celery, radishes, olives, perfection salad and rolls, second course; and pie a-la-mode and coffee, third course.

Following this, Mr. Christianson, presiding as toastmaster, introduced the speakers and announced the program:

- Vocal Duet ..... The Aggie Warblers
- "Why Boys Should Be Interested in Athletics" ..... Mr. Alfred Harvey
- The Season and the Coach ..... Clifford Ukkelberg
- Cross Country ..... Jesse Stenson
- Duet ..... William Albright, Orlando Greseth
- The Schedule ..... Coach Monough
- Athletics for All ..... Principal D. D. Mayne

A very enjoyable time was had by all of the large company present which had come to honor those who had achieved in athletics.

SUMMARY OF 1928 FIELD MEET

| Event         | First place  | Time                       |
|---------------|--|----------------------------|
| 1 mile run    | Bremer (Int.)  | 4 m. 52 3/5 sec. (new r.)  |
| Rope climb    | M. Peterson (Sr.)  | 6 1/5 sec. (new record)    |
| Girls hi jump | H. Barker (Jr.)  | 4 ft. 5 3/4 in. (new rec.) |
| 25-yd. dash   | Ukkelberg (Int.)   | 3 2/5 sec.                 |
| High jump     | Fairchild (Sr.)<br>Roberts (Sr.)   | 5 ft. 3/4 in.              |
| Shot put      | Winqvist (Sr.)   | 34 ft. 1/2 in.             |
| 80 yd. swim   | Ken Larson (Fr.)   | 58 1/5 sec. (new rec.)     |
| 1/2 mile run  | Crippen (Sr.)  | 2 m. 24 3/5 sec.           |
| Potato race   | Helgeson (Sr.)   | 1 m. 29 2/5 sec.           |
| Girls' relay  | Lucile Cook (Int.)<br>J. Hughes (Int.)<br>Meta Hohenstein<br>Lois Oby  | 1 m. 40 2/5 sec.           |
| Shuttle race  | Ukkelberg (Int.)<br>Sandberg<br>Butson<br>Bremer   | 15 3/5 sec.                |
| 1/4 mile run  | Tammel (Fr.)   | 1 m. 4 sec.                |
| Naildrive     | Schwinghammer  | 44 2/5 sec.                |
| Volley ball   | Laura Born (Jr.)<br>Esther Braddock<br>Helen Baker<br>Hildegaard<br>Schwinghammer<br>Edna Ricker<br>Genevieve Kelley |                            |

The men's double quartette sang in two St. Paul churches in St. Paul, People's Church and First Methodist, in February. They appeared on the banquet program of the Block and Bridle Club on February 29.





DEAN W. C. COFFEY

### SONG SERVICE

During February, Dean Coffey has continued with an interesting series of discussions at the Sunday Morning Song Services.

On February 5, with many alumni and friends as visitors, Dean Coffey spoke to a splendid group of well over 200 persons on "Green Pastures." The tendency, he said is for all animals to be attracted to green pastures elsewhere. The human being is no exception in his native tendency. A commendable characteristic is the ability to stay by a job and an objective until success is gained.

February 12. In speaking of Lincoln, Dean Coffey pointed out the fact that while Lincoln was a man busily engaged in momentous affairs, he possessed a rare quality of enjoying humor and of appreciating the interests and value of an individual, not even excepting the more obscure characters of his old home town.

February 19. Youth tends to minimize the facts derived out of the experience of older folks. Old ideas and customs are often thoughtlessly cast aside for "modern" ones, "Be open minded and receptive to new ideas," says Dean Coffey, "but do not shut out the value of past experience." Referring to religion, for ages past religion has been indispensable to mankind, yet many young persons fail to recognize this well established fact.

The splendid singing each morning is made possible through the assistance of Frederick Johnston and Jerline Anderson. Fred has the distinction of not having missed a Sunday during the past two years.

### OTTO G. SCHAEFFER RESIGNS AG. POST

Otto G. Schaeffer, associate professor of dairy husbandry at the University Farm, has resigned his position at Minnesota to take charge of the advertising offices of the Dairy Farmer in New York City.

### CHRISTGAU ENTERS CONGRESS RACE

State Senator Victor Christgau of Austin filed today as a candidate for Congress from the First district.

A farmer, Senator Christgau announced that farm relief would be the principal plank in his platform. In a statement Senator Christgau said:

"One of the outstanding problems confronting the United States is the improvement of the agricultural situation. Existing conditions demand that in the next administration laws be enacted establishing national policies favorable to agriculture. Constant guarding of the agricultural interests in our legislative bodies is necessary to prevent the recurrence of disastrous periods of depression. Vigorous representation in the councils of the nation by men trained in the problems of agriculture is essential.

"My activity in behalf of an educational, economic and legislative program for agriculture is a matter of public record. If honored by election my many years on the farm and a broad training in the field of economics and legislative experience in the State Senate should enable me to take aggressive action in the solution of the numerous problems facing agriculture."

Senator Christgau is a graduate of both the School and the College of Agriculture of the University of Minnesota. He served overseas in the World War. He is the author of several treatises on agricultural problems which he and Rudolph Froker, economist and marketing specialist of the University of Wisconsin, have debated in Central and Southern Minnesota. On his father's retirement, and with one year's work left for his doctor of philosophy degree in economics, he with his brother, took over the home farm near Austin where he now is living.

—*St. Paul Press and Dispatch*

Senator Christgau will be toastmaster at the alumni banquet Commencement Week.

### FELLOWSHIP

The first joint meeting of the Y.M.-Y.W. groups for the winter term was held on January 26. Principal D. D. Mayne came up to his usual high standard. He stated that while we frequently are on the level of mediocrity we must live above it if we are to be what our Maker intended us to be. The greatest force that causes us to rise above the sordidness of material things is love.

On February 2, Professor Andrew Boss gave a heartfelt talk to the fellowship group. He talked of the values which contributed to the success and happiness of a man.

On February 9, Earl Cook, a sophomore agricultural student and delegate to the Detroit Student Volunteer convention on December 28, brought to the group interesting sidelights on the convention and the city of Detroit.

February 16. An informal discussion was conducted by the secretary, Alan Wurzbach.

The second joint meeting of the term was held on February 23, with Mr. J. O. Christianson. In a simple but extremely effective manner, the ideals of a home and the significance of a high regard for one's mother were clearly brought out.

Two meetings remain on the calendar for this term. The average attendance at the six meetings held is 51.



**BOSS TO BE HEAD OF ENGINEERING UNIT**

MR. BOSS

Professor William Boss, chief of the division of agricultural engineering at University farm, is to be made president of the American Society of Agricultural Engineers.

His nomination to the office has just been announced in the January issue of Agricultural Engineering and the nomination virtually means election.

Mr. Boss is a charter member of the society, having attended the first meeting held in Madison, Wis., in 1907. There are seven other charter members now in the society. Philip S. Rose, another charter member and former Minnesota instructor, has just been named editor of the Country Gentleman. The next annual meeting of the society will be held in Washington, June 19-22.

Professor Boss came to the University to attend the school of agriculture in 1890. He has been connected with the University since with the exception of eight years from 1910 to 1918 when he was in business in St. Paul. Mr. Boss was called back to University farm in 1918 to take charge of the division of agricultural engineering. He did this on a half-time basis for about a year, spending the other half of his time in managing his business. Since 1919 Mr. Boss has given all of his time to the development of the division of agricultural engineering. Under his direction a professional course in agricultural engineering was inaugurated in 1925 and is now offered as one of the four engineering courses in the college of engineering.—St. Paul Dispatch.

**NEWS OF THE ALUMNI**

Oleanna Lund, '22, is teaching near Clarkfield.

Stanley Doten, '24, is attending the Mankato Commercial College.

O. F. Freberg of Hector, a graduate in 1913, was a February visitor.

Clarence C. Loomer, '15, is operating his own grocery store in Austin.

Stanley Callister, a 1925-26 student from Skyberg, was a campus visitor, February 24.

Lionel Reech, '23, is a sophomore in Jamestown College at Jamestown, North Dakota.

Bert Warnes, '27, of Karlstad visited classmates and friends on the campus February 13.

Esther Poole Mitchell, '21, is instructor in English in the school during the winter term.

Stanton Oman, '27, is engaged in garden and greenhouse work for R. M. Bethnett of Northome, Lake Minnetonka.

Irving Anderson, '15, is recovering from an operation at the Veterans' Hospital at Fort Snelling. His home is near Franklin.

Fred Hovde, '08, of Hanska is secretary of the Brown-Watonwan S.A.U.M. Association. Send us the news, Mr. Hovde.

Ralph Albee, '22, was married to Doris Whittbeck in November, 1927, at Caledonia. Mr. and Mrs. Albee

are living near Buhl, Idaho, engaged in dairy farming.

Clarice Kalstrom, '22, and Luella Odegaard, '23, are registered nurses and are doing private work in the Rochester hospitals.

Alvin Anderson, a student in 1898-1900, formerly of Amery, Wis. now a carpenter in Minneapolis, visited the campus early in February.

Arthur Watson, a 1927 winter student, is engaged in trucking as a side line to farming. He is planning an auto trip through the West.

Russell Stewart, student in winter of '19, until recently herdsman at Moline, Illinois, is at home at Sherburne convalescing from a recent illness.

Charles Peabody, '20, is in the radio business in Minneapolis. He and Mrs. Peabody, nee Lillian Davis, '20, attended the February home coming.

Reginald Van Voorhis, '25, and family have moved to Storm Lake, Iowa, where Reginald has his headquarters for the Northrop King Seed Company.

Theodore Neske, an Intermediate in 1926-27, attended the performance of "Tulip Time." Theodore was a member of the 1926-27 staff of the News.

Clarence Rodning, '23, of Nicollet was married to Cora Knutson on February 17. Clarence is farming his mother's place in partnership with his brother Oscar.

Henry Schwerman, '26, is a member of the prep swimming squad at the State College of Agriculture, Ames, Iowa. Henry writes that he is going out for spring football practice.

Harold Gee, '25, Dunnell, visited the Farm Campus February 6. He and his father are moving to Storm Lake, Iowa, where they will operate a half section of land in partnership.

Porter Olstad, '22, who is in partnership with his father, farming near Hanska, attended the Field Meet. Porter is vice-president of the county board of the Farm Bureau and was its representative at the National convention of the Farm Bureau at Chicago.

Carlton Trehus, who attended the school in 1924 and 1926 is selling potatoes for the Northwest Potato Exchange of Arnegaard, North Dakota, in Dallas, Texas. On a recent visit to the farm, he said Dallas was a good business town, having taken 200 carloads of his potatoes.

Morris Chamberlain, '10, of Hastings died in his home, January 10. Mr. Chamberlain had been manager of the Twin City Co-operative Egg Association, President of the State Aberdeen-Angus Association, and President of the Farmers' Elevator at Hastings. He lived on and operated his own farm. Mr. Chamberlain was eminently able as a business man and the success of the organizations he directed was due very largely to his wise guidance and direction. Mrs. Chamberlain and three children survive him.

**CLASS OF 1925 MEETS AGAIN**

Twelve members of the Class of 1925 met in the cafeteria party room after the Field meet, Saturday afternoon, February 4, for their annual dinner. Mr. J. O. Christianson, godfather of the class, met with them and the hour was pleasantly spent talking over days gone by and in making plans for the 1930 reunion. This was the fourth occasion of its kind since the graduation of the class.





A. J. MCGUIRE

**THE SCHOOL OF AGRICULTURE IS  
40 YEARS OLD**

The School of Agriculture had its beginning in 1888—40 years ago. Who among its thousands of former students will not want to celebrate in honor of this event.

For some time past a custom has been growing up and has become a fixed one among the classes to celebrate in periods of ten years. Last year the classes that were graduated in 1897, 1907, 1917, and 1927 had the stage. This year it will be the classes of 1898, 1908, 1918, and 1928. A prize loving cup is given to the class that gives the best account of itself.

This year the beginning of the School of Agriculture falls on a ten year cycle and it is fitting to give the birthday of the School the center of the stage. How interesting it will be when the roll is called to note the ones who answered the first roll call of the School of Agriculture. It is hoped that Mrs. Florence Brewster will be present. An invitation to Mrs. Brewster is seconded by every student of the School of Agriculture previous to 1900.

Classes Attention: Classes 1898, 1908, 1918, and 1928 report for honored recognition March 16 to 21. All others report for duty to the happy occasion of Commencement, Alumni meeting, and greeting such friends as are made only at the School of Agriculture.

Cordially yours,  
A. J. MCGUIRE,  
President, Alumni Association,  
School of Agriculture.

**ALL CLASSES HONOR SENIORS IN MUSICAL PARTY**

The theme of "Music Year at the School of Agriculture" was featured in the All-School party given in honor of the senior class, Saturday evening, March 3, at the gymnasium. Each person came wearing some symbol that represented a well-known song, and a lively half hour was spent in guessing symbols and getting forfeits. When all had assembled, a stunt contest was waged between four groups of students divided on the basis of class. Alton Hanson directed the contest and Principal Mayne acted as clerk. First place was awarded the intermediate class.

A special section of seats facing the stage was then given over to the Seniors, and as soon as all were seated on both sides of them, a musical program parodying popular seniors in popular song numbers kept the audience in a state of merriment. When Professor Finkerthumb awarded valuable souvenirs to the seniors he did not forget to present Principal Mayne with a "model of a mind." The orchestra and the men's double quartette contributed several excellent numbers. The singing of "Vale" closed the program.

While Mr. J. O. Christianson lead all in community singing refreshment tables were brought out into the gymnasium, and Mesdames Boland and Harvey and the Misses Merrill and Van Doren took their places as hostesses. The eagerness with which all responded to the invitation to be served was one with the spirit of eager participation in every feature of the party. That was why "a good time was had by all."

Margaret Miller was chairman of the committee that decorated the gymnasium with varicolored streamers of crepe paper and great clusters of toy balloons. Chester Billings was chairman of the entertainment committee, Carl Franson of the refreshment committee, Sam Sandberg of the invitation committee, and Erhardt Bremer of the arrangement committee.

**SENIOR CLASS PRESENTS PLAY, "PIGS" COMMENCEMENT WEEK**

The cast for the Senior Class play, "Pigs," which will be presented to the student body on March 15 and to the general public on March 19, is complete and is engaged in the final intensive rehearsals that round out a play. Miss Mary McNabb is coaching the play which is a very interesting comedy drama full of laughs for every one and especially for students in the School of Agriculture.

The cast of characters is as follows:

- Thomas Atkins, Sr., a none too successful lawyer . . . . . Herbert Sponberg
- Tommy Atkins, Jr., his younger son . . . Hubert Fairchild
- Hector Spencer, his brother-in-law . . . . .
- ..... George Frederickson
- Grandma Spencer, his mother-in-law . . Lillian Muckala
- Ellen Atkins, his wife . . . . . Lillian Johnson
- Lenore Hastings, just in love all the time . . . . .
- ..... Clara Meyer
- Spencer Atkins, Harvard Law student . . . . .
- ..... Orlando Greseth
- Mildred Cushing, Jr's. fiancée . . . . . Esther Schulz
- Smith Hastings, Lenore's father . . Warren Churchward
- Dr. Springer, a veterinarian . . . . . Charles Phillips