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

And so at long last we come with another issue of the *Agreview*, which has survived through various complications and delays which most of you have recognized. The *Agreview*, as it is now called, dates back to the old *School of Agriculture News*, which again dated back to the *Northwest Farm Students' Review*, with a history of almost continuous publication since 1890. The size and format of the publication has changed several times, but the spirit and the general philosophy carried through as representative of the School has changed but very little in those sixty-seven years.

First I want to report to all of you on the current program of the School. We continue to serve Minnesota high-school graduates who do not plan to go through four years of college for a degree but who are planning definitely on farming, and who want to supplement their high-school training by a shorter period of technical training with particular emphasis on leadership development. There are many young people throughout the state who can benefit themselves by such a period of shorter training.

In addition to that group of young men we also have our girls, most of whom are taking the course in Practical Nursing and Home Management. This course involves 18 months of study and practice, including three months' experience in the University Hospitals and three months' experience in a rural hospital. All of these girls take the State Board Examinations upon graduation and are then qualified as licensed practical nurses. They have no difficulty in securing employment in any of the many hospitals in this state. Most of those are employed in rural hospitals.

More recently we have added the Food Technicians' course, for girls who are more interested in that phase of hospital service.

These girls take six months in the School of Home Economics, followed by three months of practice work in the University Hospitals under the direction of Miss Angeline Mannick, Director of Nutrition, University Hospitals, University of Minnesota. They are then ready to go out as assistants to the dietitians in hospitals. As they are not trained as dietitians, they do not go out as assistant dietitians but as assistants to the dietitians in hospitals. This has proved to be a very interesting development in our training program. These girls are all hired immediately upon graduation. In fact, we do not have enough of them to meet the demand.

In addition to those three groups we have about a dozen young Swedish farmers, here each year under a State Department program which I started back in 1949. We have the cooperation of the American-Swedish Institute in that the Institute receives the money paid by the farmers to these boys and holds it in trust for them to pay their expenses here at the School. These young Swedish farmers come to us around the middle of March or the first part of April. We place them on farms and give general supervision to their work up to the time they come to the School in October. They then attend the School here for six months; in most cases they secure an extension of visa enabling them to be in this country for another six months, during which time they work on farms in California.

With the return of the present group of students to Sweden, we will have had about 80 young Swedish farmers who have gone through this program. It has been so successful that we have now had the state agreement amended to include young Danish farmers, of whom we expect around five beginning this spring. This was



Dr. and Mrs. Thor Kommedahl  
Greeted as Godparents  
by Class of '58

Born in Minnesota, Dr. Kommedahl has lived most of his life in this state. For two years he was employed at the Ohio Agricultural Experiment Station, Wooster, O.

Mrs. Kommedahl is a native of Nebraska, although she earned her college degree at Ottawa University in Kansas.

Spending his boyhood at Willernie, Minnesota, Dr. Kommedahl completed his high school work at Mahtomedi, studied for a year at Bethel College in St. Paul, then transferred to the University of Minnesota, where he was granted the B.S. degree in 1945. Later he obtained his M.S. and Ph.D. degrees in the Department of Plant Pathology and Botany of the Institute of Agriculture.

Agricultural Botany, Weeds, and Seed Testing are three courses that have been taught by Dr. Kommedahl in the School of Agriculture. Prior to marriage, Mrs. Kommedahl was Youth Director at University Baptist Church in Minneapolis.



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arranged through the fine cooperation of one of our graduates, Mr. Sherwood Berg, who is now the Agricultural Attache at the American Embassy in Denmark. We made the request from the School of Agriculture to the State Department for amending the original 1949 agreements to include the Danish farmers. The Danish farmers will be handled the same way the young Swedish farmers are, but with a different committee and clearing, of course, through the Danish organizations. We are therefore looking forward to 12 young Swedish farmers here this coming year and five Danish farmers, which will give us a delegation of 17. I presume it will not be long before there will be requests to have this program amended to include young farmers from Norway as well.

The average age of our students in attendance is between 20 and 21 years. All of them are high-school graduates. Some have had some college work and two are college graduates, one from a college in Denmark and the other from Luther College in Decorah, Iowa.

The program of activities carries on, with emphasis on music and dramatics, leadership training, physical education, and the many related activities through which these young people have the opportunity of developing their best talents in these significant and formative years.

All of the alumni of this School, of course, should be familiar with the fact that the Minnesota Bankers Association sends about 40 young men here each year on the basis of scholarships in the various counties. These scholarships consist of \$100 per term for the entire two years of four terms; that is, two years of six months each year. The continuation of this scholarship into the second year, or even into the second quarter of the first year, is of course, contingent upon the record that is made by the student. These young men are carefully selected by a county-wide committee in each of the sponsoring counties. This committee is generally made up of the vocational agriculture teachers, the county agents, the home-demonstration agent, and the alumni of the School of Agriculture in that particular county.

Much credit must be given to the Minnesota Bankers Association for the development of this significant program, which has now been in operation since 1950. During that time 156 students have attended the School on Bankers Scholarships. Practically all of these young men are back in their communities on their home farms. Some, of course, have been drafted or have joined the military service. The following counties are offering Bankers Scholarships for this coming School year of 1957-58, beginning October 7, 1958:

Aitkin, Becker, Beltrami, Benton, Big Stone, Blue Earth, Brown, Cass, Clay,

Cottonwood, Dakota, Douglas, Faribault, Fillmore, Goodhue, Grant, Hennepin, Isanti, Kandiyohi, Lake of the Woods, Lyon, Marshall, Martin, McLeod, Mower, Nobles, Norman, Olmsted, Pennington, Pine, Pipestone, West Polk, Pope, Redwood, Renville, Sherburne, Stearns, Stevens, Swift, Todd, Traverse, Wabasha, Wilkin, Winona, Wright, and Yellow Medicine.

If any of you in the counties listed know of some high-school graduate, or some one who has been out of high school for a couple of years, who may be worth recommending, be sure to let your local banker know, and have this young man make application directly to his bank. All applicants will, of course, have to meet the entrance qualifications and be accepted by the enrollment committee in the School.

In addition to the Minnesota Bankers Association Scholarship, the following scholarships will be available this coming year: five Sears-Roebuck Scholarships; a total of \$220 available for Augustus L. Searles Scholarships; five \$200 Red Owl Stores Scholarships for girls registered in the Practical Nursing and Home Management course; six \$200 Tozer Scholarships; and several State Nursing Scholarships varying in amounts from \$100 to \$300.

These miscellaneous scholarships in varying amounts will also be available: Caleb Dorr; William Hagerman; Leroy Cady; Pendergast; Gideon Memorial; Rural Builders; and Northern States Power Company.

Elsewhere in this paper you will read the program of the School of Agriculture Alumni Association, which will be holding its annual meeting here at the School on Sunday and Monday, March 17 and 18. I hope many of you may attend that very significant event.

When you come back to the campus I am sure that you will be surprised and perhaps disappointed to notice that Pendergast Hall no longer stands on top of Old Pendergast Hill, but rather that construction work is in progress on a beautiful dormitory for the College of Agriculture, which will house approximately 150 young men and 150 young women. This dormitory will be built in an L shape, one wing for the housing of the men and one wing for the housing of the girls. The School of Agriculture men are now housed in Dexter Hall and the Dining Hall Dormitory.

In recent years we have used Dexter Hall and Pendergast Hall, and the Dining Hall Dormitory has been used for college men. This year with the razing of Pendergast Hall we again took over the Dining Hall Dormitory for the School, so that we now have the same housing facilities that we have had for the past several years. These two dormitories will hold a little better than 200 young men.

In the long-time program of building on this campus we, of course, anticipate that there will some day be new and better

dormitories for the students in this School. We are happy that the college students will have dormitory facilities of their own. They have needed them for a long time. At the present time we are housing some 100 college girls in Brewster Hall, as we have for several years. Meredith Hall is used by the School of Agriculture girls in the practical nursing course, the food technician course, and the general home economics course.

We are looking forward to the building of a new Student Activity Center, or Student Union, which will be constructed directly across from Coffey Hall on the way to the Cafeteria. As the students in the School of Agriculture now participate in all the St. Paul Campus Student Union activities, this new Union will mean a great deal to them, and will afford more opportunities for student activity meetings. It is also hoped that a new Food Service Center may become a reality following this session of the legislature. This will provide much-needed improvements in food service facilities, not only for the students in the School and in the College but also for the many short-course groups that come to this campus.

Incidentally, you will find listed in this *Agreview* all of the coming short courses that are scheduled. Last year, in addition to the work here in the School of Agriculture for the group I have already described to you, we gave in the neighborhood of 50 special short courses, bringing in a total attendance of about 12,000 people. We hope some day to have a new Short Course Center here on the campus. Much progress has been made toward the realization of that dream.

In addition to the buildings mentioned, there will be a new Soils Building, a new addition to the Dairy Building, a new addition to the Veterinary Building, and many other improvements and additions which are sorely needed on this campus.

Here are great opportunities for the young people in this School of Agriculture, located here on the St. Paul Campus; here they have available all the advantages

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### FARM AND HOME WEEK

January 14-17, 1958

Write to:

Dr. J. O. Christianson, Director  
Agricultural Short Courses  
Institute of Agriculture  
St. Paul 1, Minnesota



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made possible through a great University, a large university, with its many facets of information and activity. Here these young people have tremendous opportunities to grow and to develop their best talents.

The work in this School of Agriculture is recognized all over the United States. This was evidenced by the fact that last July Short Course Directors and Directors of schools like ours from 17 other land-grant colleges in the United States met here for a workshop dealing with the program and administration of this type of posthigh school, nondegree training. As Secretary of the Land-Grant College Committee on Short Courses, it was my privilege to arrange for this program here in Minnesota. After comparing programs from these various land-grant colleges, we feel that the School of Agriculture of the University here on the St. Paul Campus is offering a mighty fine program, with more general emphasis on a variety of worth-while activities than is true in any other land-grant college program with which we have had any contact.



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

**INSTRUCTOR TAKES  
HAWAIIAN TRIP**

Mr. Paul W. Brown, instructor in the School of Agriculture, accompanied by wife and little daughter, Paula Jean, spent four weeks this past summer in Hawaii. They visited the home of Mrs. Brown's sister-in-law's parents in the town of Lahaina on the island of Maui.

Mr. Brown reports that the highlights of that trip were visits to a sugar-cane mill, pineapple cannery, volcano craters, historic Pearl Harbor, the University of Hawaii and its Agricultural College, and finally a visit to the 250-head dairy herd farm of Mr. Oke Dahlberg. Mr. Dahlberg is a graduate of the College of Agriculture of the University of Minnesota, class of 1917.

Mr. Brown brought back much interesting material which he has been able to share with his students. He teaches the classes in Farm Mathematics, Field Work in Leadership, Fire Prevention and Safety, Symposium on Conservation, and Project Planning.



Charles Winzer

Another of the many alumni of whom we are proud is Charles Winzer, vice-president of the Minnesota Farm Bureau Federation and Director of the Minnesota Farm Bureau Service Company Board. He has been an officer of the Jackson County Farm Bureau Service Association for 12 years, serving as secretary for 10 years and now as president.

He was born on the farm he now operates, which consists of 437 acres, of which 424 are under cultivation. After graduating from Heron Lake High School, he worked on the home farm for two years and then attended the School of Agriculture on the St. Paul Campus of the University of Minnesota, graduating with the class of 1930.

Mr. Winzer was one of the early co-operators with the Agronomy Department of the University of Minnesota, and has been cooperating with the University of Minnesota ever since he returned from the School of Agriculture.

He has won many awards at state and county fairs and was selected a Premier Seed Grower in 1953.

One of the organizers of the Southwest Minnesota Farm Management Association, he served on the committee that set up the articles and bylaws, and was its seventh president.

Charles Winzer has been a member of the Executive Committee of the Jackson County Farm Bureau, serving on many special committees and as chairman of the County Health and Hospitals Committee. He was instrumental in getting all of the hospitals in the county to become members of the Minnesota Hospital Service Association, so that every one in the county would be eligible to become Blue Cross subscribers. He then helped organize a Blue Cross group in every township Farm Bureau Unit.

**Students Enjoy Sweden**

Several letters have come to us from David Olstad of Hanska and Robert Johnson of Buffalo, who have been in Sweden. By the time this paper goes to press they will be back home again. We will be having them on the FRIENDLY ROAD radio program for a number of interviews some time in March. Be sure to tune in on these Monday-noon interviews. Don't forget that every Monday noon the FRIENDLY ROAD radio program comes from this School of Agriculture over the University Station KUOM.

**Summer Reunions, 1957**

It is not too early for all of you to be making your plans to attend one of the three summer reunions held throughout the state. From the information that we have here in the office as to time and place of meeting and officers in charge, we give you the following:

District No. 1—Sunday, July 7, at Silver Lake Park, Rochester.

- Harold Weick, '46,  
Lake City, President
- William Beiser, '49,  
Glenville, Vice-president
- Mrs. Glen L. Brown (Lorraine M. Dankers), '49,  
St. Paul Park, Secretary-Treasurer

District No. 2—Sunday, June 23, at Hermann Park, New Ulm.

- Marlin A. Gratz (attended 1940),  
Fairmont, President
- Lester J. Skogberg, '36, Sacred Heart,  
Vice-president
- Mrs. Obert Jacobson (Mildred Rossbach), '42,  
Madelia, Secretary

Cletus H. Franta, '51, Lafayette,  
Treasurer

District No. 3—Sunday, July 28, at Wilson Park, St. Cloud.

- Harry H. Albrecht, '39, Sauk Rapids,  
President
- Lyle Bishman, '37, Dassel, Vice-president
- Herman Imdieke, '32, Melrose,  
Secretary-Treasurer

These reunions are very worth while. Every one who attends will naturally feel a revival of interest and loyalty to the School which has meant so much to so many people. I hope to see some of you at some of these reunions. There will be some members of staff at all three of the reunions.

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Dr. J. O. Christianson, Superintendent

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## NEW MEMBERS JOIN SCHOOL STAFF

Among the new members of the School general staff are **Mrs. Gordon Johnson**, in physical education; **Mr. Donald Borchardt**, in dramatics; and **Mrs. Wanda Alexander Blockhus**, in business training.

Mrs. Gordon Johnson was born at Guckeen, Minnesota, and is a graduate of East Chain High School at Guckeen and Augsburg College in Minneapolis. She majored in biology and minored in girls' physical education. Her teaching experience includes Westbrook High School, Naperville Junior High School, and the Sheboygan Public Schools. She has been director of activities at the Christian Youth Center at Sheboygan, Wisconsin; Director of Girls' Camp at Williams Bay, Wisconsin; and Dean of Women at the High School Camp at Manistee, Michigan. She has been very active in 4-H and church youth groups.

In addition to the physical education training program for girls in the School of Agriculture, Mrs. Johnson is very active in the general recreation program for all the students.

Donald A. Borchardt, born in St. Paul, Minnesota, is a graduate of Alma Center High School at Alma Center, Wisconsin, and of the University of Minnesota in 1953.

His major interests were radio speech and theater arts. As a student he won honors by being elected to the Phoenix Society; Alpha Epsilon Rho, honorary radio fraternity; order of Ski-U-Mah; and National Collegiate Players. He graduated cum laude from the University of Minnesota.

Mr. Borchardt has had much experience in the theater, in the fields of acting, production, lighting, and oral interpretation. He has worked on the technical staff of the University of Minnesota Theater, and has also been a successful actor, having played such roles as Peer Gynt in *Peer Gynt*; George in *Our Town*; The Fool in *King Lear*; and Reverend Hale in *The Crucible*. This year he played Androcles in *Androcles and the Lion*.

Mr. Borchardt is in charge of the dramatics in the School of Agriculture, and has presented the students in some very fine productions. At the present time he is coaching a group of School students for the play *Room for One More*, to be given in Coffey Hall Auditorium on Friday, March 1. We hope some of you may come in for that.

Mrs. Wanda Alexander Blockhus was appointed to the position formerly held by Mr. Victor A. Newcomb. Mr. Newcomb was appointed to a full-time position in the General College of the University, where he teaches commercial law.

Mrs. Blockhus was born in Crawford, Texas, and was graduated with outstanding honors from Waco High School at Waco, Texas, and Baylor University at Waco, Texas, from which she received her Bachelor's and Master's degrees.

Her field of major interest was business education and economics. She teaches classes in typewriting, bookkeeping, shorthand, and general office practice.

The aim of these courses in the School is to give general training that will enable girls, as well as boys, not only to do office work in farm organizations or in other business establishments, but also to handle their own business affairs in a businesslike way. More and more young men are taking these business courses; with the constant business development of farming, a knowledge of office practice and office methods, bookkeeping, and typewriting, particularly, is becoming increasingly necessary.

Mrs. Blockhus brings to her position not only training at Baylor University but also much commercial experience as secretary to outstanding executives both here in Minneapolis and in Texas. She was also executive secretary of the Incentive Awards Committee of the Flying Training Air Force at Waco, Texas.

These three new members of staff in addition to the regular members of staff continue to give to the young people the advantages of the very best in training for the job of living.

## PERSONAL NOTES

Dr. J. O. Christianson was elected Chairman of the Land-Grant College Committee on Short Courses at the annual meeting of the Land-Grant College Association in Washington in November. Mr. Ralph Tenny, Director of Short Courses at Michigan State College, was elected secretary of the committee. The membership of the committee is made up of representatives from six other land-grant colleges. A meeting of this committee is being planned for the latter part of April, to make arrangements for the program to be held in connection with the Land-Grant College Association Meeting in Denver next November.

## SPECIAL NOTICES

Marlin Gratz (attended 1940) has been appointed Assistant Secretary-Treasurer of the Fairmont Production Credit Association.

Robert J. Reger, class of 1952, is now employed by the Mankato Production Credit Association.

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## WEDDING BELLS

Grace Richert, '52, and Norman Nelson of River Falls, Wisconsin on June 16, 1956. They are making their home on a farm near River Falls, Wisconsin.

Donna F. Nicholson, '56, Minneapolis, and Edgar P. Johansen, attended 1955, Sherburn, Minnesota, at St. John's Lutheran Church, Sherburn, Minnesota, on August 12, 1956. They bought a grade-A dairy farm about two months ago, and their address is Route 1, Box 235, Kettle River, Minnesota. The farm has 120 acres, a seven-room house, and a total of 35 head of cattle.

## BIRTHS

Mr. and Mrs. Dwight E. Hill, '48, New Ulm, identical twin girls, Lois Faye and Linda Mae, born November 4, 1956.

Mr. and Mrs. Leland Turner, '50, (formerly Jean Margaret Dose, attended 1949), Windom, girl, Jane, born June 21, 1956. The Turners have three other children, two boys and one girl.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Estrem, '52, St. Paul, girl, Roxanne Marie, born June 24, 1956.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Shrader (formerly Janice L. Johnson, class of 1956) girl, Cheryl Linn, born August 7, 1956.

## ENGAGEMENTS

On July 27, 1956, Betty Jane Paulson, St. Paul, class of 1952, became engaged to Dean A. Mason, Fort Ripley, attended 1956. Betty Jane is employed at the School of Agriculture office and Dean is farming with his father. They plan to be married in June.

## DORMITORY SCHOLARSHIP

### RATINGS, FALL TERM, 1956

Meredith Hall .....	2.606
Dining Hall .....	2.563
Dexter Hall .....	2.555

## DEATHS

E. W. Major, '93, Burbank, California, passed away on February 21, 1957.

J. Stanley Noltimier, '16, passed away the first part of January this year. Stanley Noltimier was an outstanding farmer and community worker. He lived his entire life in the community where he was born.

Donald P. Shannon, '20, in writing to us said of Mr. Noltimier, ". . . a man whom I am sure proved worthy of the money the state of Minnesota invested in his education through its support of the School of Agriculture."

Our sympathy to his survivors. His unselfish service and achievement will live on in the memories of all who knew him.



## DR. CARL BORGESON ATTENDS MEETING

Dr. Carl Borgeson, in connection with his work at the Institute of Agriculture, attended the meeting of the International Crop Improvement Association at Salt Lake City, Utah, October 29 to November 2. He is chairman of the Seedstocks Committee of that international organization. He also attended the International Grain and Hay Show held in Chicago from November 24 to December 1, and was a member of the five-man corn- and soybean-judging committee.

Dr. Borgeson recently returned from Stillwater, Oklahoma, where he attended a meeting of the Planning Conference of the National Foundation Seedstocks Project. The National Project was organized a number of years ago to hasten the production of seed of new varieties of small-seeded legumes and grasses. As a part of the work on this project, each state has a foundation seed representative. Dr. Borgeson holds that position in Minnesota.

Incidentally, Dr. and Mrs. Borgeson are godparents of the class which was graduated from the School of Agriculture in 1945.

## Indoor Track and Field Meet Held

The sixty-fifth annual Indoor Track and Field Meet was held as per schedule on the first Saturday afternoon of February. All of you must remember that this activity is always held on that first Saturday of February.

This year again there was much enthusiasm. The competition was held between regions of the state instead of between classes, as we have only two classes here now, the junior or first year group, and the senior or second year group. Since we draw students now from the entire state of Minnesota, the Field Meet is between the northern group, the central group, and the southern group. It makes for a spirited competition.

This year the score was South Team, 70 points; Central Team, 57½ points; and North Team, 49½ points.

Two long-standing records were broken. The shot-put record was established in 1931 by George Wilkens of the class of 1933. George Wilkens is now Secretary of the Minneapolis Grain Exchange and one of our outstanding and distinguished alumni. His record of 37 feet, 1 inch, was broken by Joseph J. Regnier of St. Paul, class of 1958, by putting the shot 38 feet, 2 inches.

The other record broken this year was that of the high jump. The previous record of 5 feet, 7½ inches, was established in 1952 by William Parriott of Wells, Minnesota, who attended the School in 1952. It was

## Commencement Calendar

### Sunday, March Seventeenth

- 1:00 p.m. Registration, Coffey Hall
- 1:00 to Annual Reunion of Honored Classes—'92, '97, '02, '07, '12,
- 5:30 p.m. '17, '22, '27, '32, '37, '42, '47, '52
- 6:00 p.m. Supper—School Dining Hall
- 8:00 p.m. Commencement Sermon—Auditorium, Coffey Hall  
DR. ALVIN N. ROGNESS  
President, Luther Theological Seminary, St. Paul

### Monday, March Eighteenth

- 1:00 p.m. Alumni Business Meeting—Auditorium, Coffey Hall
- 6:15 p.m. Alumni Banquet and Program—School of Agriculture Dining Hall  
Master of Ceremonies: CLIFFORD UKKELBERG, '27  
Farmer and Legislator, Clitherall, Minnesota

### Wednesday, March Twentieth

- 3:00 to Reception for Graduating Class and Parents—Fireplace Room,
- 5:00 p.m. Home Economics Building  
DEAN AND MRS. H. MACY  
SUPERINTENDENT AND MRS. J. O. CHRISTIANSON
- 8:00 p.m. Graduation Exercises—Auditorium, Coffey Hall

#### Address

MR. VICTOR CHRISTGAU  
Director, Bureau of Old-Age and Survivors Insurance  
Washington, D. C.

broken this year by Duane A. Schultz of St. Peter, Minnesota, class of 1958, with a record of 5 feet, 10¾ inches.

So it seems that with each coming year someone comes along who can break a record which has stood for a long time. Mr. Nowotny, Director of Physical Education here in the School of Agriculture, always does a fine job in stimulating the interest in this program as well as in the general physical training and character development associated with that program.

## CROP-JUDGING TEAM WINS HONORS

Under the guidance of Dr. Laddie J. Elling of the Department of Agronomy and Plant Genetics, the School of Agriculture Crop-Judging team won first place in competition with Michigan State College and South Dakota State College. Not only did our School of Agriculture team place first, but the three members of the team placed one, two, and three in the contest. William M. May, Farmington, Dakota County, won first place and was awarded a brief case. Adrian F. Staloch, Wells, Faribault County, placed second and was awarded a billfold. Darvin S. Tangen, Menahga, Becker County, placed third in the contest.

The Grain Crop-Judging Contest and Grain-Marketing Workshop was sponsored

## VICTOR CHRISTGAU RETURNS AS SPEAKER

We are delighted that Victor Christgau, a member of the class of '17 in the School and later of the class of '24 in the College, will be our commencement speaker on Wednesday night, March 20. Mr. Christgau is now the director of the Bureau of Old-Age and Survivors Insurance in Washington.

For many years Mr. Christgau was president of the Alumni Association of the School of Agriculture. Throughout all his years of activity as a state senator, as a member of Congress, as Deputy Administrator of the A.A.A. program for the nation, as director of the W.P.A. program in Minnesota and later in this position in the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare of Social Security Administration, he has been vitally interested in the School and its ongoing program. We are happy to have him deliver our commencement address on the fortieth anniversary of his graduation from this School.

by the Minneapolis Grain Exchange and the University's School of Agriculture and Department of Agronomy and Plant Genetics. The contest and the workshop covered a period of two days. This is one of the really significant competitive and instructional events scheduled during the year.



## FORMER STAFF MEMBER BRUTALLY KILLED

A most tragic end to a story of rich service and achievement came in the life of LeVerne W. Wegener on December 23, 1956. Mr. Wegener was murdered by hoodlums at the airport in Detroit, Michigan, as he and his wife were there to greet the parents of Mrs. Wegener. The funeral was held at Bertha, Minnesota, his home. Professor Wegener was a member of the School of Agriculture staff from June 5, 1949, to August 7, 1953. Mr. and Mrs. Wegener were godparents of the class of 1952. This class has already started the promotion of a memorial honoring the late Professor Wegener. Members of the staff have also indicated a desire to contribute to such a memorial, which may well be in the form of an award in the School of Agriculture for such achievement and leadership as characterized Professor Wegener himself.

At the time of Professor Wegener's death he was a member of the Extension Staff of Michigan State College, and had just been scheduled to deliver an address at the Michigan State College Farm and Home Week.

His many, many friends may want to drop a note of sympathy to his wife and family, who live at 911 Sanborn Street, Port Huron, Michigan.

## Convocations Held at New Time

You will remember that throughout the years Convocations were held on Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday noons. The students would gather at about 11:55, following the fourth-hour class, for a short Convocation, and were dismissed at 12:25. This gave a very short time for a speaker; it also rushed the students at noon lunch in order that they might get to their 1:00 o'clock classes. As a result the Convocation period was unsatisfactory for our speakers and for our students.

This year we inaugurated a new system of holding but one regular Convocation a week, on Tuesday at 11:00 o'clock. That is our regular fourth hour. This Convocation runs from 11:00 to 11:50, giving the students time to get to their lunch hour by 12:00 o'clock and leaving them time to get to their classes at 1:00 o'clock.

Special Convocations for special projects are called on Thursday at 11:00 o'clock, and in some cases the entire School is taken in buses to the All-University Convocations at Northrop Memorial Auditorium on the Minneapolis Campus. Two such trips were made in the fall. This has been very much worth while since the students then recognize the fact that they are part of a great University, and they also have the opportunity to enjoy the excellent programs that are brought to Northrop Memorial Auditorium.

This new arrangement in Convocations is working out very well. The attendance is very much better and we are able to give outstanding speakers more of an opportunity to put their messages across in the right way.

So whenever any of you return to visit the campus and wish to attend the Convocation that day, remember that the Convocations are held on Tuesdays at 11:00 o'clock. We are always happy to have the alumni return for this activity.

## U AGRICULTURIST HONORED

The *Gopher Grad*, University of Minnesota alumni magazine, carried the following interesting item in its February issue: "A distinguished Minnesota dairy scientist, Dr. William E. Petersen of the University of Minnesota faculty, has been named 'Man of the Year' by the American Society of Animal Production.

Dr. Petersen is professor of dairy husbandry at the College of Agriculture.

The award for 1956 was announced at a meeting of the society in Chicago which Dr. Petersen attended. He was given \$1,250 and a gold watch at a dinner in the Saddle and Sirloin Club at the Chicago stockyards when his portrait was presented for hanging in the club's gallery.

Dr. Petersen and a colleague, Dr. Berry Campbell, worked jointly on a 10-year research project on the 'protective principle in milk' which reportedly immunizes humans against a wide variety of diseases."

The *Agreview* wants to add that Dr. William E. Petersen still teaches a class in Milk Production in the School of Agriculture. This winter he has over 60 young men taking the course. He has throughout his years always taught a class in the School and for some years served as chairman of the Students' Work Committee. Dr. Petersen and Mrs. Petersen were godparents of the class of 1933. Dr. Petersen has always been intensely loyal to the ongoing program in the School and has contributed materially to its organization.

## STUDENTS GO TO SWEDEN

Six outstanding young men from the School of Agriculture will be leaving the United States on board the S. S. Stockholm, sailing from New York on March 5, to spend one year in Sweden on the Student Exchange Program. The boys are: Wayne W. Carlson, Stanchfield; Donald P. Nickel, Mountain Lake; Bradley F. Pederson, Minneapolis; Gail E. Suter, Guckeen; Douglas W. Triplett, Annandale; and Ronald E. Uter, Waverly.

They will land at Goteborg, Sweden, on March 13, and will work on farms selected by the Swedish Labor Board for six months until the Schools of Agriculture open in Sweden around the first part of October. These schools are somewhat sim-

## Agricultural Short Courses and Conferences, 1957

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- Farm and Home Week—January 8-11
- Weed and Seed Short Course—January 14-18
- Market Milk Short Course—January 28-31
- Canners' and Fieldmen's Short Course at Rochester—January 30-31
- Ice Cream Short Course—February 4-8
- Lumbermen's Four-Week Short Course—February 4-March 1
- Grain Elevator Operators' Short Course—February 25-March 15
- Manufacture of Dry Milk Short Course—February 11-15
- Tile Drainage Contractors' Short Course—February 18-19
- Pest-Control Conference, USDA—February 18-20
- Aircraft Sprayers' Short Course—February 20
- Shade Tree Short Course—March 5-8
- Dome Club—March 7
- Alumnae Club of the University—March 16
- School of Agriculture, Alumni Meeting—March 17-18
- Fisheries Biology Short Course—March 11-15
- Liquified Petroleum Gas Short Course—March 25-27
- Soils Service Supervisors' Short Course—March 26-28
- Horticulture Short Course—March 28-29
- Fair Management Short Course—March 25-26
- State Rural Youth—March 31-April 2
- Dairy Herd Improvement Short Course, April 1-8
- Home Economics Career Day—April 4-6
- Minnesota State Fire School—April 22-26
- Future Farmers of America Convention and Judging Contests—May 6-8
- Beekeepers' Short Course—May 8-10
- School-Lunchroom Operators' Short Course, Morris—June 10-12
- 4-H Club Week—June 11-14
- School-Lunchroom Operators' Short Course, Waseca—June 17-19
- School-Lunchroom Operators' Short Course, Grand Rapids—Date to be announced
- Boys' State—June 16-22
- Rose Growers' Day—June 18
- North Central Phytopathological Summer Conference—July 12-13
- Lutheran Students' Meeting—August 7-15
- Flock-Selection and Pullorum-Testing Agents' Short Course—Date to be announced
- 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—Date to be announced
- Feed Dealers' Short Course—Date to be announced
- Farm Income Tax Short Course—October 7-9
- Bankers' Agricultural Credit Conference—November 1-2

As the year goes along, other short courses and conferences are added. Anyone interested in any of the courses listed, or in suggesting others, should write directly to Dr. J. O. Christianson, Director, Agricultural Short Courses, Institute of Agriculture, University of Minnesota, St. Paul 1, Minnesota.

ilar to the School here on the St. Paul Campus. These young men will attend that school until about February of 1958; they will then take some time to visit the Continent and England, and will then return to Minnesota.

This is a tremendous experience for these young people, and we look forward to receiving reports from them which we shall carry in the *Agreview* in coming issues. Naturally the student body and all the staff wish for these six young men all that is best in this great adventure.