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SUCCESSFUL FARMERS' WEEK Many New Records Established

The Twentieth Annual Northwest School Farmers' Week and Red River Valley Winter Shows, held during the second week of February, was considered by those who have attended these important meetings for many years to be one of the most successful "Valley Weeks" ever held. From the standpoint of attendance, number of exhibits, and interest on the part of visitors and exhibitors alike, it was a remarkable educational gathering.

Letters commenting on the activities of the week have been received from every section of Northwestern Minnesota as well as many outside points. One veteran of many Winter Shows wrote as follows: "I carried away more useful information this year than from any previous week." Another regular attendant comments as follows: "Personally I think this was the outstanding Winter Shows Week in so far as a well balanced program was concerned. I know of no day that could not have been rightly called the banner day of the week."

For the first time in the history of the Winter Shows, the large armory was filled to capacity on the opening night. Record entries were reported in the cattle and sheep departments, with an increase of 100 entries over one year ago in the Farm Crops division. The poultry building was filled to capacity, while all industrial space was engaged many weeks in advance.

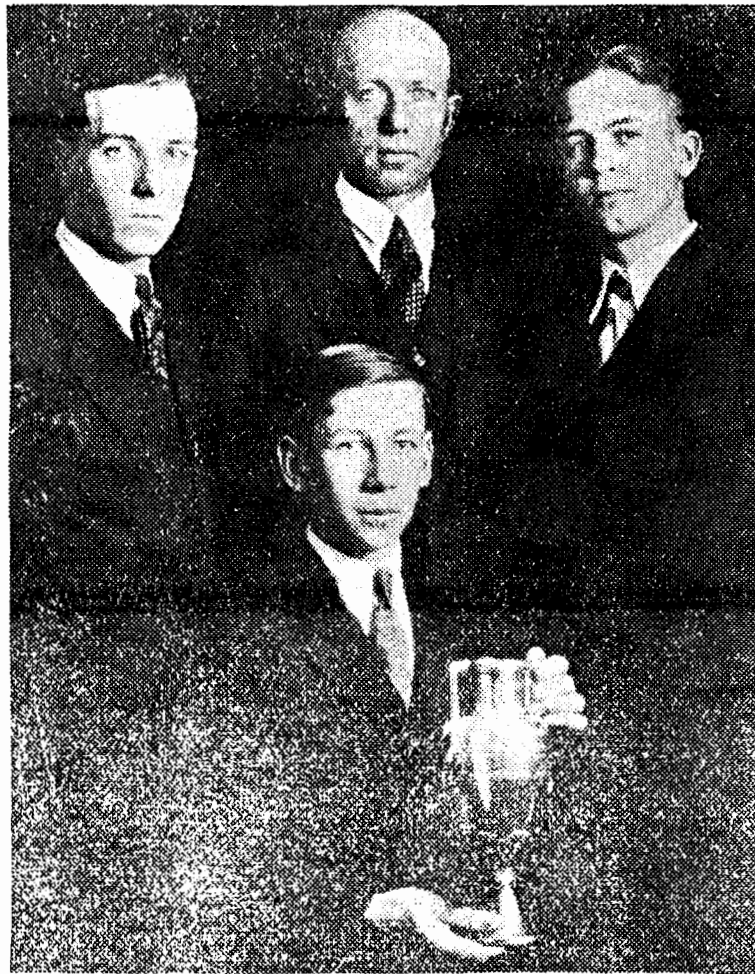
Wonderful Evening Meetings
Vilhjalmy Stefansson, noted scientist and explorer, opened the remarkable series of evening meetings with a most impressive address on "The Northward Course of Empire." Mr. Stefansson stated that most people are

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Aggies Win Basketball Championship

Captain R. J. Christgau's leading Aggies won two decisive victories over the West Central School on the local floor February 28 and March 1, thus clinching the conference championship for 1930. The Northwest School team, led by Captain Thomas Cain, Ponceville, smothered their opponents in the opening game which ended 43 to 23. Morris offered stubborn resistance throughout the game but was unable to penetrate the Aggies' strong defense or check the steady stream of baskets. The second game ended in a 44 to 16 victory for Christgau's men.

Captain Cain was the individual high scorer for the local team, with Harold Cordes, Henning, Silas Hyvling, Hendrum, Harold Nelson, Hawley, and Elmer Johnson, Erskine, adding basket after basket to the impressive score. Other Northwest School players who performed well during the series were Stanton Gandrud, Detroit Lakes, Kenneth Avery, Hallock, and Alvin Gronner, Underwood, Elmer Johnson, Harold Cordes, and Stanton Gandrud played their last game for the Northwest School, and will be sorely missed next year. A number of substitutes, including Clarence Carlson, Stephen, Harold Banks, East Grand Forks, Melvin Dale, Fertile, Chauncey Johnson, Detroit Lakes, Willard Bitzer,



NORTHWEST SCHOOL CHAMPIONSHIP CROPS JUDGING TEAM

Seated: Marvin Wardner; Standing, left to right: Lawrence Omundson, E. R. Clark, coach; Robert Larson.

Courtesy: Grand Forks Herald

Graceton, Earl Swenson, Fosston, and Harry Haugen, Plummer, have, however, been developing rapidly, and will insure a smooth working machine for the 1931 season.

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MID-TERM HONOR ROLL

The following names appeared on the honor roll at the end of the first six weeks of the winter term:

Freshmen—Wallace Abbott, Mentor; Esther Dalager, Pelican Rapids; Conley Darst, Greenbush; Agnes Eggen, Fertile; Lawrence Harstad, Crookston; Christian Holte, Baudette; Alfid Johnson, Warren; Selma Johnson, Greenbush; Arden Leas, Mentor; Peter Mandt, Oklee; Norman Moen, Gary; Rudolph Olson, Dalton; Ole Oseth, Oslo; Herman and Lawrence Simonson, McIntosh; Arnold Strand, Twin Valley; Genevieve Thompson, Underwood, and Clarence Werkwerth, Hazel.

Juniors—Ingvald Anderson, Fisher; Roy Bonap, Syre; Ann Brandli, Warren; Hazel Candy, LaPorte; Hazel Dahlgren, Kennedy; Antoinette DeMaister, Beaulieu; Clinton Donley, Fergus Falls; Gladys Eggen, Fertile; Vernon Erickson, Badger; Halley Gill, Ada; Dorothy Glass, Mentor; Arthur Grove, Roosevelt; Arthur Hendrickson, Fosston; Arlene Hill, Brooks; Allen Hoff, Dalton; Mildred Malme, Nielsville; Helen Naplin, Wylie; John Pearson, Middle River; Clarence Peterson, Hawley; Richard Radway, Roosevelt; Lloyd Ross, Alvarado; Herbert Schroeder, Fergus Falls; George Schultz, Fergus Falls; Tamina Slette, Twin Valley; Arthur Sundrud, Fosston; Harry Tangen, Menahga; Ann Thoreson, Littlefork; Marion Valon, Climax; Alta Werkwerth, Hazel, and Dorothy Worman, Crookston.

Seniors—Johanna Cudde, Crookston; Alvin Degerness, Gary; Kenneth Flom, Twin Valley; Orville Ingebretson, Ulen; Harold L. Johnson, Radium; Daniel Letnes, Crookston; Eugene McDonald, Underwood; Effie Pederson, Clitherall; Lester Tangjerd, Bagley; Selma Waddal, Plummer; Vera Walters, Crookston, and Marvin Wardner, Fisher.

Advanced—Evelyn Bain, Baudette; Evelyn Bierbaum, Clearbrook; Harold Cordes, Henning; Estelle Filipi, Angus; Robert Gleason, Minneapolis; Jette Gullekson, Beltrami; Florence Hanson, Mentor; Harvey Johnson, Hawley; Winton Knutson, Thief River Falls; Ernest Newhouse, Crookston; Martin Odland, Crookston; Abraham Paquin, Oklee; Hazel Stephenson, Gary, and Earl Sulerud, Gary.

Special—Harris Henderson, Halstad and Rueben Ulseth, Thief River Falls.

RED RIVER AGGIE PRESENTS NEW FEATURES

Officials in charge of the Red River Aggie state that the 1930 yearbook will be ready for general distribution within the next two weeks. A number of new features have been added to this year's annual, including a directory of all alumni, as well as former members of the faculty. The Aggie Board of the Senior Class of 1930 acknowledges with thanks the hearty co-operation of the alumni and faculty who assisted in assembling this information.

Copies of the 1930 Red River Aggie may be secured at \$2.00 each by writing to Arnold Hanson, Business Manager, or the class advisers, Miss Rose Polski, and Mr. S. A. Anderson.

COMING EVENTS

March 8—Inter-School Debate.
March 22—Inter-Class Field Meet.
March 23—Baccalaureate Address
March 24—Inter-Society Declamatory Contest.
March 25—Superintendent's Reception to Graduating Class.
March 26—Musical Recital.
March 27—Class Day Exercises and Commencement.
June 9-12—Junior Short Course.
June 16-19—Women's Camp.

DEATH OF THEODORE ANDEN SHOCKS SCHOOL

Faculty and students were shocked by the untimely death of Theodore Anden, prominent member of the senior class, who died of peritonitis on January 31, following an operation for a ruptured appendix.

Theodore's ability as a student and athlete is shown by the fact that he won his letter in the backfield of the Northwest School football team last fall and was an honor student at the end of the fall term. He was a member of the basketball squad and also of the 1929-30 debate squad.

Upper classmen attended a brief memorial service in the city of Crookston with Reverend R. M. Yordale, pastor of the English Lutheran church, in charge. Special music was rendered by Miss Rose Polski of the music faculty, and by the senior class quartet, composed of Halbert Johnson, Underwood, Harold Johnson, Radium, Alvin Degerness, Gary and Harvey Johnson, Hawley.

Theodore, whose home was at Wall Lake, is survived by his father, E. M. Anden and one sister, Norah Elizabeth, both of Wall Lake.

Mr. E. R. Clark and S. A. Anderson of the faculty, and Lester Tangjerd, Halbert Johnson, and Carter Mortensen, representing the student body, attended the funeral services, which were held at the Lutheran church at Viking.

Students and faculty of the Northwest School extend their most sincere sympathy to the grief stricken family.

SUCCESSFUL FARMERS' WEEK

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of the opinion that climate is the chief obstacle to the further northward advance of civilization. "Experience has proven, however, that a cold climate is more conducive to progress than a mild one. The former may be termed a good 'working' climate and the latter, a good 'loafing' climate. People are usually willing to migrate to places where they can secure the best economic advantage regardless of temperature."

Mr. Stefansson concluded "that so long as the economic and military affairs of the World are carried on on a competitive basis, this northward movement will continue."

"Civilization—Its Cause and Cure," was the subject of Honorable J. Adam Bede's address on Tuesday evening. "The essence of modern civilization, without which there can be no real progress," he said, "is respect for the rights of others. Security of life, liberty and property is fundamental. When this is achieved, refinements will be acquired, the arts will be developed, the field of science will be explored and new discoveries will supply the needs of man. Increasing interdependence of all groups of society is creating new problems, which can only be solved by the kind of education that teaches men to live together in harmony and supply their common wants."

Congressman C. G. Selvig extended an appropriate greeting to Winter Shows visitors on Wednesday evening. Dealing with the subject of farm relief legislation, he said that "the federal government can help the farmers who are organized just as it gives aid to the merchant marine, but only in proportion to the producers' own interest in their large scale marketing groups. One of the most hopeful signs pointing to the success of the government's attempt to help the farmers is the increased interest manifested by the farmers in their own organization."

Reverend Phillips E. Osgood, Minneapolis, stressed the importance of continued growth in personality in his address, "What's Your P. Q.?" Dividing the life of a child into five-year periods, he said that at five years of age, the child is in the imaginative stage in which it closes its eyes to hard facts. At ten years, it has reached the stage of hopeful inquisitiveness. Age fifteen is the age of a dawning of personal significance, while age twenty is the dawning of the ideal of service. Those who stop growing in personality at five years live in a realm of make-believe. Those who cease to develop at ten become hardened cynics. Those who never go beyond the fifteen-year-old stage remain sensitive, self-centered, and arrogant. Age twenty is the service stage which is the true beginning of living.

Honorable James C. Stone, Vice Chairman of the Federal Farm Board, addressed Winter Shows visitors Thursday evening, his subject being, "What the Farm Board is Doing to

Aid American Agriculture." Mr. Stone made it clear to his hearers that the members of the Farm Board are doing all in their power to make agriculture permanently more profitable, but added that in the final analysis, the success of the Federal Marketing Act, which the Farm board was appointed to carry out, depends upon the support given it by farmers themselves.

"The Farm Board does not insist that producers form cooperative associations," said Mr. Stone, "or make other changes in their methods of selling their products, if they are satisfied with the methods now being followed, but many of the results from the agricultural marketing act can be obtained only by cooperative marketing associations which the Board is seeking to strengthen and develop."

He outlined four principal methods by which agricultural marketing is to be made more effective: 1. By minimizing speculation; 2. By preventing wasteful methods of distribution; 3. By promoting and financing a system of farmer owned and farmer controlled cooperative marketing associations, and, 4. by preventing and controlling surpluses of agricultural commodities.

"Obviously it is impossible for any single agency to deal individually with the six million or more farmers in this country. Instead, the act requires the board to deal with cooperative associations that comply with the definition contained in the Capper-Volstead Act." Though one of the worst blizzards of the year continued through the day Thursday, Mr. Stone was greeted by a large and appreciative crowd that filled the armory almost to capacity.

The Northwestern Minnesota Singers' association presented their fourteenth semi-annual music festival Friday evening as a fitting climax to the activities of the week. This chorus, composed of 150 male voices under the direction of T. W. Thorson, is made up of twelve unit choruses as follows: Clearbrook, Crookston, East Grand Forks, Erskine, Fertile, Fisher-Bygland, Fosston, Gonvick, Halstad, McIntosh, Mentor, and Winger.

Judging Contests Popular

Monday was designated livestock and farm crops judging contest day with teams entered from three states and Canada. In the livestock judging contest for sub-collegiate agricultural schools, the Central School of Agriculture, University Farm, St. Paul, coached by Professor A. L. Harvey, won first with a score of 2678 out of a possible total of 3000 points. The Manitoba School of Agriculture, Winnipeg, won second. The South Dakota School of Agriculture, Brookings, coached by F. A. Revell, ranked third. Other schools taking part in this contest were the Walsh County Agricultural school, Park River, North Dakota; Northwest School of Agriculture, Crookston; North Central School of Agriculture, Grand Rapids, and West Central School of Agriculture, Morris.

Northwest School Wins Crops Contest

In the crops judging contest for stu-

dents representing Schools of Agriculture, the Northwest School of Agriculture, Crookston, won first with a score of 3196 out of a possible 3600 points. Members of this team, which was coached by Professor E. R. Clark, were Marvin Wardner, Fisher, and Robert Larson, Crookston. The latter was also high man in the contest, with a score of 1675 out of a possible 1800 points. The West Central School of Agriculture, Morris, coached by Theodore Fenske, won second place, with the North Central School of Agriculture, Grand Rapids, coached by Otto Swenson, third. Other schools taking part in this contest were the Manitoba School of Agriculture, Winnipeg, Walsh County Agricultural School, Park River, North Dakota, and the South Dakota School of Agriculture, Brookings.

In the livestock judging contest for agricultural high schools, Park Rapids, winners of the 1929 contest, were again victorious with a score of 3494 out of a possible 4500 points. Professor A. C. O'Banion, agricultural instructor, Park Rapids high school, has the honor of having coached three winning teams, thus the silver trophy becomes the permanent property of the Park Rapids school. The Bemidji high school team, coached by W. E. Dowdell, won second place, with the Fosston High school third. Other teams taking part in this contest in the order of their rank were Ulen High school, Grafton, North Dakota, High school, and Grand Rapids high school.

One of the features of the livestock judging program was the special contest for members of farmers' clubs. The Angus Community club, Polk county, won first with a score of 1246 out of a possible 1500 points. Members of this team were Harry Confer, Royal Campion, and Anton Taus. The Red River Community club, Kittson county, won second; the Lessor Community club, east Polk county, third; Bagley Cooperative Creamery association, Bagley, fourth, and the Wadena Township club, Wadena county, fifth. Other farmers' club teams in the order of their rank were as follows: Kittson Community club, Polk county; Sletten Community club, Polk county; Tabor Community club, Polk county; Beltrami Boosters' club, Polk county; Winger Community Club, Polk county; Happy Corner Community club, Kittson county, and the Fairfax-Anderson club, Polk county.

Women's Meetings

A series of lectures and demonstrations, interspersed with organ selections, community singing, special music and readings, featured the women's meetings, which opened Monday day afternoon and continued through Friday. The attendance at the afternoon sessions averaged between 700 and 1000 women.

The opening session included an address on "The Farmer's Dietary and His Cream Check," by T. T. Bachelor, Jr., representing the National Dairy Council, and "Adult Education," by Miss Clara A. Richards, Fargo. On

Tuesday, P. A. Anderson, meats expert at the University of Minnesota, gave two demonstrations on the "Selection of Beef and Veal Cuts" and the "Selection of Pork and Mutton Cuts," while Mrs. H. H. Hodgson presented the first of her two demonstrations on "Home Made Rugs." Mrs. W. B. Sheffield, assisted by a committee of city and rural club women, with Mrs. Emmet Wright, chairman, presented a unique lecture-demonstration entitled, "A Study in Contrasts—Antique vs. Modern" on Wednesday afternoon. Rooms were completely equipped with furniture, tables, clocks, dishes mirrors, silverware, women's and children's dolls and toys, with living models contrasting the present with an all but forgotten past. Two wedding parties, complete from flower girls to preacher, emphasized the contrast between the old and the new. As a special attraction, Mrs. Marie Prudhomme demonstrated the operation of an old time spinning wheel.

Other speakers on the women's program included Dean W. C. Coffey; Miss Julia O. Newton, state home demonstration leader; Mrs. Belle Osborn Fish, specialist in child training; Professor Hywel C. Rowland, University of North Dakota, and Miss Anne Simley and Mrs. DeEtte Cenfield Genung of the Northwest School.

"The advancement of woman in the field of education is nothing short of miraculous," said Dean Coffey, "and is one of the great factors in bringing about the new status she has attained. Through education her interests have become less home-centered which, for millions of women, is a good thing because through their widened interests, they have become better companions of men. Woman has attained full economic status. There is no job to which the door is closed to her. Any sound thinking man would not deny woman the new status she has attained, but this new status, particularly in the economic field, has brought problems with regard to the home and family. In the last analysis, the family is the supreme interest of both men and women, but particularly of women, who are now charged with the responsibility of directing it so that the welfare of the family is not jeopardized."

Men's Meetings

Special day meetings for the men were held each day from Tuesday through Friday forenoon. Tuesday was designated Crops and Soils day. Mr. N. B. Ofelt of the State Department of Agriculture opened this session with a "Seed Purity and Germination" demonstration. Other topics included "Seed Certification" by John W. Evans, President of the Minnesota Crop Improvement association; "The Use of the Combine in Minnesota," by A. C. Army; "Managing Farms," by Frank W. Reinohl, Manager of the Elk Valley Farms, Larimore, North Dakota; "Diversified Farming and Weed Control," by J. G. Hancy, Grand Forks, and "New Factors in Cereal Smut Control" by

Dr. E. C. Stakman, University Farm, St. Paul.

Wednesday was Livestock day. Topics included "Winter and Spring Care and Management of Sheep," by W. E. Morris; "The Importance of Type in Pork Production" by H. G. Zavoral; "Dairy Herd Records and How to Get Them," by H. R. Searles; "Grading and Marketing Wool," P. A. Anderson, and "Raising and Fattening Baby Bees," W. H. Peters.

Thursday was designated Agricultural Products day, with Dean W. C. Coffey, A. G. Tolaas, T. A. Durrant, Grand Forks, Ferd Ross, and E. B. Hutt, University Farm, as the principal speakers.

Two separate meetings were held Friday morning, one for the beekeepers, with M. C. Tampara, University Farm, in charge, and the other for wool producers, with Joseph Draper, Boston, as the principal speaker.

Farm engineering meetings were held each afternoon under the direction of A. M. Foker, S. A. Anderson, and E. L. Ocock of the Northwest School. Topics included "General Purpose Tractor and its Equipment," "Tempering Steel Tools on the Farm," "Efficiency in Tractor Operation," and "Tractor Troubles." Many important demonstrations were held during the week. These included poultry demonstrations by A. M. Pilkey, livestock judging demonstrations, 4-H Club demonstration teams and attractive educational exhibits prepared by the Northwest School and Experiment Station.

4-H Club Work Featured

Unusual interest centered around the various 4-H Club contests, demonstrations, and educational program as outlined by H. A. Pflughoeft, District Club leader. The boys' and girls' exhibits were also well represented in all departments.

The showmanship contest, in which the dairy and beef club exhibitors took part, was again keenly contested, the silver cup going to Eldred Culver of Lake Park, with Clark Sundseth, Halstad, a close second. Two former state champion showmen, John Meyer, Ada, and Clarence Bramer, Lake Park, competed in a special contest which was finally won by John Meyer, who has repeatedly demonstrated unusual ability as an exhibitor of livestock. Another new feature which attracted much attention was the hog showing contest, won by John Cheney of Warren.

A well trained demonstration team, consisting of Morris Lee and Richard Lohn, and coached by George C. Landsverk, agricultural instructor of the Fosston High school, assisted by Russell Morgan, county agent of East Polk county, gave an instructive demonstration on the production of clean milk and cream. Lester Lerud of Twin Valley, who had the champion baby beef heifer in the junior department, showed how he prepared his baby beef for the ring. This demonstration was repeated later in the week by Royal Campion, Angus, State

Champion Baby Beef club member for 1929.

Instructors who assisted with the educational program were: W. H. Peters, P. A. Anderson, H. R. Searles, A. G. Tolaas and E. B. Hutt from the Minnesota College of Agriculture and Extension division; O. M. Kiser from the Northwest School; T. A. Erickson, State Club leader; Mildred Schenek and R. H. Giberson from the club department. A. W. Amodi and Russell Morgan were in charge of the crops and livestock exhibits.



MORRIS ENGELSTAD

Pennington County, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Engelstad. Champion Red River Valley Rural School Speller.

Courtesy: Crookston Daily Times

The leaders' conference, conducted by T. A. Erickson, was well attended by both junior and adult leaders. The Northwest School 4-H Club entertained the visiting club members on Wednesday evening with some special numbers and a one-act play, "Early Ohio and Rhode Island Reds," which was put on in a very pleasing manner. Games were also played and a lunch served.

The following won silver trophies in their respective classes: John Meyer, Ada, champion dairy calf; Grace Anderson, Warren, champion lamb; John Whalen, Ada, champion breeding gilt; Henry Hendricks, Fertile, champion fat steer; Lester Lerud, Twin Valley, champion baby beef heifer; Bernice Woolson, Thief River Falls, champion poultry, and Eldred Culver, Lake Park, champion showman.

4-H Judging Contest Awards

Lee Munger, Warren, was declared the champion dairy judge, while Roger Downing took first in general livestock judging. In the poultry judging and culling contests, Adolph Wiggand, Crookston, won first, with Bernice Woolson, Thief River Falls, second.

Nineteen educational trips were awarded to corn and potato exhibitors. Conroe Peterson, Hallock, with champion potato exhibit; Kenneth Johnson, Fergus Falls, and Arthur Ludwig, Rothsay, with champion and reserve champion corn exhibits, will receive free trips to the 1930 Minnesota State Fair Farm Boys' camp. Winners of trips to the short course at the Northwest School June 9 to 12 include: Potato exhibits—Monty Borgau, Roseau; Silas Hanson, Thief River Falls; James and Earl Pihim, Thule; Wilson Radway, Roosevelt; Lawrence Green, Malung; Otto Walberg, Fosston; Lloyd Flint, Kennedy; Manfred Holm, Roseau. Corn Exhibits—Lloyd Hylden, East Grand Forks; Glen Glesne, Battle Lake; Fern Bredemeier, Barnesville; Julius Grahquist, Lancaster; Morris Maruska, Angus, and Arndt Heng, Barnesville.

The 4-H Club department of the Northwest School Farmers' Week and Red River Valley Winter Shows has made rapid progress under the leadership of Mr. H. A. Pflughoeft.

Engelstad Declared Champion Speller

Morris Engelstad, eleven-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Engelstad, Thief River Falls, was declared the champion rural school speller of the Red River Valley, as a result of the final contest held during the Northwest School Farmers' Week. Eleven boys and girls, all pupils of rural schools, who about one week prior to the final contest had won the championship of their respective counties in elimination contests, took part. Mr. and Mrs. Engelstad, who graduated from the Northwest School in 1916, hope to have the honor of sending the first student to the Northwest School, whose father and mother are both listed as members of the alumni.

The rank of the various contestants was as follows: first, Morris Engelstad, score 92.82; second, Margaret Sandberg, Kittson county, 92.80; third, Harry Henry, Polk county, 92.66; fourth, Loretta Arends, Norman county, 90.83; fifth, Annabel Krups, Clay, 90.68; sixth, Arlene Larson, Wilkin county; seventh, Luella Knutson, Clearwater; eighth, Elnora Swanson, Red Lake; ninth, John Olson, Becker; tenth, Dorothy Harthum, Marquette, and eleventh, Dell Johnson, Roseau county.

Alvera Appelquist (1923-25) is now Mrs. E. J. Dietl. Mr. and Mrs. Dietl were married February 15, and are making their home at Dunnell, Minnesota. Alvera writes that she enjoys receiving the Northwest Monthly and keeping in touch with school affairs and the activities of former students and classmates.