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## School Term Opens October 3

### School Ready For Students

Preparations have been made to welcome to the school the largest enrollment in the history of the Northwest School. Plans are under way to provide rooms on the campus for all outside students. The Christgau house on the campus will be available for students this year and will probably be used for girls and one staff member.

Registration of all new and second year students will take place in the school library on October 3. A special assembly for the new students will be held at 8:15 on Tuesday, October 4, at which time Superintendent T. M. McCall and staff members will acquaint the new students with pertinent information concerning organization of classes, class schedules, class buildings, and extra-curricular student activities. The Advanced and Senior class members will register early on Tuesday, October 4, in time to meet with all of the students for the first general convocation for the entire student body in the school auditorium. Classes will officially begin at 1:15 on Tuesday afternoon, October 4.

### Dormitories Ready for Students

A crew of men, under the direction of A. M. Foker, has been busily engaged during the summer months in installing new furniture and equipment and thoroughly cleaning all buildings. New dormitory equipment which will add to the comfort of students includes new cots for the first and third floors of Roberson Hall. New parlor rugs, chairs, draperies, ping pong and game tables have been ordered for the boys' dormitories.

### New Class Room and Laboratory Equipment

The cooking laboratory stoves and plates will be heated from a new and much more dependable gas installation. The sewing laboratory will have two new electric and two new foot-tread sewing machines added to the extensive equipment now on hand for garment making.

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Carpentry Class



Typewriting Class



Sewing Class

The agricultural engineering department will have as new equipment an electric arc welder, which together with the oxy-acetylene welder now in use will give students in shop work use of modern welding equipment.

### New Soil Preparation Project

A combined demonstration and investigation of different methods of soil preparation was begun this fall on the new station farm. The trials include the use of a moldboard plow, a Wheatland or disc tiller plow, a deep tiller, and a basin or damming lister. Soil moisture data and yields of wheat and corn will be obtained from each treatment next year.

With the purchase of a half section of land across the road from the Northwest Experiment Station, now known as the West Farm, opportunity for more investigational work has been provided. To find a method of soil preparation which will increase the amount of winter precipitation absorbed by the soil is one object of the new study. The check plots have been plowed about five inches deep with a four-bottom moldboard plow drawn by a caterpillar tractor. A second set of plots was plowed to the same depth and then deep tilled with a Kellifer deep tiller. This machine consists of a wide duck-foot shovel mounted at the end of a long shank. The soil was loosened to a depth of 12-14 inches by pulling the deep tiller behind a caterpillar tractor. A third set of plots was plowed and then worked with a basin or damming lister. This implement scoops out shallow furrows and then dams them up at short intervals thus covering the surface with basins in which snow will collect and the snow water will be retained until absorbed. This implement was also drawn behind a caterpillar tractor.

The second object of the investigation is a comparison of the Wheatland or disc tiller plow with a moldboard plow. Grain stubble was plowed with each type of plow about five inches deep.

Plots are about an acre in size and each method of preparation has been used on three plots. Next year, one-third of each plot will be planted to corn, one-third to wheat, and one-third left in clean fallow.

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### ROSEAU ALUMNI

#### HOLD PICNIC

Selvin Erickson, Ross, was elected president; Mrs. Reuben Halvorson (Hazel Stephenson), was elected vice-president; and Ruthellen Lindamood, Warroad, was elected secretary by the Roseau county Northwest School Alumni at the annual picnic held at the Community Park in Warroad on Sunday, September 18.

Despite cool breezes not very conducive to picnicing, a large number of graduates, students, and friends were present for the outing which was the fifth annual for the Roseau alumni.

Northwest School staff members present were: Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Clark; Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Evans; Miss Retta Bede; Mrs. T. M. McCall, and J. W. Mlinar. Football captain, Harry Ward, and Cross country captain, Clarence Klug, accompanied staff members.

A short informal meeting, during which time officers were elected, was conducted by Registrar Mlinar. Talks were given by Mr. Clark, Miss Bede, Mr. Evans, Captain Ward, Captain Klug, and Selvin Erickson.

Attending the outing were: Mr. and Mrs. Archie Lee; Mr. and Mrs. Newell Lee; Mr. and Mrs. William Austin; Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Halvorsen; Alice Erickson; Wilson Radway; John Rader; Arthur Aasland; Kathryn Brandli, Edward Brandli, Charles Brandli, Edwin Mortenson, Morrill Mortenson, Melvin Brastad; Mr. and Mrs. Halbert Johnson; Earl Luchau, Ellwood Billberg, Paul Billberg, Mr. and Mrs. Magnus Spjut; Selvin Erickson; Gustav Kveen; Amy Peterson, Edith Peterson, Lavonne Swenson, David Lindamood, Ruthellen Lindamood, Mr. and Mrs. John Taylor; Jack Ferrier.

### KLUG CAPTAINS

#### CROSS-COUNTRY

Five members of last year's cross country squad are expected to report for the initial workouts sometime during the first week of school. Workouts will be held under the supervision of Coach O. C. Evans and will continue daily until the first inter-school meet of the season is held during the latter part of October. Tentative plans call for the annual meet with the Central School Aggies at St. Paul; the date of the meet will be announced later. Other meets will be arranged.

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President L. D. Coffman

Dr. Lotus D. Coffman, president of the University of Minnesota since 1920 and one of the outstanding educators in the nation, died Thursday, September 22, at his home in Minneapolis. Death was caused by a heart attack and came less than three months after he resumed active work at the university following a year's leave of absence.

Dr. Coffman was born at Salem, Indiana January 7, 1875 and was graduated from Indiana State Normal School at Terre Haute in 1896. Later he entered the University of Indiana where he received his B. A. degree in 1906 and his M. A. degree four years later. He obtained his Ph. D. at Columbia University and then served as professor of education at the University of Illinois until he was called to Minnesota in 1915 to become dean of the college of education. He held that post until his appointment as president in 1920 succeeding Dr. Marion L. Burton and thus becoming the fifth president of the University of Minnesota.

Under his leadership the university experienced the greatest growth in its history.

Honorary degrees were received by Dr. Coffman from numerous colleges in recognition of his achievements in the field of education. The degree of Doctor of Laws was conferred upon him by Indiana University, Carleton College, Columbia University of Michigan, Northwestern University, University of South Dakota, and Williams College. The University of Denver gave him the degree of Doctor of Letters and Humanity and George Washington University gave him the degree of Doctor of Science in Education.

Throughout Dr. Coffman's administration he has worked in the interests

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### LIBRARY ADDS

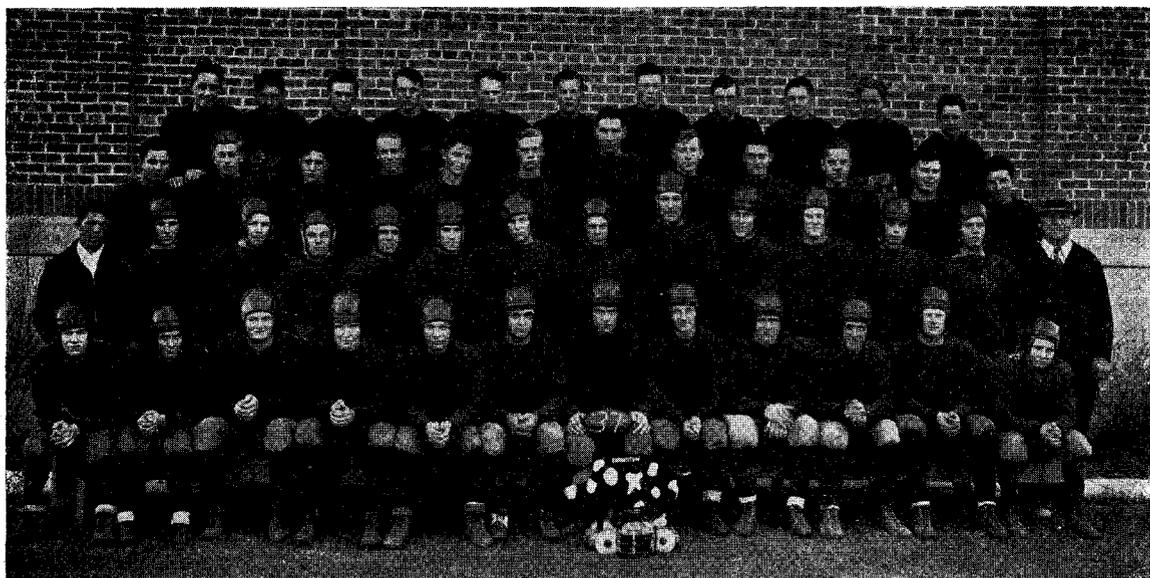
#### NEW VOLUMES

One hundred forty-six books have been added to the Northwest School library during the summer, increasing the total number of reference books available for faculty and students' use past the 6000 mark.

New books added are: FICTION: "Action at Aquilla," Hervey Allen; "And So—Victoria," Wilkins; "An Old Fashioned Girl," Alcott; "The Citadel," A. J. Cronin; "Cowboy in the Making," Will James; "The Education of Hyman Kaplan," Ross; "The Girl in White Armor," Paine; "Gone With the Wind," Mitchell; "Great Expectations and Hard Times," Dickens; "Hell on Ice," Ellsberg; "The Last of the Barons," Lord Lytton; "Moccasin Flower," John Bell; "Northwest Passage" Kenneth Roberts; "One Life, One Kopeck," Walter Duranty; "The Prince and the Pauper," Mark Twain; "The Scarlet Pimpernel," Baroness Orczy; "This Proud Heart," Pearl S. Buck; "To Have and Have Not," Ernest Hemingway; "The Trumpet of Jubilee," Ludwig Lewisohn; "Ungave Bob," Dillon Wallace; "War and Peace," Leo Tolstoy; "The White Company," A. Conan Doyle; "With Fire and Sword," Henryk Sienkiewicz; "Bread and a Sword," Evelyn Scott; "Prize Stories of 1936," "Prize Stories of 1937," "The Best Short Stories of 1937," "Short Stories For Future Farmers," "Love Comes Riding," Helen Ferris; "From Gallagher to the Deserter," Davis; "The Best Short Stories of 1936," O'Brien; "The Boy Scout and Other Stories for Boys," Davis; "The Ransom of Red Chief and Other O. Henry Stories for Boys," "Now We are Six," Milne; "When We Were Very Young," Milne; "Hitty," Rachel Field; "Stop, Look Listen," Hader and Hader.

TRAVEL-BIOGRAPHY: "In 1937," Eurich and Wilson; "Book of Marvels," Halliburton; "Cruise of the Conrad," Villiers; "The Conquest of Our Western Empire," Laut; "Europe Today," Eddy; "Seeing England and Scotland," Newman; "Seeing London," Nesman; "Seeing Germany," "Seeing France," "Seeing Paris," "Seeing Italy," "Seeing Spain and Morocco," "Seeing Russia," "Seeing Egypt and the Holy Land," by Newman; "Picturesque America," Kane; "Canada Cavalcade," Davis; "James Matthew Barrie," Roy; "The Greenwood Hat," Barrie; "Present Indicative," Noel Coward; "Danger is My Business," Craig; "Madame Curie," Eva Curie; "Beyond Horizons," Ellsworth; "A Labrador Doctor," Grenfell; "One American and His Attempt at Education," Hunt; "Frank B. Kellogg," Jones; "Midstream," Keller; "Anton Locke," Kingsley; "John Lind of Minnesota," Stephenson; "Assignment in Utopia," Lyons; "Joan of Arc," Richards; "This is My Story," Eleanor Roosevelt; "Great Contemporaries," Winston Churchill; "American Men of Science," Cattell and Cattell; "Men of Mathematics," Bell; "Pageant of America," "The Men I Killed," Crozier.

A large number of reference books have been added to the library also which are not listed above.



1937 Football Squad

## 1938 Football Announcements

Approximately sixty candidates for places on the 1938 football squad are expected to report to Coach Ove C. Evans at the first organized practice which will be held on the opening day of school Monday, October 3. The call to letter-men and last year's reserves as well as to all candidates to start conditioning for the football season has already been issued by Coach Evans.

Six letter-men from the 1937 team are expected to be on hand for the opening session. Headed by Captain Harry Ward, Duluth, letter-men who will report for duty include: Lloyal Harris, Wadena; Oray Tangen, Menahga; Harvey Pederson, Kennedy; James Lenes, Fosston; and Jack Ferrier, Pitt.

The 1938 schedule calls for six games, four on the Northwest campus and two games on foreign fields. Since announcement of the schedule one month ago, an additional game has been added and one change made. The season opens on Friday, October 7, when the Aggies play the Crookston High Pirates in the opener.

Originally announced as scheduled for Saturday, October 8, the game has been moved up one day. On Saturday, October 15, the Northwest eleven meets

the Bemidji High outfit on the campus. The first game on foreign fields will be against the North Central Aggies at Grand Rapids on Saturday, October 22. Homecoming will be celebrated the following week with the West Central Aggies of Morris coming to the Northwest campus on Saturday, October 29. The fifth game of the season will be the third annual encounter with the Mahnomen High eleven at the Northwest School, Friday, November 4. Within the past two weeks arrangements have been completed for the sixth game of the schedule which will conclude the season. After an absence of one year the Park River, North Dakota Aggies again appear on the Northwest School schedule when the two teams clash at Park River on Saturday, November 11.

During the 1938 season the Northwest Aggies will battle to retain the "Brown Jug" captured last year by virtue of 12-0 victory over Grand Rapids Aggies. In the Morris game the interschool trophy, "Ossie," the black wooden pig, now in possession of the Northwest School, will be the prize of the winning school. Another interschool trophy, the Park River-Crookston pig, will be the prize in that game. The Park River school has had pos-

session of the trophy for several years.

Members of last year's reserves who are expected to return and who will hold down positions on the squad are: Lawrence Anderson, Argyle; Glenn Barry, Baker; Elmore Bergh, Hallock; Henry Berquist, Baudette; Martin Ege-land, Fisher; Julian Erlandson, Fergus Falls; Marion Erlandson, Kennedy; Odney Flaot, Fisher; Harris Floan, Melvin; Gehard Gandrud, Detroit Lakes; Melvin Gibbons, Crookston; Alton Gunn, Wadena; Matt Jensen, Hallock; Ed McMillan, Mahnomen; Eddie Mortenson, Wannaska; Telfred Slettvedt, Oklee; Silas Strand, Twin Valley; Reuben Thompson, Underwood; Daniel Wavra, Angus; Owen Weckwerth, Hazel.

The complete 1938 schedule,

Friday, October 8—Crookston High—HERE.

Saturday, October 15—Bemidji High—HERE.

Saturday, October 22—Grand Rapids Aggies—THERE.

Saturday, October 29—Morris Aggies—HERE (homecoming).

Friday, November 4—Mahnomen—HERE.

Friday, November 11—Park River Aggies—THERE.

## 1938 Homecoming Dance and Party

By faculty action, the following regulation governing attendance at the annual Homecoming Dance and Party will be enforced on October 29, 1938: "Admission to Homecoming Dance and Party for former students and alumni shall be by guest tickets only."

Send in your request for a guest ticket for yourself and partner to: HOMECOMING DANCE COMMITTEE, Northwest School, Crookston, Minnesota, by October 20, 1938.

Remember that attendance is limited. Only those presenting guest tickets will be admitted. The committee reserves the right to refuse admission to those who do not properly qualify. Upon presentation of the guest ticket, the prevailing admission charge will be made.

## PERSONALS

\*\*\*Dr. Harry Hedin, '11, East Grand Forks, visited the campus on September 14 enroute to the National American Legion Convention at Los Angeles, California.

\*\*\*Harold Sanden, '35, visited the campus on September 23 enroute to his home at Mahanomen. Harold has been employed in Minneapolis this past summer. He will be enrolled this year at the University of Minnesota in the College of Agriculture as a sophomore.

\*\*\*Donald McCall, '31, is now one of the chief announcers for WEBC, Head of the Great Lakes Broadcasting Company, Duluth.

\*\*\*Torlief Boe, '34, who has been employed at Valier, Montana, during the summer months, visited the campus August 29 enroute to McIntosh for a short visit. Torlief will be enrolled in the College of Agriculture University of Minnesota, St. Paul, during the coming school year and will be a Junior. He is majoring in Agronomy.

\*\*\*Professor and Mrs. R. J. Christgau and children Kathleen, Roger, and John were guests of the Northwest School campus families at a picnic dinner on the campus Wednesday, August 31. Professor Christgau has been granted sabbatic leave for the year beginning October first and will take graduate work at the University of Minnesota. They are now making their home at 1260 North Grotto Street, St. Paul.

\*\*\*Margaret Lerud, '34, Twin Valley, will attend the University of Minnesota again this year where she will be enrolled as a senior in home economics in the College of Agriculture and Home Economics. Ruth Lerud, '36, will be enrolled as a sophomore in the College of Agriculture and Home Economics.

### NEW SOIL PREPARATION PROJECT

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Moisture samples and yield data will be taken to reveal any differences between methods. The plots are laid out so that they may easily be seen from the road running west to Grand Forks.

### PRESIDENT L. D. COFFMAN

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of the Schools of Agriculture in the state. He was a Northwest School visitor on several occasions and appeared on programs for the school in connection with the Red River Valley Winter Shows.

The Northwest School faculty, alumni and students join with graduates and students of the University of Minnesota and with educators throughout the nation in mourning the loss of a great leader and friend, Dr. Lotus D. Coffman.

### STAFF POSITIONS FILLED

All staff positions have now been filled for the year in readiness for the opening of school on October third.

A new position, that of school physician, has been created this year. Dr. O. K. Behr of the Crookston Clinic has been appointed to this position. The school physician will spend regular hours at the Health Service daily caring for the needs of the students. Routine medical service will be furnished all students at no extra cost above the health service fee. Fees for surgical work, however, will be paid by the student as in former years.

Miss Lydia Dahlen, school nurse for the past six years has resigned to continue her training in pediatrics at the Children's Memorial Hospital, Chicago.



Viola Lohi

is a registered nurse.

Mr. Donald C. Streeter, debate coach and instructor, resigned to continue his graduate work at the University of Iowa at Iowa City. Mr. Streeter completed his work for his Master of Science degree at the University of Iowa this summer. Since graduation, he accepted a teaching fellowship at the University and will continue his graduate work toward the degree of Doctor of Philosophy.



Edward Wegener

home is at Alexandria.

R. J. Christgau, instructor and athletic coach for the past ten years, has been granted sabbatic leave to take graduate work at the University of Minnesota.



O. C. Evans

Professor Christgau's sabbatic year begins on October first and ends September 30, 1939, at which time he will resume his work at the Northwest School. A graduate in Animal Husbandry, he will continue his studies in his chosen field and specialize in animal breeding

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### KLUG CAPTAINS

#### CROSS-COUNTRY

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Heading the cross-country candidates will be Clarence Klug, Barnesville, a member of the Advanced class. Klug will act as captain of the squad. Klug expected to report are: Leonard Anda, Perley; Harold W. Anderson, Mahanomen; Erving Eiken, Wannaska; and Leorton Lofstrand, Lengby.

### STAFF POSITIONS FILLED

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for his major work. Ove C. Evans, a graduate of Concordia College, Moorhead, has been appointed athletic coach and instructor to fill the vacancy caused by Mr. Christgau's leave of absence. Mr. Evans will teach social science subjects and coach athletics. He has had several years of successful coaching experience in all forms of athletics. During the past two seasons, Mr. Evans has been instructor and coach at the Fosston High School. Coach Evans



Marian Frykman

has issued a call to all football players to report during the week of September 24 for pre-season football practice.

Miss Marian Frykman of Minneapolis has been appointed to succeed Miss Marian Nelson as piano instructor and orchestra leader. Miss Frykman, a graduate of the University of Minnesota, is an accomplished pianist and a well-trained orchestra director.

### Coming Events

**October 3**  
School Term Opens.

**October 5**  
Boys' Pow-Wow and Girls' Frolic.

**October 8**  
Football Game—Crookston High vs. Aggies

**October 8**  
YW and YMCA Reception

**October 9**  
Faculty Sacred Concert

**October 15**  
Out-door Festival

**October 29**  
Home-Coming. Football Game, Morris Aggies, here.

**November 5**  
Parents' Day.