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LARGEST GRADUATING CLASS IN SCHOOL HISTORY

New records in the number of graduates from the regular and advanced classes were established this year with 115 diplomas granted in the regular course and 62 certificates issued for the advanced class.

Among the Schools of Agriculture in Minnesota, the Northwest School had the largest graduating class in 1939. Regular school course work ceased for the term at 11:30 A. M. Thursday, March 30.

Senior class day exercises were held on Thursday afternoon beginning at three o'clock, with Kenneth Rosvold, Underwood, vice-president of the Senior class presiding. The following program was presented: "Military Escort"—Bennett, and "Babs"—Thomas, by Northwest School band; Song, "Come, Thou Almighty King," sung by audience; greeting, Miss Marian Frykman, senior class adviser; demonstration, "Household Linens," Dorothy Kliner; piano solo, "Siegmond's Love Song"—Wagner, Joyce Merdink; Class of 1939, Derrel Jack Ferrier; Response for the Class of 1940, Harvey Pederson; vocal solo "Rose in the Bird"—Forester, Dorothy Larson; class history, William Gatheridge, Jr.; class will, Julian Er-

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N. W. AGGIES WIN BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

One of the most successful seasons in basketball history at the Northwest School came to a close on Saturday, March 11, when the Crookston Aggies decisively defeated for the second time during the year the Morris Aggies. With the victory came an undefeated record in conference games and brought to the Northwest School a beautiful trophy, symbolic of championship in the Minnesota Aggie School conference. The trophy is the first all-conference award to be made and faculty and students at the Northwest School are justly proud of the achievement of the Northwest School team.

In their last four games of the season, the Aggies established a unique record. They lost to Thief River Falls Prowlers, state high school champions last year, by a 19-20 count which was the narrowest escape Thief River Falls has had in several years. Next, the Aggies defeated Warren high 10-17. On March 3, the Northwest boys kept up their excellent work by humiliating Crookston High School pirates by a 33-19 score. The season's finale was the Morris encounter which Coach "Stub" Evans' boys won 43-29.

A total of eighteen games was played during the season and the Ag-

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DEBATERS WIN CONFERENCE

Debating teams from the Northwest School won both sides of the argument March 10 on the subject, Resolved: That the United States Should Form an Alliance with Great Britain. The affirmative team at Crookston won over the debaters from St. Paul by a two to one decision. Victor Sorensen of Lockhart and Byron Hess of Thief River Falls represented the local school at Crookston. The negative team winning from the West Central School at Morris, was composed of Arthur Gordon of Oklee and Julian Erlandson of Fergus Falls. Vernon Scholin, St. Hilaire, and Ernest Robinson of Crookston were the alternates.

The judges for the debate at the Northwest School were Mrs. H. G. Swenson, former debate and dramatics coach of Warren and now of Thief River Falls, and H. H. Holmquist and H. G. Peterson, instructors in the Thief River Falls High School. Mr. Edward Wegener, instructor, has been debate coach at the school the past year.

Other members of the debate squad this year included Ruby and Mildred Breiland of Hazel; Anne Sorensen, Baudette; and Marion Erlandson of Kennedy. The prospects for good debating teams for 1940 are unusually bright.



NORTHWEST SCHOOL DEBATE SQUAD

Back row: Byron Hess, Victor Sorensen, Vernon Scholin, Marian Erlandson, Mr. Wegener, coach.
Front row: Arthur Gordon, Mildred Breiland, Ruby Breiland, Anne Sorensen, Julian Erlandson.

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DECLAMATORY CONTEST WINNERS ANNOUNCED

Edward Worman of Crookston, a member of the Advanced class, won first place in the annual interclass extemporaneous speaking contest held at the Northwest School March 16. The contest was held during the assembly hour, with W. P. Murphy, municipal judge of Crookston, as critic judge of the contest.

For the first time since the beginning of the contest, each class was permitted to enter two contestants. The contestants were selected from class tryouts in the English classes. The eight students competing for honors entered into the spirit of the contest and showed a good knowledge of the subjects assigned.

Edward Worman, winner of the contest, spoke on the subject "War in Europe"; Florence Rydeen, a freshman from Clearbrook, won second prize, speaking on the subject "Government and the Farmer."

Registrar J. W. Mlinar presided at the contest. Miss Grace Warne, a member of the English staff, was coach of the contestants and in general charge of the contest.

William Gatheridge of Humboldt, a senior, won first place in the oratorical contest held Saturday afternoon, March 18. His oration was entitled "Cold Blood." Second place in the contest was won by Gene Musselman, Crookston, with the oration "What It Means to Go to College."

Superintendent T. M. McCall presided at the contest, and Mr. H. H. Kohl of the Crookston High School staff served as critic judge for the contest. Edward Wegener of the English staff coached the contestants.

The humorous division of the declamatory contest was held Saturday evening, March 18. Marion Nelson of Fergus Falls, a freshmen, won first place with his selection "My Financial Career"; second place was won by Mildred Mykleby, Climax, an Advanced, with the reading "Sparklin'."

Miss Elsie Kingston presided at the contest, and H. H. Kohl acted as critic judge of the contest. Miss Caryl Meyer, of the English staff, coached the contestants in the humorous division.

Dramatic Division

First honors in the dramatics section of the declamatory contest, held March 20, were won by an Advanced student. Faith Thieling of Grygla won first place for her class, followed in order by Dorothy Setterholm, Baudette, of the Advanced class, with Anne Soren-
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SCHOOL BAND GIVES CONCERT

The Northwest School band gave its first annual concert in the school auditorium on Sunday evening, March 19. The band was organized last year under the direction of Mr. Benjamin Bakkegaard, a graduate student in music from the University of North Dakota. From a small number of students with previous band training, Mr. Bakkegaard has developed a very creditable school band. An excellent concert was given by the band, which reflected favorably upon the excellent work done by both the conductor and band members. The band is now an established organization, and even though a number of players will be lost by graduation, yet a comparatively large group remains for next year.

The following program was presented: "The Opener," march—Griffin; "Church Echoes"—arr. Eisenberg; "Ambition," overture—Bennett; "Josephine," waltz—Eisenberg; "Orange Blossoms," serenade-caprice—Halmos; "Praise the Lord," choral—Stralsund; "Trombone Toboggan," a trombone novelty—Ernest Weber; "Pomposo," tuba solo—Hayes, by John Fleur; selections by brass sextette, "Alleluia"—Palestrina; chorale—Bach; "Military Escort," march—Bennett; "Agnus Dei," from L'Arlesienne Suite—Bizet; "Mr. Joe," characteristic—Hayes; "Idle Fancy," serenade—Bennett; "Mutual," march—Hayes; "Simplicity," waltz—arr. by Chenette; "Babs," overture—Thomas; "Honor and Glory," march—Griffin; "Valley Aggie."

SENIOR AND ADVANCED DAYS CELEBRATED

The traditional Senior Day was observed at the Northwest School on Friday, March 25. The program for the day started with the parade at 7:00 A. M.; students dressed in costumes of the gay nineties made a colorful parade. The costumes were worn throughout the day.

A highlight of the day's activities was the special assembly program. The program was in general charge of the chairman of the Aggie Board, Victor Sorensen. The program was broadcast over a public address system with Julian Erlandson and Talbert Koppang as announcers. A rollicking program of songs of the late '90's and a gridiron classic on school life kept the audience in an uproar throughout the program. The traditional promotion exercises were followed in which the different classes were given their new seating sections for the coming year.

Staff members and students were given special recognition by the Aggie Board. Superintendent T. M. McCall was honored by the class and was given a complimentary copy of the 1939 Aggie which was dedicated to him.

Faculty supervisors of the annual were Miss Dorothy Smith of the English Department and Registrar J. W. Mlinar, and Senior class advisers, Miss Marian Frykman and Mr. Edward Wegener were presented complimentary copies of the Aggie.

The program for the day was con-
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'39 AGGIE DISTRIBUTED

The 1939 Red River Aggie was distributed on Friday, March 24. The Aggie Board, faculty supervisors, and class advisers are to be congratulated for their beautiful yearbook. The Aggie unfolds a pageant of youth and progress at the Northwest School. Editorially, the 1939 Aggie has maintained the highest traditions of the Northwest School publication and sets new goals for succeeding classes to reach.

The definite assignment of staff members as supervisors of student publications was in effect for the first time this year. Miss Dorothy Smith of the English department and Registrar J. W. Mlinar have given lavishly of their time in assisting the Aggie Board in the publication of the yearbook. With experience of former years as a background, the faculty supervisors this year were able to assist the Aggie Board in making savings on cost and time.

Excellent work was done by the class photographers not only in their selection of subjects but in their photography as well. The Aggie is profusely illustrated with pictures of students and staff members which add to the interest and attractiveness of the book.

A few extra copies of the annual will be available for alumni and friends at two dollars per copy plus postage.

SENIOR AND ADVANCED DAYS CELEBRATED

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cluded with the class dinner in the dining hall.

Two bronze trophies were presented as memorials of the Advanced class of 1939 at the Advanced class day held on Tuesday, March 21. A 34-inch bronze trophy to be used as an award for the class which wins the annual interclass song contest at the school, and a 28-inch bronze trophy to give recognition each year, at commencement time, to the student selected for outstanding work during the year in dramatics and speech, were presented by the class to the Northwest School. Superintendent T. M. McCall accepted the awards for the school.

The presentation of the memorial trophies climaxed an assembly program at which Wilson Radway, Roosevelt, and Delsie Filipi, Angus, were crowned King and Queen of the Advanced class. In homage to the class sovereigns, students presented a program representative of an all-nation court. Advanced day ceremonies were concluded with a dinner in the dining hall at which the class king gave recognition to members of the group who have been outstanding in extra-curricular activities. Superintendent McCall gave the principal address at the dinner. Ruth Skarp was given recognition for her services as piano accompanist for all class activities, and the class advisers, Miss Dorothy Smith, and J. W. Mlinar, were presented with a gift.

HONORS BANQUET**HELD MARCH 15**

The annual "A" club honors banquet, for members of teams competing in subcollegiate activities, was held at the Northwest School Aggie Inn Wednesday evening, March 15. Three new groups entering subcollegiate competition for the first time this year, including swimming, wrestling, and hockey teams, were also guests at the banquet.

Of the eight subcollegiate events, in which Northwest School teams entered during the year, the local Aggies won conference championships in four, including debate, football, basketball, and swimming, and made good records in crops judging, livestock judging, cross country running, and wrestling. The Aggie Inn was beautifully decorated for the banquet with University colors. The tables were arranged in an open rectangle centered by a pedestal with school trophies won during the year. The pedestal was banked by potted tulips and narcissus carrying out the color scheme. Miss Fanny Lippitt, dining hall matron, was in charge of the banquet arrangements.

Professor A. M. Foker, adviser to the "A" club, acted as toastmaster. The coaches and students in the activities represented responded to toasts. Speakers for the activities represented and music numbers presented were: "Minnesota Rouser," sung by all; accordion solo, Odney Flaot; athletics, Coach O. C. Evans; football, captain-elect Silas Strand; basketball, Captain James Lenese; cross-country, captain Clarence Klug; hockey, Captain Lloyd Lund; instrumental duet, George Henre and Willard Herbert; athletics, E. Bennett; wrestling, Jack Ferrier; swimming, Byron Hess; crops judging, Coach E.

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JUNIORS ENTERTAIN SENIORS

With a twentieth century spirit of hospitality in a twelfth century setting, the Juniors were hosts to the Seniors in the annual Junior-Senior prom at the Northwest School on Monday evening, March 6.

Two hundred and sixty-five persons were seated around the banquet tables while an additional fifteen were served their banquet in the school hospital.

The theme for the banquet and prom dated back to the twelfth century to Robin Hood and Sherwood forest. The school dining room was transformed

AWARDS ASSEMBLY**HELD MARCH 25**

The annual Awards Assembly was held at the Northwest School of Agriculture on Saturday, March 25, at which time Superintendent T. M. McCall called on the faculty, coaches and leaders to make the annual awards. Gold A's were awarded to members of teams participating in interschool contests in debate, crops and livestock judging. Coach Edward Wegener awarded gold A's to the first year debaters—Victor Sorenson, Lockhart; Julian Erlandson, Fergus Falls; Byron Hess of Thief River Falls; and for two

years participation in debate, Arthur Gordon of Oklee was given the gold "A" with the ruby setting. Gold A's for crops judging were awarded by Coach E. R. Clark to Albert Adler, Waubun; Reuben Thompson Underwood, and Oray Tangen, Menahga. Coach O. M. Kiser awarded gold A's for livestock judging to Wilson Radway, Roosevelt; Wilbur Bettles, Mahnommen, and Willard Peterson, Bronson. Coach O. C. Evans awarded monograms to the hockey and swimming team members and made the annual Ruettel sweater award to the most valuable man on the basketball team. Hockey awards were



1938-39 SENIOR CLASS OFFICERS

Reading from left to right:

Back row: Kenneth Rosvold, vice president; Jack Ferrier, Sergeant-at-arms.

Front row: Evelyn Brandt, president; Dorothy Larson, treasurer; Julian Erlandson, secretary.

into the Guild Hall of Nottingham with wall and table decorations characteristic of the period. The center tables across the main dining room were made into a huge arrow for Robin Hood's bow.

Due to the illness of the Junior class president, Harvey Pederson, as Robin Hood, vice president Edward McMillan, as Little John, acted as toastmaster. Louise Krogstad as Maid Marion welcomed the yoemen and fair ladies of the Senior class. Dell Durbahn as

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made to Peter Sullivan, Crookston; Melvin Brastad, Roseau; Lloyd Lund, Thief River Falls; Ledyard Burhans, Stephen; George Myrold, Crookston; Edwin Mortenson, Wannaska; Ed Chandler, Euclid; Erving Eiken, Wannaska; and Leonard Hildebrand, Detroit Lakes. Swimming monograms were awarded to Byron Hess, Ledyard Burhans, Charles Ford and Fred Mink of Crookston, and William Merdink, Stephen. Members of the wrestling team receiving honorable mention in-

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ADVANCED WIN FIELD MEET

The annual inter-class field meet, which closed the physical education work for the year, was held at the Northwest School on March 23, 24, and 25. Preliminary boxing and wrestling matches were held on March 23, and swimming events in both boys and girls divisions were held on March 24; finals in boxing, wrestling, and all track events were held on March 25.

The field meet proved to be the most interesting and exciting ever held. Keen competition and rivalry developed between the Junior, Senior, and Advanced classes. The second and third year students were especially anxious to overhaul the Advanced who had previously won the field meet in their Junior and Senior years. In the closing events of Saturday night, faculty and students became most excited as the scores were announced indicating any one of the three upper classes might emerge victorious. When the last event was over, the Freshmen had scored 69 points; the Juniors tied with the Seniors with 127 points, and the Advanced took first place with 137 points. The class of 1938, Advanced this year, thus captured this event for three consecutive years.

New records established in the field meet were: girls' basketball throw, 16 out of 15; Anita Minderman, freshman; girls' 25 yard dash, Mildred Mykleby, Advanced, 3 minutes 7 seconds; girls' high kick, Dorothy Kliner, Senior, 6 feet 11 $\frac{3}{4}$ inches; girls' broad jump, Mildred Breiland, Junior, 12 feet, 2 inches; boys' shot put, Lloyal Harris, Advanced, 47 feet 22 inches; boys' high jump, Dean McNelly, Advanced, 5 feet 6 inches; boys' broad jump, Jack Ferrier, Senior, 16 feet 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ inches.

Miss Elsie Mae Kingston and Coach O. C. Evans, assisted by E. F. Bennett, were in charge of the field meet. The members of the teaching staff served as starters, scorers and judges.

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R. Clark; crops judging team, Oray Tangen; livestock judging, Coach O. M. Kiser; livestock judging team, Wilson Radway; instrumental duet, Leroy Hanson, and John Hoglin. Superintendent Coach E. Wegener; debate team, Arthur Gordon; pepsters, Coach Elsie Kingston; pepsters, Myrtle Hanson; instrumental trio, Odney Flaot, Leroy Hanson, and John Hoglin. Superintendent T. M. McCall in the closing address paid tribute to the students and coaches for their loyalty to the traditions of the school and the fine sportsmanship shown by all during the year. Students and faculty paid tribute to Coach O. C. Evans for his splendid services to the school during the school year in filling in during the leave of absence of Coach R. J. Christgau.

The committee on general arrangements for the banquet included J. W. Mlinar, chairman; Morris Dahl, Wilson Radway, Silas Strand, James Lenes, Arthur Gordon, and Albert Adler.

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landson; class prophecy, Edith Ramberg; song, "Shortnin' Bread"—Wolfe, boys' glee club; message to the class, Edward Wegener, Senior class adviser; song—"Valley Aggie" by school.

The Commencement exercises were held on Thursday evening, March 30. The program opened with the school orchestra playing the processional march. Reverend Waldo Brown of Crookston gave the invocation, Regent Martin Olson extended greetings from the University Board of Regents. Ruth Skarp of Karlstad, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Skarp (Olga Spjut) '19, presented the piano selection "Clair de Lune"—Debussy. Miss Evelyn Brandt of Gonvik, president of the Senior class, gave the class address. Lloyal Harris, Wadena, a member of the Advanced class, sang "The Builder" by Cadman.

Dean Walter C. Coffey, director of the Minnesota Experiment Station, gave the Commencement address, speaking on the subject "If I Were Twenty-one." He pointed out the advantages and opportunities of the youth of today in contrast with the opportunities afforded the young man a generation ago. The selection "Morning"—Grieg, was presented by the girls' glee club.

Superintendent T. M. McCall awarded diplomas to the 115 graduates of the regular course and certificates to sixty advanced, and special business certificates to six students.

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Alan-a-Dale gave the response for the Seniors. Willard Peterson, as Will Scarlet, gave the response for the Advanced class. Superintendent T. M. McCall responded to the toast Friar Tuck and Professor R. S. Dunham for Richard Cour de Lion.

Miss Edith Clow, as narrator, was in charge of the second part of the program in which groups of archers, tinkers and milk maids appeared in costume and responded in song. The archers were Faville Moen as Robin Hood, Martin Egeland as Little John, Telfred Slettvedt as Will Scarlett, Odney Flaot as Alan-a-Dale, and Eleanor Olson as Maid Marian. The tinkers were Howard Brandt, Ardell Fristad, Leroy Hanson, and Eugene Musselman. Those taking part as milkmaids included Violet Anderson, Jean Halliday, Opal Mykleby, Generva Radway, Lavonne Swenson, and Gladys Vesledahl.

The third part of the program, the prom, was held in the gymnasium which had been transformed into Sherwood forest. Woodland scenery with a low ceiling of colored lights, side walls of green with house tents, a throne in a woodland bower, and appropriate lighting effects, made a beautiful setting for the grand march and dancing program.

Miss Caryl Meyer and Mr. V. C. Kallal, class counselors, rendered valuable assistance to the Juniors in the arrangements for the banquet and program.

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clude Lloyd Lund; Jack Ferrier, Pitt; Ledyard Burhans, Stephen; Melvin Gibbons, Crookston; George Anderson, Shelly; and Lyle Klementson, Ulen.

The Advanced class was awarded the boys' class basketball championship trophy and members of the winning team received class numerals.

The Ruettell sweater award for the most valuable man on the basketball squad was awarded to retiring captain James Lenes of Fosston.

The sweaters, A's, and service bars won by players in basketball were awarded by A. M. Foker, chairman of the athletic committee. Students winning sweaters and A's include: Wallace Aschbach, Ada; Harold Lloyd, Argyle; Carlea Mattison, Borup; George Benthagen, Borup; Clarence Homdrom, Erskine. Winners of A's—former sweater winners: Dean McNelly, Anoka; Silas Strand, Twin Valley. Service bars were awarded Ivan Torfin, Lockhart; Donald LaPlante, Crookston; Lloyal Harris, Wadena, and James Lenes.

Retiring Captain James Lenes presented the captain's star to Harold Loyd, the captain-elect of the Aggies' basketball team for 1939-40. The new sub-collegiate basketball championship trophy, won by the Northwest School this year, was presented to the team by Superintendent McCall.

Miss Elsie Kingston awarded the interclass championship trophy in girls' basketball competition to the Advanced class and gave class numerals to members of the winning team.

Scholarship certificates were given by Registrar J. W. Mlinar to the following students receiving honor roll averages for two consecutive semesters: Albert Adler, Mildred Breiland, Glenn Dahlgren, Donald Handegaard, Elanor Johnston, Mildred Mykleby, Donald Nelson, Kennedy.

DECLAMATORY CONTEST**WINNERS ANNOUNCED**

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son, Baudette, of the Junior class, winning second honors for her class.

Miss Fae Hughbanks presided at the contest, and Mr. L. L. Landberg, principal of the Crookston Junior High School, acted as critic judge of the contest. The contestants were coached by Miss Dorothy Smith, dramatics coach.

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gies won thirteen.

A squad of twenty-four was maintained by Coach Evans and from which were selected twelve who comprised the squad. These were: Captain, James Lenes, Fosston; Wallace Aschbach, Ada; George Benthage, Borup; Melvin Gibbons, Crookston; Lloyal Harris, Wadena; Clarence Homdrom, Erskine; Donald LaPlante, Crookston; Harold Loyd, Argyle; Dean McNelly, Anoka; Carlea Mattison, Borup; Silas Strand, Twin Valley, and Ivan Torfin, Lockhart.