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Winter Term Opens January 5

Registration for the winter term at the Northwest School will take place on Monday, January 5. Class schedules for students returning for the winter term will be made out in advance in order to simplify the registration whereby all classes can be registered in one day. New students or former students returning to the school should be present early on January 5 for advisement and registration. A number of rooms will be available for new students in both boys' and girls' dormitories.

In the veterans' On-the-Farm Training Program, new units of instruction will be started shortly after January first, with opportunities for a limited number of new qualified veterans to enroll.

The regular courses for the winter term will be offered as outlined in the school bulletin with additional courses offered in meats and advanced welding. There has been a demand for some time on the part of students for advanced work in both oxyacetylene and electric arc welding. The advanced work will be offered this year, with a limited enrollment, to students having the prerequisite training. H. W. Soderberg will give instruction in the course. The courses in meats, which were discontinued during the war period, have now been reinstated and are being offered by O. M. Kiser.

For the winter term, the major extra-curricular student activities include debating, livestock and crops (continued on page 2, col. 1)

Record Snowfall In November

O. C. Soine

The amount of snow that has fallen during the past month has broken all the previous records here at the Northwest School and Station. From the first snowfall on November 11 until the end of the month, 30 inches were recorded. Since snow melts, evaporates, and settles, about 11 inches remained on the ground at the end of November. In terms of moisture, this snowfall amounted to 1.68 inches. The total precipitation, 2.19 inches for the month, was 1.35 inches above the long-time average. This total amount of precipitation was surpassed, however, by November of 1944 when 2.51 inches were recorded.

Including the first ten days of December, a total of 34½ inches of snowfall has been recorded with 13 inches remaining on the ground. This heavy blanket of snow has protected the ground very well against frost. If this condition prevails until next spring when the snow begins to melt, the ground will be able to soak up this moisture.

Christmas Program Given By Students

On Sunday evening, December 14, students at the Northwest School presented their annual Christmas play. "Dust of the Road," a Christmas morality play, was given by a cast from the Play Production class under the direction of Miss Jean Kjorlie of the English Department. The members of the cast were: William Ash of St. Vincent, Marian Lindstrom of Argyle, Charles Korinta of Detroit Lakes, and Manvel Green of St. Thomas, North Dakota.

Preceding the Christmas play, a program of Christmas songs was sung by the Advanced choir and Miss Phyllis Magnusson of Roseau, soloist. In the absence of Miss Winnifred Erickson, the choir was directed by Miss Ruth Emerson with Miss Jeanette Peterson as accompanist. The program of music included: Adeste Fideles—Traditional; Cantique de Noel—Adam by the Advanced choir; The Virgin's Slumber Song—Reger by Phyllis Magnusson, soloist; Today There Is Ringing—Christiansen; Carol of the Bells—Ukrainian Carol; and Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming—Praetorius by the choir.

Red River Valley Winter Shows, February 23-27

According to present plans, the 37th annual Red River Valley Winter Shows and Northwest School Farmers' Week, at Crookston, February 23-27, 1948, will be the largest show ever held. Additional floor space, the main floor of the Crookston Armory, will be used for industrial and educational exhibits. The Crookston High School auditorium will be used for the three evening meetings, February 24-26; the day meetings for the women will be held in the Methodist Church, and the men's day meetings will be held in the basement auditorium of the Armory.

There is excellent advance interest in the livestock show and sale. The thirty or more purebred heifers registered for the Junior Heifer Calf Futurity, in addition to the regular 4-H club show, will make the largest junior and 4-H club livestock show in years. A number of new livestock breeders will be showing this year in the dairy and beef cattle classes in addition to the regular exhibitors.

The poultry show, under the sponsorship of the Northern Minnesota Poultry Association, will again be a feature of the Winter Shows.

The crops show, in its new location in the Livestock Pavilion, has expanded to fill its new quarters. The new varieties of oats, barley, wheat, (continued on page 2, col. 2)

Seniors Win Interclass Song Contest

The Senior class at the Northwest School won the 30th annual Interclass Song Contest held on December 10. The contest between the four classes was very close with only a five-point spread between the first and fourth placings. Dorothy Kolling of Gully and Marlys Sargent of Crookston were the co-directors of the winning class, with Dwaine Roland of Stephen and Clarice Thureen of East Grand Forks as accompanists.

Second place in the contest was won by the Freshmen class. Maxine Moritz of Kennedy and Agnes Churusch of Angus were co-directors and Nyla Finney of Georgetown and Ardieth Bursheim of Winger were the accompanists. Student song directors and accompanists for the other classes were: JUNIORS—Eunice A. Peterson of Stephen, director, with Joanne Lerud of Twin Valley and Luella Brekke of Greenbush as accompanists; ADVANCED—Phyllis Magnusson of Roseau, director, and Beulah Stromstad of Beltrami, accompanist.

Presiding at the contest was Miss Winnifred Erickson of the music faculty. Professor Hywell C. Roland, director of vocal music at the University of North Dakota, served as critic judge of the contest.

Gideon Bibles Presented To Students

The work and accomplishments of the Gideon Bible Society were presented at the Northwest School assembly program on December 5 by the Messrs. Melvin Johnson and E. C. Peterson of Warren, district representatives of the Society. Mr. Johnson gave a brief report on the accomplishments of the Society during its fifty years of history and its supplying testaments to the men in all branches of service during World War II. Mr. Peterson stressed the value of the bible to the individual in character development.

At the conclusion of the assembly program, some 400 attractively-bound copies of the New Testament and selected Psalms were distributed free to students and faculty who desired them.

"A" Club Entertains Football Squad

The Northwest School's Honor "A" Club held its second annual entertainment for members of the Northwest Aggie football squad on Thursday evening, December 4. The football squad of sixty-two members was entertained at movies in a local theater. (continued on page 4, col. 3)

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Swimming

E. F. Bennett

The swimming squad at the Northwest School began its workouts during the first week of December with a good-sized group out for this sport. The freshmen and juniors are out in force this year, which speaks well for the future in this activity. C. E. Blatchford, who coaches the swimming team, has a definite job of rebuilding his squad due to the loss of several key men by graduation and the failure of one or two others to return to school. Good progress has been made with the swimming squad. The chief job for the fall term is that of correcting bad swimming habits.

A swimming meet has been scheduled with the West Central School at Morris. The Conference meet will be held at Morris this year. Swimming meets will be arranged with high school teams during the year.

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judging, basketball, swimming, and wrestling. Hockey activities for the year will be limited to interclass competition with class numerals awarded as in interclass basketball and volleyball. The skating rink on the campus has been flooded and should be in excellent condition for the winter term.

The entertainment schedule for the winter term includes student Variety Night, University lyceum attractions, Winter Shows, and various athletic games and Conference contests.

Aggies Win Two Contests From North Central On December 13

The Aggie wrestlers and the Aggie basketball team from the Northwest School won their respective contests with teams from the North Central School of Agriculture, Grand Rapids, on Saturday, December 13. Coach H. H. Lysaker and the basketball squad journeyed to Grand Rapids for the basketball game, while Superintendent Don Dailey of the North Central School brought the wrestling team to the Northwest School.

The Northwest Aggies won the basketball game with a score of 69-18 with Floyd Anderson of Stephen high-point man of the game (22 points). The Northwest Aggie matmen, under the coaching of E. F. Bennett, won the wrestling meet by a score of 30-12.

Wrestling Prospects Good For Current Season

E. F. Bennett

Contestants for the wrestling team at the Northwest School started their workouts one week before Thanksgiving with two lettermen back. Captain Wesley Madson, 145 lbs. last year, will be in the 155 lb. class this year. Wilfred Taus, 175 lbs. last year, will be in the heavyweight class for this year's team. A squad of twenty-five boys turned out for wrestling this fall with several showing considerable talent. Chester Van-Raaden, heavyweight, and Steve Pauluk, 136 lb. class, are expected to return for the winter term. The return of these last year's lettermen would strengthen the 1948 team considerably.

Wrestling meets have already been scheduled with the West Central, North Central, and Central School of Agriculture. The Agricultural School Conference meet will be held at the West Central School, Morris, this year. The squad is working hard to equal last year's record.

RED RIVER VALLEY WINTER SHOWS, FEBRUARY 23-27

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flax, sunflowers, and peas will be featured in the 1948 crops show.

A full schedule of events has been arranged for the week. Speakers of international fame are being secured for the evening meetings.

Members of staff of the Northwest School will be taking active part in all of the Winter Shows activities.



NATHAN H. GIST

Nathan H. Gist, lecturer, publicist, and traveler, will speak at the regular assembly at the Northwest School on January 21. Mr. Gist travels 25,000 miles a year and speaks to over 100,000 people a year, having been heard in thirty-three states in thirty months, plus his radio audiences. He has an inspiring worthwhile message for high school pupils, stressing the importance of character and industry in building their future.

Sixty Students Receive Recognition At Awards Assembly

A total of sixty students received recognition at the annual fall term Awards Assembly at the Northwest School on December 17. Thirty-two football players received their A's for first-year competition and six veteran players received their second-year service chevrons. An entirely new squad of eight men qualified for A's in cross-country. Certificates for having their names on two consecutive term Honor Rolls were awarded to thirteen students with all classes represented.

James Thibodo of Stephen was awarded the Ruettell Sweater Award for being the most valuable player on the 1947 football squad.

Co-captains elected for the 1948 Aggie football team were Theodore Johnson, Jr. and Charles Vind.

The co-captains elected for the 1948 cross-country team were William Waterworth and Raymond Wallenberg.

Players who were awarded Service Chevrons in football were: Earl Proulx; Lee Nielson, Erskine; James Thibodo, Stephen; Reinholdt Sorenson, Baudette; Wilfred Taus, Strathcona; Leroy Swanson, Wannaska. Football players receiving the "A" award were: Rodney Webster, St. Vincent; Arvin Mandt, McIntosh; Richard Widseth, Gonvick; Duane Moe, Beltrami; Donald Simmons, Crookston; Theodore Johnson, Jr., Strathcona; Earle Peterson, Georgetown; Larry Bergh, Hallock; Charles Mondor, Hallock; Larry Younggren, Northcote; Steven Pauluk, Lancaster; Milton Berg, Fertile; Thomas Lapp, St. Vincent; DeWayne Wahlstrom, Warroad; Charles Vind, Crookston; Dwaine Roland, Stephen; Thomas Hughes, Strathcona; Allan Magnusson, Roseau; Maynard Anderson, Newfolden; Leroy Peterson, Warroad; Harvey Lunning, Gonvick; Glenn Johnson, Strathcona; Wilfred Dostal, Angus; David Frislie, Greenbush; James Holm, Greenbush; Forrest Mosher, Beltrami; Charles Brantner, Georgetown; James Brubakken, Crookston; Wallace Gjerstad, Crookston; Duane Comstock, Roseau; Gordon Vind, Crookston; Dale Erickson, Malung.

Captain stars were awarded to football co-captains Earl Proulx and Lee Nielson, and cross-country co-captains Simend Dahle and Glenn Torkelson.

Athletic A's were awarded to the following cross-country team members Simend Dahle, Goodridge; William Waterworth, Newfolden; Glenn Torkelson, Crookston; Richard Deschene, Argyle; Daniel Deschene, Argyle; Donald Mosbeck, Red Lake Falls; Raymond Wallenberg, Orleans; Dawn Rioux, Baudette.

Two-term Honor Roll scholarship certificates were awarded to: Donna Auer, Waubun; Lorraine Covlin, Erskine; Peter Fehr, East Grand Forks;

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Basketball Team, A High Scoring Squad

H. H. Lysaker

The Northwest School basketball team with six of its ten players back from last year's State Aggie Championship Aggregation is proving to be a fast-breaking high-scoring team. The Aggie Cagers so far have played five of its eight games on the pre-holiday schedule, winning four of them.

The opening game on November 22 against Climax, played in the Aggie gymnasium before a packed house, gave the Northwest team its first victory 41 to 30. Its lone defeat came next with a classy Fosston team nosing out the Aggies 42 to 40 in a hotly-contested game that went into two overtime periods. In this game, the second overtime went to the limit of three minutes with the score ending at that point 44 to 44; however, according to the rules, the team scoring the first two points in the second overtime is declared the winner at which time the game should also be automatically over. The last three games have ended in lopsided victories for the Aggies. The score for these games were: Fertile

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News of Veterans In "On-The-Farm Training"

T. M. Pulkrabek

For the past two months, the veterans enrolled for the On-the-Farm Training Program at the Northwest School have been attending evening classes on Tuesday and Thursday of each week. The courses being taken are Business Law, Crops and Soils, Animal Husbandry, and Automotive Electricity. The instructors are E. N. Reiersgard, O. C. Soine, H. D. Fausch, and T. M. Pulkrabek.

As the winter weather closed in rather early this fall, the farm veterans found only a limited amount of time for some of the other necessary work such as repair of buildings, construction of new buildings, and ditching. All veterans enrolled in the On-the-Farm Training Program have done very commendable work during the past summer. Outstanding achievements of the veterans are reported for December.

Roy H. Bjorgo of Crookston, route 4, is almost finished with his new barn. The barn is 32x52 ft. and of the round-roof type. Cement blocks were used for the walls up to the eaves. Roy encountered considerable

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Hi-Y Collected Funds For C.A.R.E.

The newly formed Hi-Y organization at the Northwest School sponsored a collection for European relief at the assembly program on Friday, December 5. Manvel Green, secretary of the Hi-Y, spoke for the Association and emphasized the need for prompt action in helping the poorly clad and undernourished people of Europe. The voluntary collection of \$30.05 was forwarded by Hi-Y treasurer, Donald Miller, to CARE, Inc. in New York City.

BASKETBALL TEAM, A HIGH SCORING SQUAD

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53-33; Mahnomen 54-33; and Mayville, North Dakota, 54-32.

The team spirit and team play this year is the best ever. This, together with the fact that most of the boys are potential high scorers, adds up to a powerful aggregation in the making.

The members of the first team include David Lundberg, Kennedy; James Thibodo, Stephen; Donald Mykleby, Eldred; Floyd Anderson, Stephen; Armin Ross, Fisher; Dwain

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NORTHWEST SCHOOL GIRLS' GLEE CLUB

Pictured above is the girls' glee club of the Northwest School with their director, Miss Winnifred Erickson.

Seated from left to right: First Row: Clarice Thureen, East Grand Forks; Ruth Ann Giese, East Grand Forks; Eunice A. Peterson, Stephen; Eunice Dalager, Greenbush; Harriet Balstad, Fosston; Marjorie Ophus, Erskine; LuElla Brekke, Greenbush; Joyce Hunstad, Argyle; Helen Haugen, Middle River; Carol Thibodo, Stephen; Marian Lindstrom, Argyle; Esther Kopecky, Angus; Estle Eisert, Euclid; Miss Erickson, director. Second Row: Marian Grefthen, Wannaska; Alice Mae Rundell, Lengby; Maxine Moritz, Kennedy; Donna Mae Auer, Waubun; Marilyn Stal, Pinewood; Alice Chruszch, Angus; Diane Swenson, Dale; Marvlyn Vesledahl, Winger; Joyce Slick, Baudette; Jean Irvin, Plummer; Agnes Chruszch, Angus; Viola Jensrud, Crookston. Third Row: Marlys Kollar, Pelican Rapids; Nyla Finney, Georgetown; Kathryn Kowalluk, Lancaster; Mavis Thormodson, Dalton; Alice Joy Christenson, Pinewood; Dorothy Kolling, Gully; Dorothy Finkenbinder, Crookston; Delphine Hedlund, Gully; Mary Ann Schel, Fergus Falls; Ada Torgerson, Underwood; Gloria Filipi, Angus; Ardith Bursheim, Winger; Patricia Jensen, Hawley; LaVonne Skele, Winger; Vernie Nordquist, Hawley. Fourth Row: Betty Bonnette, Angus; Joyce Olson, Argyle; Mavis Jensen, Hawley; Phyllis Magnusson, Roseau; Patricia Turnmire, Baudette; Beth Lapp, St. Vincent; Marlys Sargent, Crookston; JoAnne Lerud, Twin Valley; Joyce Anderson, Caledonia; Agnes Urbaniak, Argyle; Alice Mae Grove, McIntosh; Ila Rikhus, Ulen; Florence McMillan, Mahnomen.

Donald Miller Elected President Of Northern Minnesota Hi-Y Council

Donald Miller of Crookston, treasurer of the Northwest School's Hi-Y Club, was elected president of the Northern Minnesota District Hi-Y Council at the district meeting held at Coleraine, Minnesota, on December 13. Other officers elected to the district council were: Tom Boman of Duluth Central High School—vice-president; Arthur Toms of the Greenway High School, Coleraine—secretary; James Thompson of Duluth Denfeld School—treasurer; James Haidis of the Hibbing High School—chaplain.

A delegation of four members of the Northwest School's Hi-Y Club and their faculty adviser, H. D. Fausch, attended the Coleraine meeting. Delegates from the Northwest School who attended the conference were Larry Bergh of Hallock—vice-president; Manvel Green of St. Thomas, North Dakota—secretary; Donald Miller—treasurer, and Orland Thompson of Hawley.

SIXTY STUDENTS GIVEN RECOGNITION AT AWARDS ASSEMBLY

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Manvel Green, St. Thomas, North Dakota; Elaine Kopecky, Angus; David Lundberg, Kennedy; Dagny Roley, Warren; Marlys Sargent, Crookston; Clarice Thureen, East Grand Forks; William Waterworth, Newfolden; Edward Nelson, Kennedy; Norval Torkelson, Warren; Franklin Zak, Euclid.

Football coach H. H. Lysaker made the presentation of the Ruettell sweater award and announced the football captain for 1948; A. M. Foker, chairman of the Athletic Committee, presented the letters and chevrons in football; E. F. Bennett, coach of the cross-country team, presented the "A" awards to the cross-country team members and announced the new captain for 1948.

Scholarship certificates were presented by E. N. Reiersgord, Registrar. Superintendent T. M. McCall presided at the Awards Assembly.

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and Les Ness, Ada; Dennis Groth, Ogema; Andrew Wambach, Waubun; Edward Pavek, Waubun; Earl Proulx, Red Lake Falls; and James Brubakken, Crookston.

Coming Events -- January

- January 5—Registration for Second Term
- January 9—Awards Assembly (Home Projects)
- January 10—Basketball—Mentor-Fisher, here
- January 16—Basketball—at Morris
- January 17—Basketball—at Brookings, S. D.
- January 21—U. Lyceum Program—Nathan Gist
- January 21—Basketball—at Frazee

Northwest School Briefs

News Regarding Northwest School Graduates and Former Students:

***Ledyard Burhans is a student at the Bemidji State Teachers College at Bemidji.

***Allan M. Hoff is a member of the teaching staff at the Fergus Falls High School. He is teaching vocational agriculture courses in the Veterans' Training Program.

***Grant Bothum was recently re-elected mayor of Kennedy for a second term.

***Leland O. Hanson is an instructor in the Turlock, California, High School. His address is 321 Diablo Street, Turlock, California.

***Mrs. Peter Seilstad (Grace Hagen) is teaching in the public schools at Denton, Montana.

***NEW ADDRESS: Cpl. John W. Lapp 17207764, Hq. Btry. 284 AAAAW Bn. (Sp), Fort Bliss, Texas.

***Miss Winnifred Erickson, a member of the Northwest School faculty, was called home on December 11 because of the sudden death of her father at Litchfield, Minnesota.

***Katherine Molacek is employed as a nurse in the St. Anthony Hospital, Denver, Colorado.

***Marvin Jensen is attending North Dakota Agricultural College at Fargo, North Dakota.

***Superintendent T. M. McCall accompanied a group of some 150 Red River Valley farmers on their tour and study of Chicago potato markets on December 2. Two days were spent at the International Livestock, Hay, and Grain Show at Chicago, Illinois.

***Doris Krogstad and Louise Nelson are students at the Lutheran Bible Institute, Minneapolis.

MARRIAGES

***Miss Marion Hagen to C. W. Booth on November 11, 1946. They live in Oakland, California.

***Miss Grace Hagen to Peter Seilstad on October 12. They make their home at Denton, Montana.

***Miss Alice Geving to John Keck on November 18 at Goodridge, Minnesota. They are making their home at Crary, North Dakota.

***Miss Donna Wiberg to Gilmore Myrum on November 8 at Trail, Minnesota.

***Miss Lorraine Winkler to Edwin Welle on October 21 at Waubun, Minnesota.

***Miss Lucille Eveslage to Eugene Engalls on November 4 at Mahanomen, Minnesota.

***Miss Ruth Jorgensen to Clifford Anderson on September 20 at Stephen, Minnesota.

***Miss Doris Lundberg to Marvin Jensen on September 4 at Ada. They are making their home in Fargo, North Dakota.

***Miss Doris Reese to Gilbert Kranz on October 4. They will make their home in Kodiak, Alaska.

***Miss Ruth Ladd to Robert Dunlap on November 8 at St. Paul, Minnesota. (continued in col. 3)

NEWS OF VETERANS IN ON-THE-FARM TRAINING

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difficulty when it came to obtaining the required materials. Roy admits that he made some few minor errors but he is to be congratulated on the fine job he did during this period of scarce building materials and supplies.

Richard L. McNutt of Mentor constructed a 26 ft. corn crib which has a capacity of approximately 600 bushels. Rough lumber was used for construction of the crib. The most satisfying thing for Richard was that he had some very well-developed corn to almost fill the new crib. He had two varieties of corn, Minnesota No. 13 and a hybrid cross, and therefore partitioned his crib to keep them separated. Each year he uses his own hybrid as seed and mixes it with a new hybrid for his next year's seed and has had excellent results by making this cross.

Maurice C. Stauning of Beltrami has started construction of a 24x50 ft. cattle shed. This shed is to have a suspended roof which will not need pillars in the center for support. However, Maurice was only able to complete the footings and start the walls before the heavy snow stopped construction. A very warm period of approximately two weeks would be welcomed at this farmstead.

The evening class attendance has decidedly improved since the harvest work has been finished. At the first of December, it was noted that six men had perfect records of attendance since the course was started March 31, 1947. They were Leo Desrosier of Beltrami, Kenneth Sewill of Euclid, Lloyd H. Simmons of Crookston, Carl S. Wahl of Mentor, Dale Walters of Beltrami, and Donald L. Wichterman of Plummer. Many others missed only one or two classes. These men are to be congratulated considering the distance most of them must travel to attend classes and the very busy season since March 31.

"A" CLUB ENTERTAINS FOOTBALL SQUAD

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ater and at lunch following the movies. Faculty guests at the entertainment were Coach H. H. Lysaker, O. C. Soine, H. D. Fausch, E. F. Bennett, C. E. Blatchford, and E. N. Reiersgord, adviser to the A club.

NORTHWEST SCHOOL BRIEFS

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nesota. They are making their home at "Atomic City," Richland, Washington.

BIRTHS

***To Mr. and Mrs. Joe Jansen, a daughter, on November 28.

***To Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Welle (Shirley Winkler), a daughter, on September 21.

***To Mr. and Mrs. Noel Hanson (Alyce Johnson), a daughter, on November 24, at Lincoln, Nebraska.