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First Annual Summer Reunion of Alumni Was Great Success---Date Set for 1926 Event

"Well, did you ever," and "So you folks are married" and "I haven't seen you for years" and "Wasn't the mud terrible" punctuated the conversation that hummed over the campus for the first summer reunion of the alumni and students on June 26. Over 300 were present in spite of heavy rains during the day and the roads which were almost impassable.

There were at least 49 post offices represented, according to the register. Ninety-five alumni registered, in addition to their families, friends and former students. Sixteen came from Crookston, 14 from Thief River Falls, and 13 each from Fertile and Fosston. With favorable weather it would have been the largest gathering of Northwest School folks ever held.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Mienert family (Clara Lindfors, '16) Fosston, was the largest represented which with Mr. Mienert's mother, numbered 7. Several family groups were present from long distances. Mr. and Mrs. John Hest and son, of Perley, came 60 miles; Mr. and Mrs. Roy Melick (Florence Dougherty) and Roy's mother and father came from Strathcona, 85 miles. Mr. and Mrs. Carl Berg were here from Warroad, 135 miles. John and Agnes Gronner, Underwood, began their 175 mile trip at 4 o'clock that morning. Others who came long distances were Emil Halgren, Hallock, 80 miles; Ernest Erickson, Chauwin, Alberta, 1000 miles; Martinus Stenseth, Minneapolis, 300 miles; Marion Johnson, Nelson, 190 miles; Wm. Austin, Malung, 125 miles; Lydia Miller, Roseau, 125 miles; and Chester Johnson, Fergus Falls, 170 miles.

All classes excepting 1910 were represented. Only 9 graduated in 1910, of whom 7 are living. All live in other states excepting two, and conditions did not permit either one to come. Three were present from the first class, 1909; 15 were here from 1924. The newest newlyweds of the alumni present were Mr. and Mrs. Jay Moses, Pelican Rapids, (Marie Larson, '21), who were married June 24.

After the picnic lunches had been eaten in the dining hall, a program was held in the auditorium. Conrad Clementson, Fosston, '15, presided as the class of 1915 were guests of honor for the day. After community sing-

ing led by A. H. Larson, the address of welcome was given by Superintendent C. G. Selvig, during whose superintendency since 1910 most of the graduates have completed courses. Mr. Selvig outlined the growth of the school and pointed out the accomplishments of the alumni. Mr. Clementson then called on Hon. J. P. Bengtson, assistant secretary of state, for 8 years on the Northwest School faculty, and who had been class advisor for the class of 1915. Mr. Bengtson had made the trip from St. Paul in the plane piloted by Martinus Stenseth, '16.

The address was largely reminiscences of events in Stephens Hall when Mr. Bengtson was preceptor, and many humorous incidents were enumerated. Mr. Bengtson in closing paid tribute to the founders of the schools of agriculture and showed the advantages to be secured by attendance at such schools as the Northwest School. Lt. Stenseth was also called upon and gave his impressions of the air service. Morrill Campion, '20, Angus, outlined the membership campaign and later in the evening reported a successful drive. Music for the program was furnished by Gladys Gunufson, '24, Fertile, and Miss Katherine Kneeshaw, Pembina, N. Dak., a former member of the faculty.

The remainder of the day was spent

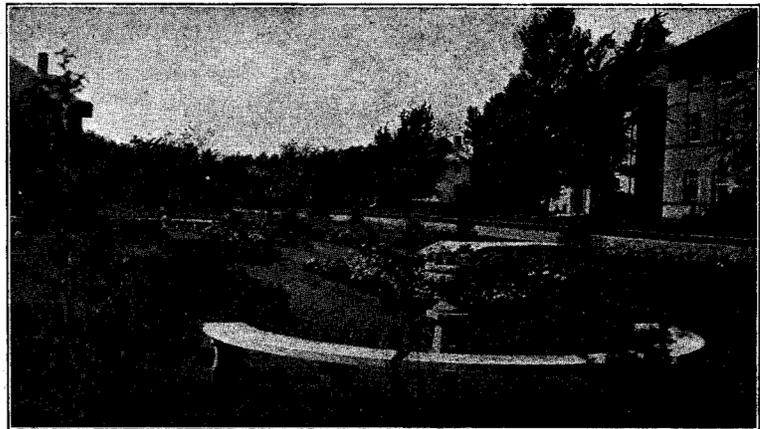
in reunions and visits. A session of the alumni was held again in the evening, and this in turn concluded with a dance in the gymnasium. The sports program and tours of inspection had to be eliminated because of the rains. June 25, 1926, was set as the next summer meeting, at which time the class of 1916 will be the guests of honor. James Kirkeby, Naples, S. Dak., was president and will be asked to preside at the meetings.

JUNE RAINFALL HEAVY

The official record of rainfall at the Northwest School for June was 6.83 inches, according R. S. Dunham, observer. For the last ten years the June rainfall has been as follows: 1915, 8.46; 1916, 4.48; 1917, .53; 1918, 1.60; 1919, 3.47; 1920, 2.65; 1921, 2.60; 1922, 2.41; 1923, 3.34; 1924, 1.58.

July, 1897, was very wet, with 8.45 inches, as was August of 1900, with 7.51 inches, and August, 1908, with 7.28. July, 1919, was a record breaker with 8.83 inches, while May, 1922, with 6.97 and April, 1924, with 5.10, were the wettest months of the last four years.

Jay Moses, 21, and Marie Larson, '21, will read the same Northwest Monthly hereafter at Pelican Rapids. Their wedding took place on June 24, also.



Campus Sunken Garden Presents a Beautiful Scene

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FALL TERM OPENS

SEPTEMBER 28

Half of the vacation period has passed, and students are beginning to think about school for this fall. Already the dormitory rooms are being reserved in large numbers for the fall term, which opens September 28.

For the information of new students rooms in the dormitory are reserved by sending a deposit of \$2.00. This applies on the room rent when the student registers. If it is later found that it is impossible to attend, the \$2.00 will be refunded if called for before September 15. Rooms facing the campus will be given out in the order of application.

The school catalog and illustrated booklet of school work are now ready and will be mailed free by writing to the Northwest School of Agriculture, Crookston.

LIVESTOCK ASSOCIATION

RECEIVES DEED

The Red River Valley Livestock Association has received deed from the Great Northern covering the 68 acres formerly leased to the Northwestern Minnesota fair. This deed was granted for the purpose of encouraging and assisting in the livestock development work in the Red River Valley. The race track on the old fair grounds will be left intact in case that at any time during the future it is decided to use it. The remainder of the land will be prepared for alfalfa.

The members of the Red River Valley Livestock Association and the citizens of Northwestern Minnesota generally desire to express their appreciation to the Great Northern Railway Company for this generous donation. One clause in the deed provides that if the Livestock Association goes out of existence that the land will revert to the railway company. This is similar to the provision in the deed granting the Northwest Station land to the University of Minnesota.

It is expected that the Livestock Association will be a permanent organization and thereby enjoy in perpetuity the use of the land granted to the association.

LIVESTOCK ASSOCIATION BUILDING PLANS

Up to the present time, the directors of the Livestock Association have not had a meeting to take action regarding the proposed expansion of the quarters of the Red River Valley Winter Shows. According to officials of

this organization, it is expected that such a meeting will be held in the very near future, as soon as certain preliminary arrangements are completed.

MONDAY, JULY 20, IS CROPS AND SOILS DAY

The annual summer meeting of the Red River Valley Crops and Soils Association will be bigger and better than last year. Everyone is invited whether a member or not. Come, bring a picnic lunch, and enjoy an afternoon full of good things.

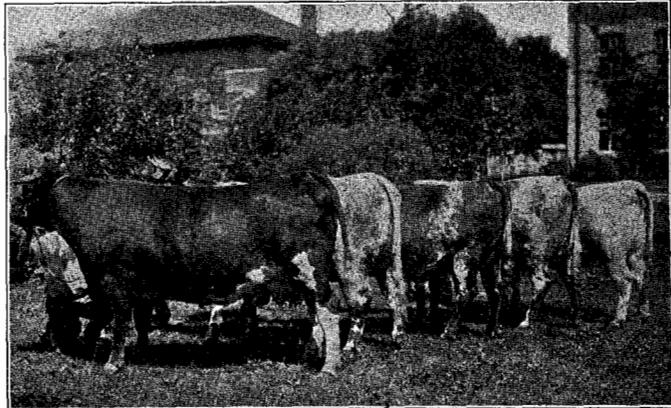
The program committee has arranged for Prof. Andrew Boss of University Farm to come. He always gives a splendid talk. Prof. Ruggles will give a demonstration of how to poison pocket gophers. Weeds, their identification and control, will be discussed by C. P. Bull, state weed commissioner. The how, why and what of inoculation will be thoroughly demonstrated. A demonstration of what constitutes prize-winning crop samples will be made. A tour of the plots to see new varieties of crops will allow you to see for yourself:—Ceres, Redwing, Velvet, Quality, Liberty, Cy-

will start from Moorhead July 29, pass through north Clay county, Norman and west Polk and stop at Crookston over night. The tour starts from the Northwest Experiment Station July 30, and goes west to Bygland and East Grand Forks, thence north to Warren through Marshall county to Hallock. July 31 will be spent in visiting certified fields in Kittson county. The tour will end in Roseau county August 1.

The potato tour was arranged by the Minnesota Experiment Station in cooperation with the seed certification department of the State Department of Agriculture. Mr. R. C. Rose of the extension division and A. G. Tolaas from the state department will have charge of the tour. T. M. McCall of the Northwest School will pilot the tour through Polk county.

GREENHOUSE MOVED

Work has been begun on foundation for the greenhouse in its new location which is directly south of the Owen Building at the head of the walk in the demonstration garden. A new greenhouse unit will occupy the center of the location. This will be a plant



NORTHWEST STATION SHORTHORNS

Livestock for judging work at the Northwest School includes representatives of several breeds. In the livestock work students are given practical instruction and practice of the most valuable kind.

anamid!! What are they? Come and see.

The women and children have not been forgotten. The program for them will be interesting. Have you received the new cook book? Come and get one.

Everybody turn out for a grand and glorious day July 20.

MINNESOTA POTATO TOUR JULY 28 TO AUGUST 1

Red River Valley potato fields will be inspected in connection with the Minnesota State Potato Tour this year. Seed buyers, extension workers, county agents and farmers from several states have signified their intentions of accompanying the tour. The tour will start in Clay County July 28 and end in Roseau county August 1.

Fields in south and east Clay county will be visited on July 28. The tour

house 24 feet square and 16 feet high. With this equipment, the Northwest School will be in a position to carry on much desirable experimental and demonstrational work.

MISS SCHENCK LEAVES

Miss Schenck returned to her home at Algona, Iowa, after filling two months of extension appointments following the close of the school term. On occasion of leaving her work here she wrote that it would be impossible for anyone to enjoy the work at the Northwest School more than she did. "I have spent four pleasant years of my life at Crookston and I appreciate it more than words can tell."

As instructor in foods and cookery, preceptress of the girl's dormitory and assistant in club work, Miss Schenck has won for herself the highest affection and regard of those with whom she came in contact.

WINNERS IN CLUB CONTESTS

The months of May and June were given over to club contests in the Northwestern district over which A. J. Kittleson is leader. Miss Mildred Schenck, of the home economics department of the Northwest School, judged the contests. In the following awards the winners of first place will receive a free trip to the state fair. Thrift Exhibit—

Miss Marion Peterson, Warren.

Cake Teams—

1. Ruth Hayes, Helen Abrahamson, Marshall Co., Warren.
2. Augusta Tall, Melba Shippy, Clay County, Hawley.
3. Gladys Olson, Esther Votendahl, Beltrami Co., Bemidji.

Individual Cake Maker—

1. Valborg Gerdlund, Lancaster.
2. Ruth Hayes, Warren.
3. Margaret Winters, Hawley.
4. Inez Nelson, Roseau Co.
5. Alice Ohlquist, Roseau Co.

Champion Bread Team of Class A. and B—Bertha Strande, Fergus Falls; Marion Thompson, Fergus Falls.

Class A. Bread Teams—

1. Twylah Plummer, Beulah Plummer, Hawley.
2. Stella Olson, Lydia Flormoen, Bemidji.
3. Alice Haslerud, Anna Hodge, Crookston.
4. Minnie Dahlquist, Edla Peterson, Marshall Co.
5. Pearl Jahr, Hazel Melbye, Hitterdal.
6. Shirley Mason, Ethel Anderson, Detroit.
7. Esther Keller, Alta Casady, Park Rapids.
8. Gladys Lysing, Esther Swenson, Hitterdal.
9. Laura Russell, Vivian Jewett, Bemidji.

Class B. Bread Teams—

1. Ruth Briden, Iris Gibbons, Crookston.
2. Lorna Griffin, Ruth Griffin, Hallock.
3. Annie Pederson, Rose Hawkins, LaPorte.
4. Helen Grothe, Grace Nelson, Roseau.
5. Alice Ohlquist, Minnie Erickson, Roseau.

Farm and Community Clubs Visit Station---Nearly 30 Scheduled

The heavy rains and muddy roads caused four communities to postpone their visits to the Northwest School in June, but these will be scheduled for other dates. The clubs that have come thus far have averaged well in attendance and some excellent work in organizing the towns has been in evidence. The groups this summer will represent farmers' clubs, community organizations, creamery associations, township district and social clubs. A detailed account of the visits will appear in the August number of the Northwest Monthly.

A number of groups are in correspondence regarding dates and the following list of visitations for July is therefore incomplete. Those having dates arranged are: July 1, Township groups near Newfolden; July 7, Beltrami Creamery Association and community; July 8, Holt Commu-

ity Club; July 9, Donnelly Farmers' Club of Stephen and the Crookston Rotary Club in the late afternoon; July 10, Gervais Farmers' Club of Plummer; July 11, Bloomer Club of Argyle; July 13, Tabor Community Club; July 14, Winger Creamery Association and community with the Crookston Kiwanis in the late afternoon; July 15, Brandt-Helgeland Farmers' Club of Angus; July 16, McCrea Farmers' Club of Warren; July 17, Maple Leaf Farmers' Club of Crookston; July 18, Mentor and Maplebay communities; July 20, Crops and Soils association; July 21, Hammond Booster Club of Beltrami; July 22, Erskine Creamery association and community; July 23, North Star Creamery association and community of McIntosh; July 28, tentative date for creamery association and community of Red Lake Falls; July 30, Minnesota Potato Tour.

6. Hazel Winjum, Gladys Winjum, Roseau.

7. Verna Johnson, Florence Hurling, Guthrie.

Two individual breadmakers from each county will receive free trips to the state fair, and are as follows:

Pennington County—Grace Mostue, Thief River Falls; Hilda Ness, Thief River Falls.

Ottertail County—Bessie Scott, Fergus Falls; Esther Kronemann, Fergus Falls.

East Ottertail County—Lillian Mucala, New York Mills.

Marshall County—Alma Drotts, Viking; Minnie Dahlquist, Warren.

Hubbard County—Annie Pederson, LaPorte; Florence Wright, Guthrie.

Clay County—Grace Deach, Glyndon; Esther Swenson, Hitterdal.

Becker County—Gladys Kraus, Ver- gas; Virginia Zurn, Callaway.

Beltrami County—Lydia Flemen, Bemidji; Stella Olson, Bemidji.

Polk County—Alice Haslerud,

Crookston; Abigail Kittleson, Crookston.

Roseau County—Grace Nelson, Badger; Clara Karlson, Warroad.

Clearwater County—Mary Martin, Shevlin.

Norman County—Eunice Houske, Halstad; Leola Norum, Halstad.

Each county will also be entitled to a garment making team at the state fair. Those who won this honor were:

Ottertail County—Jannet Ryan, Elizabeth Day, Fergus Falls.

Marshall County—Marion Peterson, Ruth Bengtson, Warren; Lucille Johnson, Ula Pearson, Warren.

Clay County—Beatrice Stempf, Alice Vermaelen, Glyndon; Minna Weslyn, Ella Ness, Hawley.

Beltrami County—Dorothy Turner, Glee Nichols, Bemidji.

Polk County—Della Strommer, Clearbrook; Cora Thompson, McIntosh.

MISS BEDE ARRIVES

Miss Retta Bede assumed her work as Home Economics instructor at the Northwest School on July first, succeeding Miss Mildred Schenck, who resigned to enter home economics extension work. Miss Bede is a graduate of the Home Economics College of the University of Minnesota, and has enjoyed a very successful teaching experience in the state. She is a daughter of former Congressman J. Adam Bede of Pine City.

Miss Bede will be at the school during July and will return again on September first. During August Miss Lippitt will be present to fill the extension appointments during that month.



NORTHWEST SCHOOL MUSICIANS

Many groups of students at the Northwest School are interested in music, including boys' and girls' glee clubs, a mixed chorus, quartets, octettes, an orchestra and a band. Many take private lessons in piano, voice and violin.

INTERESTING NEWS ABOUT NORTHWEST SCHOOL FOLKS

June has had its share of weddings among the alumni. Jennie Peterson, '22, and Carl Hvidsten, '15-'16 were married June 18, at Grand Forks, with Gladys Peterson and Andrew Hvidsten as attendants. After a trip through the Iron Mines district they will be at home at Stephen.

Walter Anderson, '22, and Gladys Christopherson, '23, exchanged vows on June 24, and will live near Clearbrook.

Rose E. Beier, of Paynesville, will live in the Red River Valley near Clearbrook as the bride of Milton Marmorine, '21. Their wedding took place on June 3.

Mr. and Mrs. Regis Huot announce the marriage of their daughter, Helen Marie, to John E. Draeger, June 22, at Red Lake Falls. Helen graduated from the teachers' training course in 1917.

Percy Hanson, '21, is postmaster at Rosewood.

Ole Flaatt, '16, has recently undergone a major operation at Rochester. Ole is making a rapid recovery and has returned to his farm at Bygland.

Prof. E. R. Clark and family spent part of their vacation at Cass Lake the last part of June.

Prof. A. M. Foker and family attended the Norse Centennial during their vacation period.

A picture was taken of 15 sons and daughters of alumni present during the reunion June 26. Their ages were from a few months to 3 and 4 years. They seemed to enjoy the day as much as the dads and mothers.

Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Uggen, former faculty members, sailed from the Philippines July 19.

LaVern Peterson, '23, Brooks, spent part of June on a trip to Nebraska.

Ellen Ahlm, '20, has been working in the First State Bank at Brooks.

Minnie Torpet, '22, and Esther Sandem, '22, have been visiting at a large cattle ranch near Big Timber, Montana, and plan to make a tour through the Yellowstone Park before returning.

J. P. Bengtson, assistant secretary of state and former faculty member, in relating his trip by airplane June 26, said, "You will never appreciate

Anna Vigan, a student in 1918-19, is now Mrs. Randall Knutson and her address is Grand River Avenue, Detroit, Michigan.

BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB WORK

AT COUNTY FAIRS

The Boys and Girls Club Department at county fairs which have been held to date were by far the best yet, according to reports by District Club Agent, A. J. Kittleson, of the Northwest School.

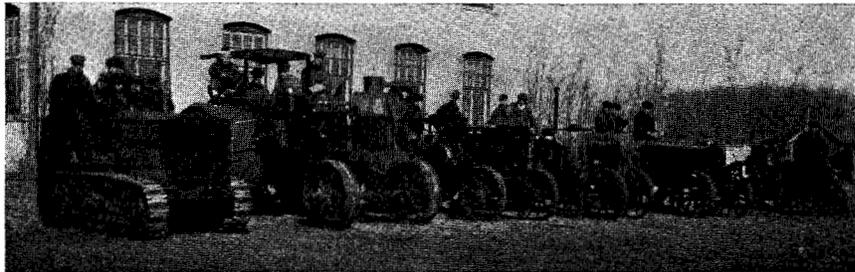
In the Norman County Fair, the Dairy Calf and Pig Club members were the principal exhibitors. Every one of the 15 members of the Lockhart Pig club was present with their pigs. Twenty-nine of the 38 Dairy Calf club members exhibited their animals.

In the Kittson County Fair, in addition to a large exhibit of livestock, such as Dairy Calf, Pig, Sheep and Poultry, an extensive program of club demonstrations was carried out in Bread and Garment making.

Marshall County had splendid exhibits by the club boys and girls in Dairy Calf, Pig, Sheep, Poultry, Sewing and Gardening. At Fertle there were 22 fine dairy calves shown by boys and girls.

The outstanding feature at all the fairs was the big improvement in quality and show condition of all the live-

Farm Engineering Class Members at Work. Tractors and Autos Test Their Skill.



New Classes in Farm Mechanics Organized on Sept. 28.

Dr. Carlus Selvig and family, of Harmony, spent several days with Superintendent C. G. Selvig, in June.

Adolph Reski, '24, is attending the Moorhead Teachers' College this summer.

Oscar Peterson, '22, of Clearbrook, is teaching parochial school at Karlstad this summer.

Myrtle Marmorine, '22, has been attending business college in Minneapolis the past year.

Myrtle Erickson, '21, has been attending the Duluth Teachers' College. Her address is 814 B 1st St.

Cora Thompson, '25, McIntosh, is attending the Bemidji State Teachers' College.

Joseph Skatvold, 26, is working near Ortle, South Dakota, and will return to school this fall. His address is Box 141.

Prof. H. B. Sommerfield, of the livestock faculty of Manitoba Agricultural College, visited at the Northwest School, June 20, for conference with Superintendent C. G. Selvig and Prof. O. M. Kiser. Prof. Sommerfield coached the Winnipeg stock judging team which won first place at the 1925 Winter Shows.

this good old earth until you leave it."

Helen Gibbons, '25, Crookston, will enter Carleton College this fall.

Miss Katherine Kneeshaw, Pembina, North Dakota, visited friends at the school and stayed for the re-union. Miss Kneeshaw has been teaching in Texas.

Miss Bernice Nolan will take part of her vacation in Northern Minnesota with a number of friends.

Mr. A. K. Pierce graduated from the University of Minnesota in June and will act as superintendent of schools in a Wisconsin city the coming year.

Lt. Martinus Stenseth, '16, will act as instructor in aviation at Kansas City during July and August.

Theodore Peterson, '19, is now employed by Woolworth & Company, South Bend, Indiana.

Anna Johnson, '18, Fisher, is now Mrs. Clifford Knutson.

William Knox, who attended in 1916-17 has moved to Thief River Falls.

Oscar Lindem, who attended in 1911-12, is now manager of the East Side Mercantile Company, East Grand Forks.

stock exhibited by club members. Our boys and girls are the future exhibitors and makers of our County Fairs, and it is indeed a sign of growth to see the universal interest taken by folks as a whole in the Junior Department at our County Fairs.

CAMPUS ROADS TO BE PAVED

Aabi & Maturi, Chisholm, were the lowest bidders for the Northwest School campus roadway paving work, their bid being \$2.12 per square yard. This is an unprecedented low bid. Work will be begun at once, according to the members of this firm, and with favorable weather conditions it will be completed within four weeks.

FOR SALE

The Northwest Station has a yearling Holstein bull for sale and two Shorthorn bulls, one born Dec. 27, 1924 and the other, Feb. 12 1925. They are registered. Also seven (7) year-old Shropshire rams, sired by an imported ram. All of these are high class animals. They are priced at reasonable figures.