

ATHLETICS

FOOTBALL

The first football team of this institution was organized in the fall of 1916 with Mr. Bahner coach and Lester Garceau as captain. The majority of the players had never seen a football game before, let alone playing the game.

The task which Mr. Bahner had to face was a difficult one. Much needed practice was cut down to a minimum. The men showed the right spirit, however, and worked hard. The fact that this school does not commence until the first part of October was another handicap to be overcome.

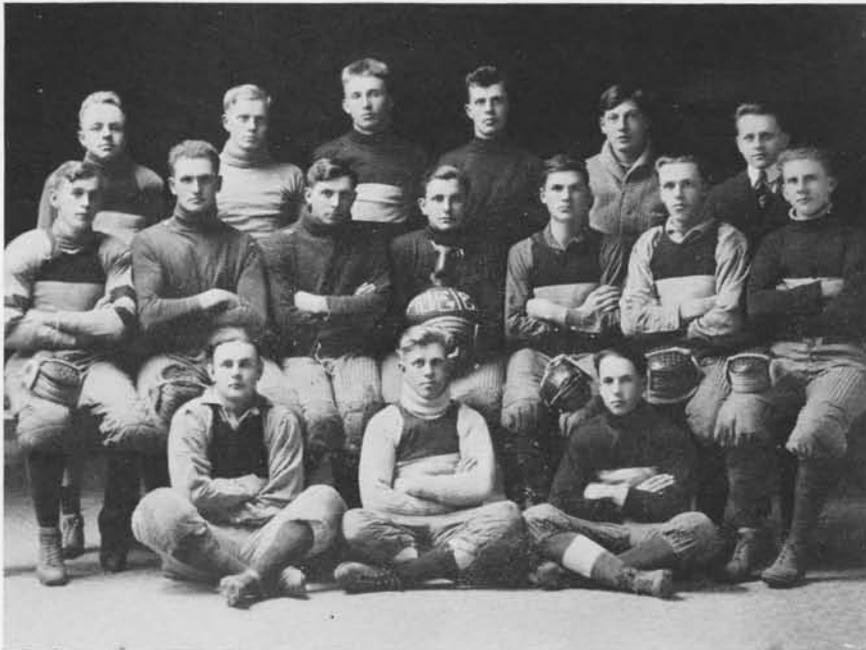
The first game of the season was played at Moorhead, October 14. The Moorhead High demonstrated the results of long and hard practice by winning the game with a high score. This, however, did not discourage our men as was shown at next day's practice.

On October 25 the team, accompanied by several of the faculty members, autoed to Red Lake Falls, and played a game with the high school team of that place. Walter Sheridan, our quarterback, had his ankle broken during the first few minutes of play, and this seriously affected the outcome of the game, as the fullback had to take Sheridan's place and the left end the position of fullback. These positions were unfamiliar to them, and though our men did their utmost Red Lake Falls took the lead, the score being 38 to 6 in their favor.

Our first home game was played with Stephen on Monday, November 4, at the Central Park. Most of our faculty members and students were there to witness the game. Stephen won by a score of 33 to 6.

Nothing daunted, our men continued practicing. They proved in their last game that "practice makes perfect." This game was played at Crookston against the Crookston High. The "Aggies" won easily with a score of 25 to 7.

Thus the season closed with many defeats, to be sure, but with a squad of men determined to play every game next season with the science and "vim" which characterized their last game this year.



FOOTBALL TEAM

Standing: Peterson, Flaot, Sirjord, Gigstad, McMillan, Mr. Bahner, Coach.
Sitting: Scherfenberg, Lee, Tunheim, Garceau, Isaacson, Spjut, Heiberg.
Squatting: Tunheim, Hammer, Bjorsness.
Absent: Sheridan, Ness.