



Red River Aggie

THE NORTHWEST FARMERS' WEEK, FEBRUARY 11-15, 1918

The Seventh Annual Farmers' Week was a great success. With the Farm Crops Show and Livestock Exhibit it is recorded among the events that mark the rapid development and progress of agriculture in the Red River Valley. The weather was especially favorable this year, and large crowds were in attendance throughout the week. The Armory was crowded to capacity every evening, and many were turned away. The day meetings, too, were attended by unusually large numbers. The large crowds demonstrated the increasing interest that is being taken in this annual short course for farmers given under the auspices of the Northwest School of Agriculture.

The dominant note throughout all the sessions was patriotism. Farm, home, and community problems were discussed only in their relation to service to our country and our allies. Greater production and greater conservation was the universal slogan and fundamental theme of all the meetings. This spirit was reflected also in the music and even in the decorations. It is briefly recorded in the following:

TERSE REMARKS

"I shall center all my speeches around subjects of patriotism till we have won the war."—President Burton.

"The very life, as well as its ability to work or fight efficiently, is dependent upon its food grain supply. Meats and animal fats of the future must be produced from foods which human beings cannot eat."—Dean Thatcher.

LIVESTOCK ENCOURAGED.

Livestock interests were prominent during the week. Several days were devoted to the discussion of livestock subjects. A lively interest was taken in the stock judging contests. There were many entrants and high scores were made.

The second annual livestock exhibit crowded to the limit the space available for the purpose. The general impression prevails that the livestock show can be made one of the strong features of the winter meetings. There is much talk of a permanent livestock building to take care of it.

THE ANNUAL ALUMNI BANQUET

One very delightful event of the Farm Crops Show was the annual banquet of the alumni of the Northwest School of Agriculture which was held on Thursday evening. At five o'clock, about one hundred and twenty-five of the alumni gathered at the club rooms of the Crookston association of public affairs where the banquet was served.

In the absence of Conrad Clementson, of Erskine, Superintendent Selvig acted as toastmaster. Between the courses an interesting program of toasts was given. Frank H. Jones, of Clearwater, class of '18, toasted "Our School"; Darragh Geddes, of Mallory, class of '14, responded to the toast "Young Men"; Iver Westad, of Flaming, class of '13, gave a toast to "Our Boys in Service"; and T. M. McCall toasted "The Faculty." Miss Marie Mariner, of Eldrea, class of '14, gave an original and clever verse which was much enjoyed by the guests. Mrs. T. R. Sewall, formerly on the faculty, spoke a few words of greeting. President Marion LeRoy Burton, and Dean R. W. Thatcher, who were the guests of honor, spoke briefly on the University and Agricultural School. During the evening several musical selections were given by the Senior Quartette, and the community singing of patriotic airs was particularly enjoyed.

THE NORTHWEST EXPERIMENT ASSOCIATION

On February 14, 1918, members of the alumni association and former students of the school organized an association which bears the above name. John Hest, '15, Perley, was elected president; Herman Skyberg, Fisher, '16, vice president; and Mr. Kennard, the agronomist of the Northwest Experiment Station, secretary-treasurer. In the absence of the agronomist, the horticulturist of the Station, Mr. McCall is to be acting secretary-treasurer.

The object of the association is to aid in the raising and dissemination of seeds which have proven their worth at the Northwest School and Station. It is hoped that every community will be represented in this association, and that the members will appreciate their responsibility, and will test fairly and carefully such seeds as they secure from the Station, and keep them pure for sale to their neighbors.