



Red River Aggie

Junior Short Course



JUNIOR SHORT COURSE 1919

The above picture shows the 123 Junior Short Course students on an excursion in Crookston. For one who has not attended this course, or has not had occasion to see the students at work, it is difficult to conceive of the interest and enthusiasm of this week. These boys and girls came from every county in northwestern Minnesota. They were busy every minute of the day, judging stock, corn, potatoes, chickens, planning gardens, sewing, cooking and canning.

Club work among the boys and girls was emphasized. Special conferences were held in order that every student might become thoroughly familiar with each project. Then there was Mr. O. H. Benson, National club leader, who certainly has the interest of the young folks in mind. Mr. T. A. Erickson and O. F. Howard, State club leaders, added much interest and enthusiasm to the meetings. The interest shown by the students in this work indicated that there will be a greater desire to remain on the farm and become members of happy community centers. Every one will be anxious to live up to their club motto, "To Make the Best Better."

In the evenings they listened to lectures and viewed pictures and scenes shown on the screen by the lantern and moving picture machine. On one evening almost two miles of films were shown—surely enough to satisfy anyone for a while. They made the auditorium ring with their music as they sang their club songs, and the songs of the State and Nation. The attitude of these boys and girls may be shown by the following song which they sang:

There are smiles that make us happy,
There are smiles that make us blue,
There are smiles that steal away the tear drops
As the sunbeams steal away the dew,
There are smiles that have a tender meaning,
That the eyes of love alone may see,
And the smiles that fill my life with sunshine
Are the smiles that you gave to me.