

“The Valley Spirit Speaks”



Standing—Kasberg, Rud, Hansen, Knutson, Lindahl.
Sitting—Gibbons, Landby, Erickson.

The pageant, “The Valley Spirit Speaks,” presented at the Armory, Crookston, Wednesday evening, March 23, by the students of the Northwest School, as a part of the annual commencement exercises, was written by C. G. Selvig, superintendent, in honor of the visiting delegates of the Northern Minnesota Editorial Association, and was originally given at the school when the Northern Minnesota Editors met there, on January 21. It was given by request at a farmers’ club meeting at Eldred, later at a noon-day luncheon of the Crookston Association of Public Affairs, and again during the Red River Valley farmers’ week, before the delegation of Minnesota legislators, Twin City and Duluth delegates, and live stock association members at their annual banquet.

This pageant depicts the development of the Valley and portrays the influence of the famous spirit of cooperation which exists here. The characters represented include well known Red River Valley products and institutions.

It was given under the direction of Miss Margaret Burns, English Department, costumes by Miss Bernice Nolan, and stage manager, A. M. Foker.

The cast of characters includes Red River Valley Wheat, Eldred Lindahl; Queen Alfalfa, Myrtle Erickson; Red River Valley Early Ohio, Amos Kasberg; Red River Valley Girl, Neva Gibbons; Red River Valley Boy, John Mansfield; Red River Valley Live Stock, Ray Knutson, and Red River Valley Farm School, Percy Hanson.

The Alfalfa Fairies consisted of Alice Beede, Marion Canute, Edna Hanson, Ruth Ireland, Joides Rodseth, and Sue Thorson, under the direction of Mrs. Lillian Ellingson, of the Franklin School.