

Class History

When we came to the Northwest School of Agriculture, on October seventh, nineteen hundred nineteen, we soon found that this would be a very different life from the one we had lived before. We saw so many unfamiliar faces that we were afraid we could never become acquainted with so many people.

During the first week, Mr. J. P. Bengtson assisted us in organizing our class. We chose Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Smith for our class advisers. After the organization of our class, we soon became acquainted with each other.

One of the most interesting events of the year was the outdoor festival, where all the famous athletes assembled for decisive battles. The hardest battle was the pillow fight between Mr. Bengtson and Mr. Foker. Both went into the battle bravely, but after a few rounds of fighting, Mr. Bengtson received a blow on the head and took the count. Another important event of this year was the second annual inter-class song contest, in which all the classes competed. We, as freshmen, won second place, and the seniors won first. In our remaining years this became an event which was eagerly looked forward to by all the students as one of the most interesting features of the school year.

The campaign for a memorial for the Northwest School boys, who gave their lives in the great struggle in the world war, was begun that year, and resulted in the erection of the beautiful monument which now adorns the entrance to the campus.

The last part of January the "flu" broke out and school was closed for two weeks. When we returned to school again, we had a great burden on our shoulders, but this burden was overcome by hard work.

Both our girls' and boys' basketball teams won the inter-class championships during our freshman year.

In our junior year, we were less than half as great in numbers, but we were well organized, and with the assistance of our class advisers, Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Smith, we made great progress.

The first dancing party ever given at the school was held in the new dining hall early in November of this year.

The basketball championship was won by our class for the second time, likewise the highest honors in the third inter-class song contest.

At the close of this year we assisted the seniors in giving their operetta, "Twilight Alley." This was staged at the Crookston Armory, and it was a very successful production.

When we came back for our senior year, we chose Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Clark as class advisers to fill the vacancy left by Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Smith. We found that we had many great responsibilities as seniors. We had to set an example for the other classes. The tug of war between the "Giants" of Stephens Hall and the "Tigers" of Senior, at the outdoor festival was an exciting feature of the first month's schedule. The laurels went to the latter, after a hard struggle.

As seniors we won the cup at the inter-class song contest for the second time, and at this writing our team is going strong for our third consecutive inter-class basketball championship.

On February 24, our class, with assistance of four faculty members and the school choruses, presented our senior operetta, "Yokohama Maid," at the Crookston Armory. The cast was composed of over sixty voices with a number of solos and quartettes. Under the direction of Miss Pederson this was a great success, as evidenced by the many expressions of appreciation by students and from the citizens of Crookston.

Through the assistance of Mr. and Mrs. Clark, the hard work of the Aggie board, and the strong co-operation of the class, we are able to put the Red River Aggie out before the close of the school year.

During the three years we have spent here we have set a very high standard and have endeavored to live up to our motto, "Onward ever; backward never." This is shown by the laurels we have won in basketball and song contests, and by the records we have made in the literary and debating societies.

Therefore, we, as the members of the class of twenty-two, wish to thank Superintendent Selvig, Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Clark, our advisers, our faculty, and the school for helping us make our school years at the Northwest School of Agriculture a grand success.

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