

## Homecoming Day in 1921

Homecoming Day at the Northwest School, November 11, 1921, was a day that will long be remembered by all. From early morning till late at night, the day was replete with the cheery greetings of friends reunited, with inspirational addresses recalling the memories of our boys who answered the call to the Great War, with athletic contests, and wholesome entertainment which reflected the spirit of all Northwest School students, past and present.

Early in the morning, groups of alumni began to arrive, headed by Oscar Lund, '16, who had been busy for several days rallying the old grads for the alumni band. Merged with less experienced members of the present school band, the old boys revived all of their old time zest and pep, and added greatly to the enjoyment of all by their part in the day's program.

Part of the morning was spent in inspecting the home project exhibit and seed show, the work of members of the junior and senior classes, in their various home projects during the past season. Emil Nelson, '22, was declared winner of the silver trophy offered by the faculty for the best summer project work in 1921. At ten o'clock all assembled in the auditorium for the Armistice Day program. Mr. Harrison Fuller, of Minneapolis, first state commander of the American Legion, gave the principal address. Mr. Fuller had just returned from a visit to France, and spoke of the high regard that the French people have for the American doughboys. Ex-Senator A. D. Stephens, of Crookston, interpreted the feeling of the nation for the boys who answered their country's call. Assistant Secretary of State J. P. Bengtson, formerly preceptor at the Northwest School, gave the eulogy for the eight students who gave their lives in the Great War. In accordance with an established custom, this eulogy is delivered each armistice day by a member of the school faculty. Mr. Bengtson's address was full of reverent and inspiring thoughts for all.

At the close of the program in the auditorium, a procession led by the alumni band, the color guard of the Nels T. Wold post of the American Legion, and two troops of Boy Scouts from Crookston, marched to the Soldiers' and Sailors' Memorial. At the hour of twelve we joined (with all citizens of this great nation) in two minutes of silent prayer for universal peace among the nations of the world. Lloyd Ness, president of the senior class, placed a beautiful wreath upon the memorial in memory of those from this school who gave their all for humanity. A military salute was fired, and taps were sounded by a bugler of the American Legion.

Field day sports and a soccer game between two girls' teams occupied the first hour of the afternoon, followed by an intensely interesting foot ball game between the Northwest School team and Fosston High School. Between halves, delegations from the various literary societies paraded the field and gave clever original stunts. The game resulted in a decisive victory for the home team by a score of 25 to 6.

An elaborate carnival, an excellent program of picture films, and a ball in the gymnasium provided a full evening of festivities for all. In contrast with the solemn atmosphere of the morning program, the day ended with a pandemonium of care-free mirth and gaiety, from the "Kangaroo Court" and the "Musical Extravaganza" by Mr. Constans' girls' (?) chorus, to the last strains of "Home, Sweet Home" by the orchestra. Alumni and students past and present thronged the halls of the Kiehle building, exclaiming at the clever performances of the amateur actors, and voicing a universal sentiment that the 1921 homecoming had been a grand success.