

ALUMNI

THE Alumni association of the Northwest School is glad to welcome to its ranks members of the class of 1926. The Association feels that the class will add to the ever growing list of young men and women leaders who will go out and exert their influence for the development and progress of agriculture.

Speaking from the standpoint of an alumnus of the earlier period in the history of the Northwest School, I wish to say to members of the class of 1926 that they have had privileges that were unknown to earlier students. In the first place they have a better equipped institution in which to receive their training. The new dining hall is known only to the last few classes while the latest school bus, the last word in appearance and efficiency was only put on last fall. The attractive new library has only been in existence for the last few years. And last summer the new paved campus was completed.

Old "grads" will have no difficulty in remembering the time when attendance at graduation exercises was accompanied by much Red River Valley gumbo, miry roads, and difficult travel between the school and Crookston. Repeated coats of gravel seemed to have had little effect on the road. Then came the new paved road, an innovation in Northwestern Minnesota, and finally the campus was paved. Thus members of the class of 1926 have had the last word in equipment.

But while equipment has changed, the spirit of the school has remained the same. You have found that the school at all times has shown a keen interest in your progress. Those of us, who have had experience with other schools, have discovered that the Northwest School is unique in that it strives to keep students in school and almost tutors its students along.

Many other institutions of learning are using a "hard boiled" policy of turning students out by the score. They leave it entirely up to the student, whether or not he or she will make enough progress in studies to remain. As a result many institutions have regular epidemics of "sore-eyes." To my knowledge no student has left the Northwest School unless all other methods had failed.

The Northwest School has a faculty of "hand picked" instructors that rates second to none. Under the masterful direction of Supt. C. G. Selvig this group is turning out trained young men and women, who have the right attitude towards the farm and agriculture in general.

Agriculture today is more in need of leadership than ever before. Probably the most pressing problem before the nation today is that of the orderly mar-

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