

Home Projects

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THROUGHOUT the history of the Northwest School, home project work has been a fundamental unit in the school curriculum. Beginning with short practicums in the use of milk testers, corn germinators, fruit tree grafting, dress-making, and cooking, the plan of carrying on supervised projects on the farms and in the homes of the students was extended to larger projects. Corn growing, production of seed potatoes, pure seed grain, sheep and swine raising, tractor operation, canning and preserving fruits and vegetables, dress-designing and home furnishing are typical projects. These projects are planned during the school year and carried on by the students during the summer months at home, the instructor visiting each project as often as possible to check results and offer suggestions.

More recently home project work has been organized to include the entire scope of the farm and home and even the home community. Such projects as farm accounting, dairy herd management, and community leadership have been carried out with splendid results by a number of students during the past two seasons.

Beginning in 1921, a Home Project Exhibit has been held each year at the school. For the past two years the Parents' Visiting Day program has been scheduled on the same date. Each home project student prepares an exhibit of products grown or work completed in the project, including records of cost of production and financial results. These are exhibited and judged on Home Project Day.

Two silver trophies are awarded for the best home project each year. A cup is awarded to one girl for the highest achievement based upon home work, written record, and exhibit. On a like basis a silver cup is awarded to a boy for the best season's work.

These cups were won in 1925 by Anna Hruska '27, Lockhart, and Lawrence Letnes, '26, Thief River Falls.

