

Botany Club

The day of February 17 dawned as usual at the Northwest School except for a mild snowstorm that grew in fury as the day progressed. On such a day as this, young botanists, with thoughts reminiscent of summer days, congregated in Hill Building for the purpose of organizing a club for plant enthusiasts, where young botanical neophytes might guide the plant industry. This day marks the beginning of the first Botany Club at the Northwest School.

The Botany Club was organized for the purpose of studying all phases of their thoughts along educational lines in botany and its related subjects, according to a cooperative plan approved by all members of the organization and with the approval and cooperation of the faculty. Its membership is composed only of such individuals as are especially interested in plant sciences, who are willing to cooperate with the other members in connection with the work of the organization to further their interests in the plant industry.

The members will have the opportunity to work out research problems of their own according to a definite plan approved by the organization and in this way will be able to follow their own interests in the field of botany.

Membership in the organization has a special honorary significance which gives its members the incentive to do the best they can in their chosen work. No student of doubtful standing is admitted to membership.

At the first meeting the following officers were elected:

PRESIDENT - - CHRISTIAN HOLTE
VICE PRESIDENT - PAUL THORSON
SECRETARY - CLARENCE SKAREN
TREASURER - - ARWIN LIPPERT

Crop Judging

The annual sub-collegiate crop judging contest, instituted in 1926, is a regular feature of the Red River Valley Winter Shows and Northwest School Farmers' Week. Six schools in three states entered teams this



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year. These were the University of Minnesota schools of agriculture at University Farm, Grand Rapids, Morris and Crookston; the South Dakota School of Agriculture at Brookings, and the Walsh County school at Park River, North Dakota. This year's contest was won by the West Central school team from Morris.

The Northwest School team is selected from the advanced crop judging class during the fall term. One hundred forty-four samples of crop and weed seeds, diseases and weed plants are identified and classes of wheat, oats, barley, flax and sweet clover seed are judged. This year's team consisted of Richard Holmgren and Arthur Sanden, with Harvey Nelson and Raymond Grabowenski serving as alternates.