

Cross Country



Chilson, M. Hanson, Coulter, Rowley, Haugen, E. Carlson.

The cross country team was first organized in the fall of 1933. Although only one meet was held and our team lost by one point a great deal of interest was exhibited.

In '34 a squad of nine reported for training. Two meets were scheduled this time, one with Bemidji Teachers' College and one with the St. Paul Central Aggies. The entire squad made the trip to Bemidji and, although only four members placed, the entire squad ran. The Bemidji Teachers' College team was decisively defeated. Arvid Anderson, Harry Coulter, Clifford Homstad, Grant Bothum and Martin Chilson, all finished ahead of the first Bemidji man. The team of six travelled to St. Paul to run against the Central Aggies for the first cross country meet between the two schools. Our team ran a hard race, placing Arvid Anderson fourth, Harry Coulter sixth, and Grant Bothum and Clifford Homstad seventh and eighth.

Last fall a squad of seven was organized and

began training the second week of school. The candidates were: Harry Coulter, Martin Chilson, Alvah Rowley, Martin Hanson, Donald Johnson, Clarence Haugen, and Erling Carlson. After some weeks of hard training a meet was scheduled with the Central Aggies. The meet took place on Homecoming Saturday, October 26, between halves of the football game. The team ran a course of two miles. The St. Paul team won with a score of 24-31, placing their men, Wendt first, Dose third, Moller fifth, Bremer seventh, and Skogsberg eighth. For us, Johnson placed second, Coulter fourth, Chilson sixth, Rowley ninth, and Hanson tenth. The race was run in 10 minutes and 57 seconds. The boys who competed in this race were presented with the cross country monogram, chosen last year as the award for this activity. The squad deserves much praise for their conscientious training and true spirit of sportsmanship. It is hoped that the activity will increase in scope and that we may expect meets with the other schools in our conference.