

# Crop Judging



M. Pearson, Higgin, Rynning, Maruska, Mr. Clark, M. Hanson, Gandrud.

The sub-collegiate crops judging contest was organized in 1926, under the leadership of R. S. Dunham, superintendent of the Farm Crops division of the Red River Valley Winter Shows. The Northwest School teams have won five of the eleven annual contests, including the 1936 meet. Ten of the Northwest School teams have been coached by E. R. Clark. The winning team of 1932 (February) was coached by R. S. Dunham. Ten of the West Central school teams, including four cup winning teams, have been coached by R. O. Bridgeford of the Morris school. O. W. Swenson, Grand Rapids, has coached eight teams for the North Central School, of which three have been winners. One of these won the World's Sub-collegiate Championship at the World Grain Exposition in 1933, at Regina, Saskatchewan.

The first contest, in 1926, included teams from

the Manitoba Agricultural School, Winnipeg; the Walsh County Agricultural School, Park River, North Dakota; the West Central School, Morris, Minnesota; and the Northwest School, Crookston, Minnesota. In subsequent contests teams were entered from the South Dakota School of Agriculture, Brookings; the North Central School, Grand Rapids, Minnesota; and the Central School, University Farm, St. Paul. The work consists of judging classes of wheat, oats, barley, flax, sweet clover and alfalfa seed and the identification of 150 specimens of grain and forage varieties, potatoes, plant diseases and farm weeds.

Dr. H. K. Wilson and Professor R. F. Crim, University Farm, St. Paul, have been in charge of the contest in recent years. The winning team of 1936 consisted of Morris Maruska, Angus; Axel Rynning, Kennedy, and Melvin Pearson, Hallock.