

Crop Judging



Mr. Clark

The ability to judge farm crops is very useful to anyone who intends to be a farmer. For twelve years the annual Crops Judging contest has been a part of the Winter Shows. Six schools participated in this contest with the North Central School of Grand Rapids winning first place, our school won second place, while the West Central School of Morris got third place, with St. Paul fourth and the Agriculture School of Park River, North Dakota in fifth place. The School of Agriculture at Brookings, South Dakota finished in last place.

Members of the Crops Judging team are Ray Higgin, Morris Hanson and Wilson Radway. In the entire contest Morris Hanson won third place with nineteen hundred and twenty points, while Ray Higgin got seventh place with eighteen hundred eighty seven points. Wilson Radway finished in tenth place with eighteen hundred eleven points. Each team is required to identify one hundred and fifty specimens of grain and forage

varieties, potatoes, plant diseases and farm weeds. They are also required to judge six different classes of wheat, oats, barley, flax, sweet clover and alfalfa seeds.

The Crops Judging squad is selected on a competitive basis from the students enrolled in the advanced crop judging class during the fall term by Coach E. R. Clark. The team has about six to eight weeks practice before the contest takes place. Other members of the squad, who gave the team competition are Roy Carlson, Glenn Mellesmoen and Daniel Wavra. If our team had won the cup this year it would have been theirs permanently, as any team winning the cup three years straight are allowed to keep it. We had won it the two years preceding this one.

Our team has won the silver trophy five times out of the twelve contests which have been held. Mr. E. R. Clark was coach of four of the winning teams while Mr. R. S. Dunham has coached one, in 1932. The West Central School has been winners of the cup three times while the North Central School has won first four times out of the twelve contests.

The Squad



Left to Right: Wavra, Mellesmoen, Higgin, Carlson, Hanson, Radway.