



Left to right: Kent Hanson, Mr. Dunham, Howard Anderson, J. Kruta, Vernon Hoppe.

CROPS JUDGING

The eighteenth annual sub-collegiate crops judging contest was held at the Northwest School Gymnasium February 1, 1943. This contest is held every year and the teams participating are from the State Agricultural Schools at Crookston, Morris, St. Paul and Grand Rapids as well as teams from Brookings, South Dakota and Park River, North Dakota. There are three men on each team and only one year's participation is allowed. Mr. R. S. Dunham is the coach of the Northwest School team which this year was made up of Howard Anderson, Jaroslav Kruta and Vernon Hoppe with Kent Hanson as alternate.

The winning team this year was St. Paul, with Crookston and Morris a close second and third. In the individual ratings Henry Blohm of St. Paul was first and Howard Anderson of Crookston second.

The contest consists of the identification of six groups of weeds, small grains, diseases, grasses, legumes, and potatoes with fifteen samples in each group. There are also six classes of judging in which each sample is graded according to its merit.

The members of the team practice and drill for three months to get ready for the one contest which is held during Winter Shows Week. There may not be the thrill or excitement of a sport in this activity but each team member acquires a store of knowledge which will be beneficial to him for the rest of his life, and particularly so if he is going to be a farmer.