

Homecoming



The outstanding event of the autumn semester took place on Saturday, October 28, 1944. The festival began Friday night with the traditional torchlight parade, pepsters leading and faculty, alumni, and student body following. The bonfire, increasing in size and impressiveness each year, was built by freshmen boys and lighted by the torches tossed in glowing arches. Featured on the bonfire pep meeting were comments by the coach and co-captains and pep talks by members of the faculty and various alumni.

Saturday morning of the great day was devoted to the Homecoming assembly program. The audience waited expectantly until the Morris and Crookston teams filed into the auditorium to a patriotic march played by Miss Ruth Emerson. Mr. McCall welcomed the alumni and visiting team and the two coaches, as well as the captains of the two teams, spoke briefly. A skit entitled "Introducing Ossie" cleverly reviewed the history of the trophy and represented the game that was to decide Ossie's fate for another year as a hog-calling contest. The afternoon's football game was a great success with the Crookston Aggies defeating Morris by a score of 33 to 13. Ossie was secured for another year.

The Homecoming banquet was held in the dining hall where Mr. McCall acted as toastmaster and host. He called on the coaches, team members, and alumni for short speeches.

Homecoming festivities were climaxed with the crowning of Florence Urbaniak as queen by Kenneth Price and Grant Peterson, co-captains. Geraldine Nelson was maid-of-honor and the other attendants were Clara Stromstad, Colleen Skeie, Edith Quantock and Margaret Johnson. A dance and party followed the crowning. A mellow, golden afternoon and a balmy, starlit night helped to make one of the most successful of Homecomings.