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## WEST CENTRAL REMINISCENCES

This is not intended to be a history of the West Central School of Agriculture. West Central is far too new an institution to furnish the historian a desirable subject. Rather let these paragraphs be a few personal reminiscences of a growing child—a child in the field of education that has been unusually healthy during its infant years and one whose future is bright with promise.



THE OLD FARM HOUSE

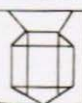
Official Records tell us that the West Central School was created by the Legislature of Minnesota in 1909. What was then known as the Federal Indian School of Morris was at that time accepted by the State as a gift from the Federal Government with the provision that it should be used for an Agricultural School. In accepting the bequest and creating the School the Legislature wisely placed the administration of the new Institution in the hands of the Board of Regents of the University of Minnesota. The creation of the West Central School was the third in the family of Agricultural Schools to be established. Those at St. Paul and Crookston were already in existence. The Hon. L. C. Spooner, of Morris, took the leading part in arranging for the transfer of the old Indian School property to the State. Mr. Spooner also fostered the legislation creating the School and interested himself in getting proper financial support for the new Institution. Several other local citizens of Morris also took an active interest and part in the establishment of the new school.

It may be of interest to say for the benefit of the students of later years that the campus



THE INDIAN MISSION BUILDING





DORMITORY AND DINING HALL

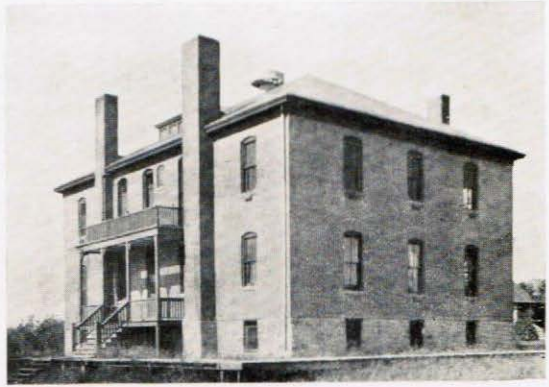
building was the old frame dining hall building located on the south side of the main quadrangle. In this L shaped old and rambling three-story building much of the early history of the School was made. All of the farm help, school help, and boy students lived in this building as well as some of the faculty. The main floor was used for dining hall purposes. Two other buildings also were located on the main campus square. One of these was used as the first girls' dormitory and later as the School Hospital. The other, located on the southeast corner of the campus was used successively as laundry, stock judging room, and chemistry laboratory. What are now the Music Building, Home Economics Building, and a part of the present Administration Building, were also among the original buildings. Since that time the State has invested considerably more than these buildings originally cost in rebuilding them for the purposes they are now used. The other original buildings consisted of a miscellaneous collection of old wooden barns and shacks scattered about the grounds. All of these old buildings have long since been torn down to make way for the modern buildings that now comprise the physical equipment of the School.

The first session was held in the Fall of 1910 with Mr. E. C. Higbie as Superintendent. The enrollment for the first year was 104. Among the early faculty members who will be remembered by students of those days are Miss Irma Hathorn, who was the first Preceptress of girls and is now Dean of Women at River Falls Normal School in Wisconsin; Susan Wilder, who was the first Home Economics teacher and is now in charge of Home Economics Extension Work in South Dakota; S. I. Snortum, who was the first Registrar and Accountant, and now Dis-



SUPERINTENDENT'S COTTAGE

trict Manager of the Equitable Life Insurance Company at Bemidji, Minnesota. His wife, Elizabeth Mott Snortum, was also one of the early faculty members. Dr. Higbie, the first superintendent, is now President of Eastern State Teachers College at Madison, S. D. R. H. Giberson, now Assistant State Club leader, located at the West Central School, will also be remembered as one of the faculty pioneers. O. O. Bye, our first Instructor in Carpentry and Superintendent of Buildings, now retired and living in Minneapolis, will always be honored by the hundreds of boys who were his students. This brief sketch does not permit any further mention of those faculty members who gave so generously and loyally to the welfare and upbuilding of the School.



HOME ECONOMICS BUILDING

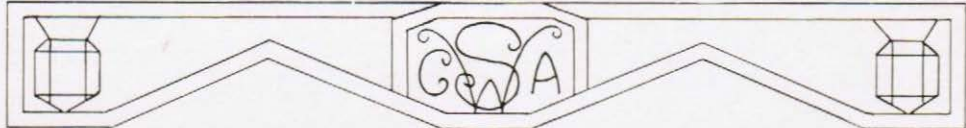
The student groups of early years were interested in the same work and play in which present-day students are interested. Anyone who cares to look up the early records of the athletic teams and debating teams will see that they set a pace that present-day interscholastic teams will be kept busy in maintaining. Perhaps the high-light of early day football was when the West Central Team of 1918 defeated the Graceville High School by a 91 to 0 score. The first Moccasin was published in 1914 and without missing a single volume each class has published their volume of this book. In the Superintendent's Office is a complete file of these books and they present an interesting cross-section of student life.

As the student body increased in size, so the campus began to enlarge and take definite form. The Girls' Dormitory was erected in 1912; Spooner Hall in 1913; Engineering Building in 1915; Dining Hall in 1918; Senior Hall in 1920; Agricultural Hall in 1921; Hospital in 1924; and Junior Hall in 1926. During that same time the entire farm plant has been



THE CAMPUS IN EARLY DAYS





DRESSMAKING IN YEARS GONE BY

Successive administrations in the University of Minnesota have always given the West Central School all helpful assistance and cooperation in developing the School program of work and in seeing that the physical needs of the growing School were adequately supplied.

The West Central School of Agriculture is now permanently established in the system of educational institutions under State control. It has the responsibility of teaching an ever increasing number of the young men and women who will make the future farmers and home makers of western Minnesota. It is an inspiring task worthy of our best effort. For it is not too much to hope that through education we will unlock the problems that now confront agriculture, and that the West Central School and the ever increasing number of its students and alumni may as time goes on make a real contribution to this worthy cause.

P. E. MILLER.



AN EARLY DAY CLASS IN FOODS



## JUNIORS

### CLASS OFFICERS

Evald Stark.....	<i>President</i>
Almyra Eide.....	<i>Vice President</i>
Axzine Frey.....	<i>Secretary</i>
Leonard Murphy.....	<i>Treasurer</i>
Miss Curtiss.....	<i>Adviser</i>







### CLASS ROLL

Anderson, Viola.....	Clarkfield	Lysen, Evelyn.....	Benson
Baldry, Lorraine.....	Chokio	Miles, Clara.....	Barrett
Bakke, Frances.....	Granite Falls	Morrill, Shirley.....	Clinton
Bergien, Ruth.....	Carlos	Mullen, Marvin.....	Campbell
Blank, Anna.....	Carlos	Mumm, Kenneth.....	Ivanhoe
Blank, Lydia.....	Carlos	Murphy, Leonard.....	Chokio
Bosch, Gladys E.....	Montevideo	Myrhe, Harold G.....	Clarkfield
Buechers, Mary.....	Freeport	Nelson, Irwin.....	Cyrus
Bahr, Leslie.....	Morris	Odegaard, Otis.....	Sacred Heart
Bourne, Bertram.....	Montevideo	Olmeim, Nels.....	Starbuck
Brown, Howard.....	White Rock, S. D.	Peterson, John.....	Willmar
Burchill, Deloss.....	Evansville	Pochardt, Lawrence.....	Lynd
Cline, Elsie.....	Bertha	Private, Bernard.....	Graceville
Diehl, Russell.....	Donnelly	Reisrud, Emma.....	Starbuck
Dunn, Ralph.....	Porter	Reisrud, Nora.....	Starbuck
Eide, Almyra.....	Erdahl	Ronholdt, Alvin.....	Murdock
Ellison, Ernest.....	Elbow Lake	Stark, Adele.....	Kensington
Frey, Axzine.....	Beardsley	Stark, Dagny.....	Kensington
Fredrickson, Mauritz.....	Starbuck	Sandberg, Milio.....	Erdahl
Getchell, John.....	Donnelly	Sheggeby, Prescott.....	Echo
Gray, Harold.....	Chokio	Sheilds, Wilbur L.....	Montevideo
Grill, Meinhard.....	Wolverton	Skonard, Julian.....	Montevideo
Hawkinson, Arthur.....	Cyrus	Stark, Evald.....	Kensington
Jertson, Mildred.....	Hazel Run	Streit, Leroy.....	Marietta
Jergenson, Lawrence.....	Donnelly	Tollefson, Hazel.....	Hendricks
Kehr, Mary.....	Elbow Lake	Thronson, Maurice.....	Evansville
Kjera, Alvina.....	Cyrus	Vetter, Lloyd V.....	Montevideo
Keifer, Clayton.....	Montevideo	Wickstrom, Carrie.....	Alberta
Knorr, Floyd.....	Madison	Wille, Frances.....	Morris
Lawler, Marjorie.....	Morris	Wilson, Jeanette.....	Donnelly
Lee, Lillian.....	Marietta	Westereng, Leighton.....	Morris
Lohse, Thelma.....	Erdahl	Zahl, Ellsworth.....	Morris





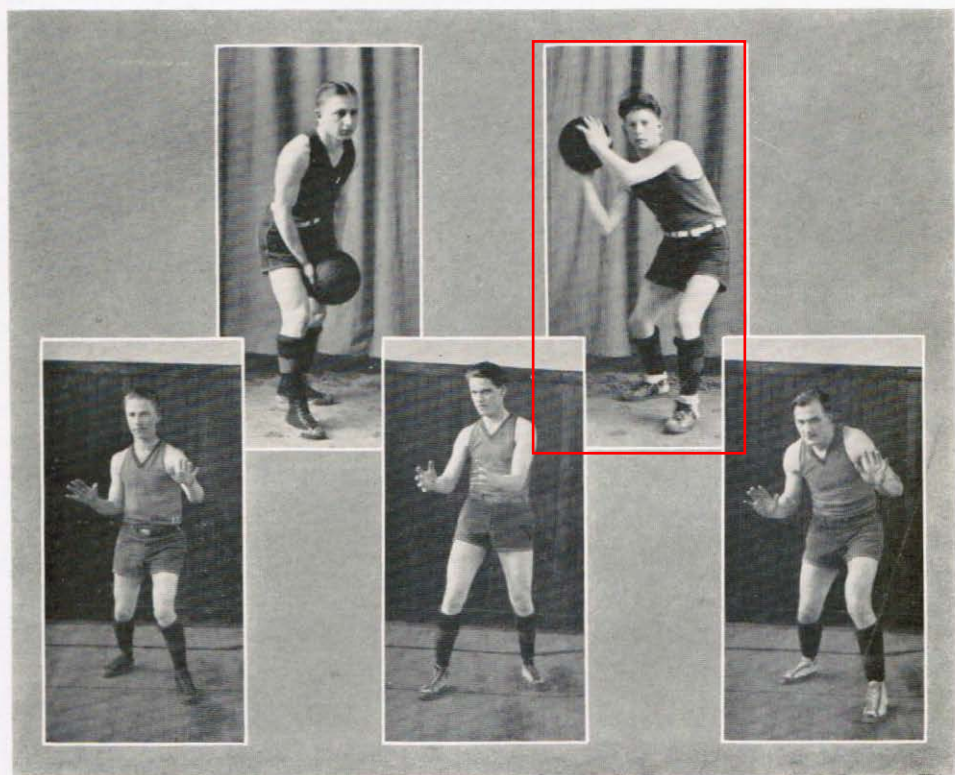
BASKETBALL SQUAD 1928



Captain WALTER OSCARSON

What "Scar" lacks in natural ability he makes up for in fight. Though his first year on the squad, through his aggressiveness he was honored by being elected captain.





R. BREKKEN

R. LEHMAN

K. JOHNSON

W. SHIELDS

I. APMANN

### RAYMOND LEHMAN "Ray" Forward

Ray is another recruit from the ranks of the Senior class team. A valuable asset to the team.

### WILBUR SCHIELDS "Shorty" Forward

For a little man he is a good player. Though his first attempt at basketball he could be counted upon to give a good account of himself whenever called upon.

### RUDOLPH BREKKEN "Rudy" Guard

Rudy is a plugger and plays a good heady game.

### KNUTE JOHNSON "Knutie" Center

Knutie is not a natural basketball player, nevertheless he has the right spirit and always gives all he has to the game when called upon.

### IRWIN APMANN "Apmann" Guard

Apmann was on the squad a while last year, but played only one quarter. He plays a good guarding game and knows how to use his size and weight to advantage.