Pictured at the research range dedicated to Professor Emeritus Richard Behrens are University of Minnesota President Nils Hasselmo, Professor Behrens, and Superintendent Larry Smith. Dr. Behrens was selected because of his many accomplishments made to agriculture. The dedication was made in conjunction with Crops and Soils Day.

**1988 Station Staff Changes**

June—Nathan Derby was hired as junior scientist with the wind erosion project. Derby comes from Norcross, Minnesota, and in May 1988 received his B.S. in soil science from NDSU.

November—Cheryl Engelkes was the first graduate student at Northwest Experiment Station. She worked with Dr. Carol Windels.

**Grasshoppers Hit NW Minnesota**

In 1989, Carlyle Holen, Minnesota Extension Service, reported that a major grasshopper epidemic was occurring in portions of northwestern Minnesota. Grasshopper populations in a CRP field north of Crookston were estimated at 300 to 400 per square yard on June 15, 1989, and egg hatch was still occurring. Fortunately, the average grasshopper population is much less, but 15 to 30 grasshopper nymphs/square yard is not an uncommon infestation in fields and borders where problems are occurring.

**Range Dedication**

On July 18, 1989, Dr. Richard Behrens was honored at a range dedication. A research range on the agronomy farm of the Northwest Experiment Station was named in honor of Professor Emeritus Richard Behrens, researcher, teacher and advisor in the Department of Agronomy and Plant Genetics, University of Minnesota. The dedication of this range was one of many testimonies to the outstanding contributions he has made to agriculture in northwest Minnesota as well as the State and Nation.

During his tenure at the University, his research in weed science was devoted to studies on the uptake, translocation, selectivity and mode of action of herbicides. Coupled with this research was the development of research techniques and equipment that permitted detection, quantitation, and control factors more effectively than had been possible previously.

The research range dedication is designed to honor people who have made genuine and long lasting contributions to agriculture and northwestern Minnesota in particular.