

Lincoln Society



Top Row—C. Johnson, Solem, Adamski, E. Gandrud, Davids, E. Miller, Howard, Hoffdahl.
Middle Row—Henderson, Eidsmoe, Loven, Ofstedal, B. Johnson, Eilertson, Fladeland, Magneson, Hogenson.
Bottom Row—J. Brown, Boyer, Lerud, H. Hanson, Mr. Larson, R. Brown, Sheldrew, Groven, Parenteau.

Literary Societies

In this day and age one of the greatest fields of endeavor that has been developed is that of public speaking. There are several ways to acquire proficiency in this line of work, and one of them is through work in forensics; for the foundation of every talk or speech is to convince others or to present your views.

One of the many ways in which we, at the Northwest School, train ourselves in public speaking is through literary societies. There are five societies, of which three are boys'. These three are the Pioneer, the Lincoln, and the Agrarian. The societies are strictly student organizations, the result being that every student feels that he is doing the work of his own accord, and therefore takes more interest.

The societies meet bi-weekly. These meetings consist of public speaking and debating. An inter-society debate is held, as well as a declamatory contest, sometime during the school year. The debate this year was won by the Pioneers. A cup is awarded to the society that wins it three successive years. The Pioneers won such a cup in 1922, and since that time none has been offered. Last year for the first time a declamatory contest was held between the societies. This aroused a great deal of interest for expressive speaking. The contest was held during commencement weeks, Wallace Miller winning first place for the Pioneers, Robert Davids second for the Lincolns, and the Agrarians won third place. There is no doubt but that the societies are of as much value to the students as other activities.