

The Lincoln Literary Society



TOP ROW: Hoppe, Lundin, Hoidahl, Gronner, Chelstrom, Hagen, Carroll, Lundsetter, Engevik, H. Simonson, Ardell.
 FOURTH ROW: Ferris, Mortenson, Grendahl, G. Anderson, Hoff, Harstad, Hovelson, Karlson, Omdahl, Steenerson, Smeby.
 THIRD ROW: Coulter, C. Brandli, Melin, D. Hanson, Ingebretson, A. Hetland, Scott, Mr. Connery, Gustafson, Refling, S. Nelson, Bystrom, Lindstrom.
 SECOND ROW: H. Hanson, Abbott, Stav, Moen, R. Peterson, Omundson, Mr. Mlinar, A. Strand, Berray, Holmgren, K. Karlson, Mandt.
 FRONT ROW: Kvalnes, Williamson, Martinson, E. Brandli, Sanden, Phillip, Wermager, Ellinger, Erickson, Letnes, Bursheim.

Literary Societies

Among the many activities at the Northwest School are the five Literary Societies, three for boys and two for girls. Those for the boys are the Agrarian, Lincoln, and Pioneer, and those for the girls are the Athenian and Sanford Societies.

The purpose of these organizations is to train the students in parliamentary practice at meetings according to rules of order, thus teaching the students the principles of Parliamentary Law.

Each year before school closes, two members are selected from each society for the annual Inter-Literary Society Declamatory contest which is held during commencement week. At these contests, judges pick out the winning boy and girl, and prizes are awarded. Also the winner from each society gets a prize as a reward for his work.

At the close of each fall term the Maria Sanford society annually presents a Christmas Pageant.

Beside all of these achievements during the year these societies also give an opportunity for the students to plan and conduct programs which consist of readings, debates, orations, music, humorous selections, and dramatics. Sometimes a stunt night is set and all societies put on a stunt.

These societies are a great benefit to the student in his later years when he is in social and business functions and these literary societies are highly prized and attendance urged by all the faculty of the institution. They are also classed among the best of the activities at the Northwest School.