

# Song Contest

Among the many inter-class events held at the Northwest School each year, the annual song contest has proved to be the most impressive and most interesting. An opportunity to participate in an inter-class activity is provided to all students and this, coupled with the fact that the contest centers around the Christmas holiday theme, adds much interest to the occasion.

Hundreds of young men and women in Northwestern Minnesota have experienced the thrill of a song contest at the Northwest School. The event is of long standing, dating back to 1917. Alumni and former students who have participated are constantly recalling their experiences in this event.

In the 1935 contest, which was the eighteenth annual event, the Seniors, led by Ruth Lerud of Twin Valley, finished first and were awarded the C. G. Selvig trophy. The Advanced, led by Harold Sanden, Beaulieu, captured second place. Third place was taken by the Juniors, directed by Lynn Lokken, Shelly, while the Freshmen, under the direction of Lloyal Harris, Wadena, finished in fourth place. During the rehearsals each class was accompanied by one of its own members, but on the night

of the contest Miss Marian Nelson, instructor in piano, accompanied each group. Class accompanists were: Seniors, Belva Holm, Climax; Advanced, Olive Steen, Halstad; Juniors, Delene Hegreberg, Ada; Freshmen, Edna Hoppe, Crookston. In accordance to rules and regulations governing the contest, all classes sang the same numbers which were: "Joy to the World, the Lord Is Come"; "Drink to Me Only With Thine Eyes" and "Minnesota Rouser."

Members of the music faculty supervised the contest and assisted all classes in the daily rehearsals. Of the eighteen contests held since 1917, the Senior classes have been victorious nine times, followed by the Advanced who have gained first place seven times. The Juniors have been the trophy winners twice, while the highest rank ever attained by a Freshman class was second place in 1926 when members of the class of 1929 were in their first year at the school.

The song contest, held each year prior to the Christmas vacation period, has been an appropriate closing feature of the fall term and continues to be a much-remembered event by the many alumni and students of the Northwest School.

## Directors and Accompanists



Directors—Lloyal Harris, Freshmen; Harold Sanden, Advanced; Ruth Lerud, Seniors; Lynn Lokken, Juniors.

Accompanists—Edna Hoppe, Freshmen; Olive Steen, Advanced; Belva Holm, Seniors; Delene Hegreberg, Juniors.