

Debate



Top Row—Moen, Tandberg, Sanden, Bergeson, Mr. Ritzman.
First Row—E. Lindberg, Lerud, M. Nabben, Durham, Bolstad.

Coleridge once wrote that, among educated men, the superior man was always found to be the one with a "methodical mind." All education, no matter with what it is concerned in the classroom, is intended to produce the mind that works according to some planned procedure. This is as it should be, for "straight thinking" (along with the proper ideals) is the one and only bulwark we have against national decay; indeed, in this year 1936 of threatening world war, of great changes in economic life, of problems which baffle the best of our "minds," it is absolutely vital to our future that we learn to separate fact from fancy, truth from falsehood. Debate, at the Northwest School, finds its reason for being in the training it offers toward developing the "methodical mind" which can cut to the core of a problem, discover where Truth is, and then bring its findings to the world from the speaking platform.

Debate as an interschool activity began in 1913 when the Aggie team engaged the Morris Aggies. This team was coached by Mr. McCall, and the

members were Darragh Geddes, Orville Harrington and Iver Westad. Annual debates with Morris were continued and in more recent years the Central Aggies have been included, making the annual event a three-way affair. Each school has both a negative and an affirmative team, one of which debates at home and the other away. The 1935 squad won the tri-school championship securing one judge's vote more than their opponent, on the question of Federal Aid for Education. This year's team met the other Schools of Agriculture on March 7, debating the question, "Resolved: That the Several States Should Enact Legislation Providing for a System of Complete Medical Care at Public Expense." Our affirmative team, composed of Duane Moen, Marvin Nabben, Ellsworth Bolstad, met Morris at home while Earl Lindberg, James Burns, Burnett Bergeson and Chester Tandberg, alternate, were the negative team that went to St. Paul. Both teams lost close 2-1 decisions.

—CARL H. RITZMAN