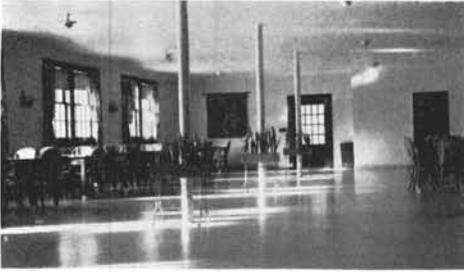


The Aggie Inn



In years to come our reminiscences will take us to the Aggie Inn, where we held many a rendezvous with our friends and satisfied hungry appetites; a room in which class and school parties were held; a tavern where Miss Thompson reigned; an inn where faculty and students could secure a belated breakfast.

In 1926, the faculty decided that students would stay closer to home if it were possible to purchase such things as hamburgers and candy bars on the campus, so the first cafeteria was established on the ground floor of the Dining Hall, with Miss Thompson in charge. It was open only an hour and a half in the afternoons. It continued this way until 1932, at which time it was closed because of the financial depression which swept the entire nation. 1934 saw students going around with lean and hungry faces; so the cafeteria was again opened with Bessie Swenson behind the counter.

Miss Thompson took over the management in

the fall of 1935. A new ice cream freezer and refrigerator were purchased at this time, making it possible for the school to supply its own demand. The summer of 1936 saw a marked change and a vast improvement in our cafeteria. A new terrazzo floor replaced the old cement floor and a built-in counter with a roll down partition gave us more floor space for parties and added much to its dignity. Other equipment and improvements included an attractive group of chairs and tables, two refrigerators, an ice cream freezer, two cabinets, an electric stove, a large sink and several other smaller conveniences. In order to exclude unnecessary noises, the ceiling was covered with a sound-proof material.

The hours of business are from seven to seven and after Saturday evening programs. Students from town find it a very convenient place in which to eat their noon lunches. Since Christmas, draperies and chair coverings and boxes of flowers hung from the walls have added still more to the beauty of the room. "The cafeteria" didn't seem quite complete after all the improvements, so a contest was sponsored offering a prize for the winning name submitted. After all was said and done it was found that students voted "Aggie Inn" as the best name submitted. Prize winners were Dorothy Setterholm, Clarence Norum, Marvin Hilmo and Ila Lokken.

Mr. Foker made two unique signs which are hanging near the two entrances, guiding our footsteps to an unappointed tete-a-tete with our friends.

