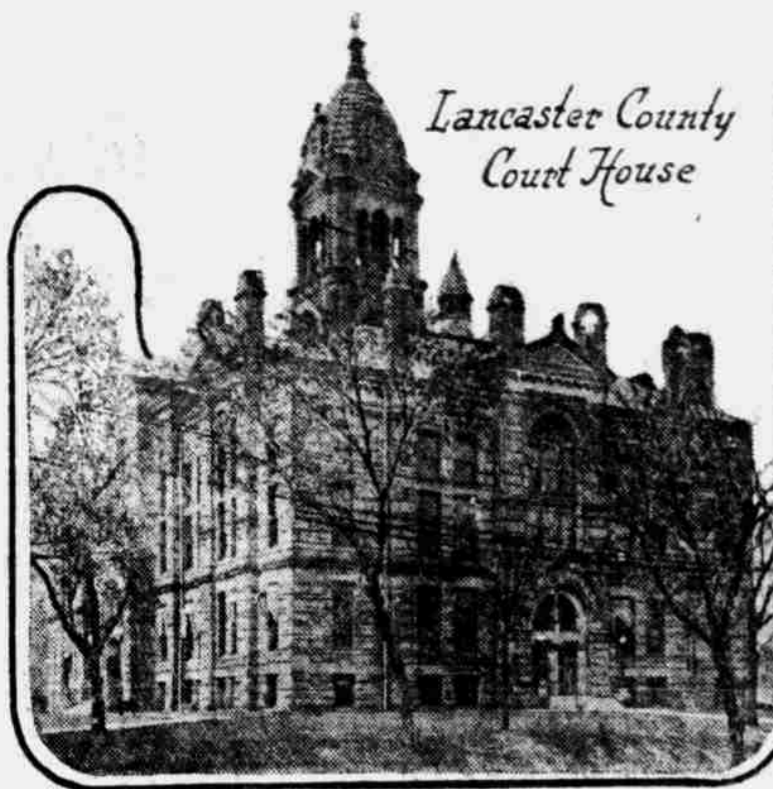


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## Lincoln as a Center of Education

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than the organization of the student government bodies. Early in the year a provisional student council consisting of fourteen boys and girls was selected by the faculty committee on student affairs. This council spent a good deal of time in serious study of the work of similar bodies in other schools. But while the members were busy formulating plans, they were active in the best student enterprises, such as the sale of foot ball season tickets, encouraging the carnival, protecting the newly planted terraces around the building. Finally after several months of study a constitution was framed establishing a permanent student council and home room representative body. Both of these organizations under the terms of the constitution were elected by the whole student body. These elections took place during the last weeks of school, but even so, the council made itself felt by taking charge of a splendid patriotic assembly on the morning of registration day, and stirring the student body to march in the great parade of the same day. The student council bids fair to be a democratic body which will make all the students feel that they are themselves responsible for the well being of the school. While they are helping to guide affairs in high school, they are really preparing to take their places in the democracy outside of school.

Two interesting student enterprises in Lincoln High school are the weekly paper, The Advocate, and the annual, The Links. The Advocate has been in existence for a great many years, but this year it has been changed in form from a magazine to a newspaper. It now appears as a five-column news sheet, which really contains news. Next year the English department will offer a course in news writing to train boys and girls for their duties in connection with the paper.

The Links was a new venture. It is a book of 168 pages, handsomely bound in brown with a gold medallion on the cover. It is devoted to the interests of the school, the arts, literature, music, organizations, athletics, jokes, cartoons, which are typical of Lincoln High school. The annual was so successful from the standpoint of finance, as well as student interest, that it will probably be undertaken again next year. No survey of the Lincoln schools would be complete without a word about one of the outstanding features of the system which has been increasing in effectiveness for four years—the socialized recitation. The aim of the socialized recitation is to make the pupil feel that the school room is a little world in which he as a social unit has certain duties, privileges, responsibilities. The student, not the teacher, is the one for whose benefit the lesson is studied. He and his fellow citizens must do their share in making the lessons a success. Very young children in the Lincoln schools understand this and themselves conduct classes in a manner which shows that initiative, unselfishness and courtesy are being fostered along with the knowledge of books. In the high school the same practice obtains. In some instances students conduct classes with entire success in the absence of the teacher; in all, students are expected to recite at length and work out the message of the lesson with the aid of their fellow students and without constant questioning from the teacher. The good to the pupil derived

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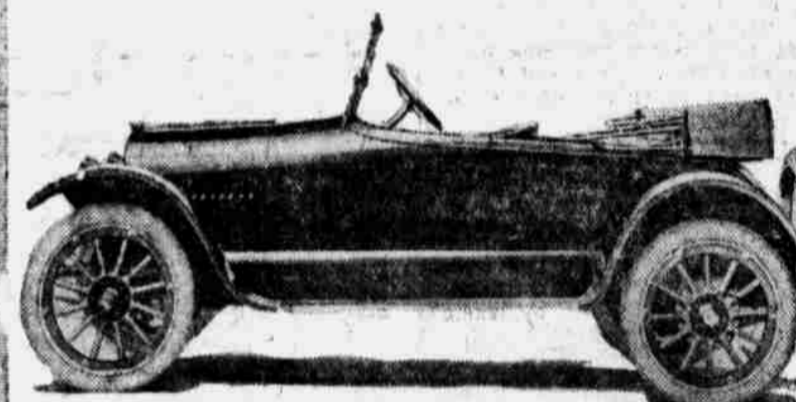
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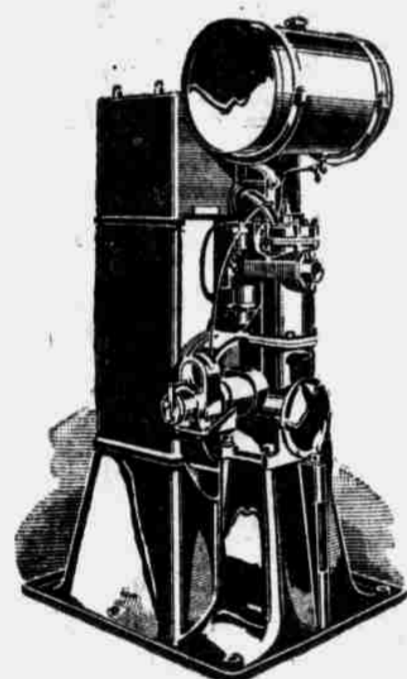
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