Treasurer — Jennie Lindem, Marshal — Albert Osmundson. The first Members to sign the Constitution were: Mathilda Thompson, Tilda Osmundson, Severina Thompson, Alice Lealos, Albert Osmundson, Sever Thompson, Dan Aakhus, S. Momb, George Olson, Ole Jorgenson, Ingeborg Finstad, Jennie Lindem, Olaf Moe, Gunter T. Anderson, Isaac T. Anderson, John B. Shanner, Annie Daniels, Bennie Daniels, Tide-mand Solstad, Josie Daniels, Christen Volden, Adolph Grundyson, Daniel Daniels, Minne Jorgenson, Elmer Thompson, Thor Thorson, S. K. Flaat, Peder Solstad.

Members signing later were: Thora Daniels, T. Salveson, Ole Moe, Ole Ose, Ole Legvold, Daniel Aakhus, Aanend Olson, Alfred Solstad, Ole A. Moe, Ole T. Halvorson, Augusta A. Berland, Emma Grundyson, Mary Thompson, Julia Thompson, Martin H. Solstad, P. H. Solstad (repeat), Rolf Moe, Knute Grundyson, Gerty Grundyson, Clara Legvold, Tilda Hegland, Anne Ryssstad, Gertie Austad, Anton Svenningson, Gina Daniels, Hortense Worden, Joseph M. Hegg, Ellen Solstad, Tillie Ryssstad, Albert Worden, Adolph Skyberg, Ole Osmundson, Lewis Berland, Daniel O. Danielson, Thor H. Thorson, Olga Skyberg, Dora Worden, Alma Skyberg, Annie O. Danielson and Gunnuf Moe.

Meetings consisting of a program and business were held regularly. Meetings were not held in August, September, October and November, 1901 — a busy time of year for farmers. At the December seventh meeting they decided to give a Christmas program on December 28. The program was practiced, a stage seven by fourteen feet was built, coffee, sugar and a box of apples were purchased and three members were appointed to get an organ. Admission charge was twenty-five cents for adults and ten cents for children. The “regular” meetings in December included two debates: “Resolved that the mind gains more knowledge by observation than by reading” and “Fear of punishment has more influence on human conduct than hope of reward”.

1902 — The society voted to have a paper, the name of which was “The Climber” and first editor was Sever Thompson, with Thor Thorson and Emma Grundyson as assistant editors. Succeeding editors were Peter Solstad, S. Momb, Martin Solstad, with associate editors: Tillie Thompson and Ole Anderson, and S. K. Flatt with assistants: Clara Legvold and Peter Solstad. (In later years Tideman Solstad had the job longest and is best remembered.)

Activities, other than regular meetings were picnics to celebrate May 17 and July 4. Much time was spent planning for the Fourth of July picnic. Announcement was made in “Normanden”, hand bills were distributed and badges purchased to be worn by members (ribbon colors were pink, green and white). The program was planned and practiced and the necessary stands, platforms and seats were erected.

There was now $76.19 in the treasury. It was again voted to suspend meetings during the busy season. Resumed in mid-September, they were denied the use of the schoolhouse in District 4 and also District 93. There had been much discussion about building a hall and at one point it was decided to build a hall twenty-four by forty feet. A committee reported that this would cost about $250. A subscription committee reported that $112 had been subscribed. Debating was very popular now and a debate upon the subject “Resolved that a library would be of more benefit than a hall” was held with the judges deciding in the affirmative.

Other subjects debated were: “Resolved that railroads are of more benefit to mankind than steamboats”, “that baseball is of more benefit than debating”, “that lawyers are of more benefit to mankind than doctors of medicine”. From the minutes of one meeting we learned that after the business it was decided to have a debate. The subject was “Resolved that it is better to go home than to stay”. Attempts were made to resume meetings in 1903 and 1905, but there was no place available to hold meetings.

1909 — There were no more records of meetings until April 17, 1909. Meetings were held regularly, since Flaat’s Hall (above the Store) was available. Flaat’s Store opened in February, 1907, and meetings started again. The new Constitution was much like the original one with the addition of being a “Social Committee of five members to promote social interests”. At their meetings they now often played circle singing games, some of which were: The Needle’s Eye, Bingo, Four-in-the-Boat, and Skip-to-the-Moon.

Entertainments were given — the minutes of the April 17 meeting showed that the proceeds of the entertainment they were planning were to go to the Bygland Band. They had masquerades, suppers, picnics, basket socials and many plays, in addition to their meetings every two weeks.

They now had both a hall and a library. Some of the library books were obtained from a traveling library, through the Minnesota Library Commission, and others were owned by the society. They also owned an organ.

The Twentieth Century Climbers (T.C.C.) finally disbanded, about 1915 or 1916, with the closing of Flaat’s Store, the advent of the automobile and movies, but there were many fond memories and many tales told about the good times they had.
