

Dramatic Readings

Here are a few strong dramatic readings that are sure winners for contests.

THE BLESSED DAMOSEL. Cora Jane Montgomery. (9 min.) 1934 reading. A beautiful, strong, dramatic number that will be much in demand for contests. Marfa, a Russian girl, remains true to her Christian faith even unto death. As she is burned in the church the Soviets despised, her voice is heard lifted in the prayer our Saviour taught us to say when we prayed. Characters: Marfa; her old father and mother; a priest; Moujiks; and young people. 60c

THE DOG WOLF. Rose Wilder Lane. (15 min.) Gran'maw, living alone with her dog, was visited by a man who posed as her long lost stepson. He came to get her property away from her. Wolf took a strange dislike to the man, and after an encounter between them, Gran'maw buried as well as she could with leaves the limp body of her beloved dog. It was that night that Wolf came back to save Gran'maw's life. Here is a great chance for character delineation. The reading has emotion, heart appeal, climax, and in fact all that is required to make it a contest winner. Characters: Gran'maw, a vicious man, a sheriff, and neighbor men. 60c

YARBWOMAN. Rose Wilder Lane. (15 min.) This strong dramatic reading has atmosphere and dialect of the Southern mountains similar to that of "Sun-Up" and "On Vengeance Height." The story has to do with the threatened burning of the yarbwoman (herb doctor) because of mysterious deaths in the neighborhood. Characters: the old woman; her granddaughter, Martha Rose; Harrison, the young lover of Martha Rose; a circuit rider; old Haden Garner, who plans to beat the yarbwoman out of her land, unless he can marry Martha Rose; and Haden's two sons, Big Bill and Hogan. A good reader will go far with this selection. 60c

HOMEcoming. Hilton Blaine Turner. (9 min.) 1935 reading. Two boys who had been roommates for four years, the one, Fritz, a German who was in America for his University course, and the other, John, an American, meet in "No Man's Land." Both are badly wounded, and John is broken-hearted to know that it is his bullet that is causing the death of his pal. He drags him to a shell hole and is himself badly wounded. They know they have but a short time to live and Fritz calls it the Homecoming that they had planned on the day of their graduation. Characters: the two young men. 60c

MOTHERS OF MEN. Gordon Morris. (14 min.) An intensely dramatic scene between a mother and her son, as they meet in his death cell, the last hour before his execution. He is a hardened criminal who is not softened by her pleading. Characters: mother, son and the priest. 60c

KING LEAR'S DAUGHTERS. Shakespeare. (10 min.) This cutting from King Lear won first in the Wisconsin State High School Declamatory Contest 1933, and placed in the finals of the National Contest of the National Forensic League 1933. Characters: Lear and his three daughters. 50c

THE MURDER OF KING DUNCAN. Arranged from the most dramatic scenes in "Macbeth" by Mabel Elizabeth Brown. (14 min.) This reading won first in the Iowa State High School Declamatory Contest, 1934. Wetmore Trophy awarded Creston High School. Besides the Murder Scene is includes Letter Scene and Sleep-walking scene. There are wonderful possibilities in this reading that will make it a sure winner if well given. Characters: Macbeth and Lady Macbeth. 50c

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The Purpose of the National Tournament

While picking national champions is a part of the function of the National Speech Tournament, **it is but a small part.** Its real purpose lies in the stimulus which this tournament gives to high school speaking all over America in motivating thousands of students to take up speech in the hope of earning eligibility to attend a national tournament. This is a much more important phase than the naming of the national champions.

The associations and contacts formed by students and coaches; the broadening effects of traveling to and participating in a national tournament; the opportunity to observe the various speech techniques used in different parts of the country—all these supercede the mere matter of picking champions. Such a tournament is veritably the spring board from which increased forensic activity and improved speaking techniques are started and stimulated in hundreds of schools throughout America.

The educational features included in the program are also more significant than the picking of national winners. Definite provisions are being made in our tournament schedule to provide for several brilliant educational addresses which will long be remembered by the students and coaches in attendance and which will help contribute to the improvement of the speaking of America. Some of the nation's leading speech educators are being invited to Kent and this feature of the tournament is alone worth traveling many miles to hear.

Finally, the broadcasting on coast-to-coast networks of the winning events, gives students in every High School in the land an opportunity to hear students of their own age demonstrate the type of speaking which is accorded first honors for a given year. In listening to this superior speaking, tens of thousands of students are inspired to better their own speech in order that in another year they, too, may become more effective speakers. So "Come to Kent" if you can; if you cannot, resolve now to become eligible for the national tournament in 1936. In the kingdom of speaking we crown new kings every year, and "there is always room at the top."

—KARL E. MUNDT.

The Fifth National Speech Tournament

The tournament at Kent, Ohio, will mark the fifth national tournament under the auspices of the National Forensic League. The first was held in Ripon, Wisconsin in 1931. Succeeding tournaments were at Sioux City, Iowa; Wooster, Ohio; and Topeka, Kansas. Forty-nine schools from seventeen states attended the first tournament at Ripon; 149 schools from twenty-six states from Maine to California gathered at Topeka. Restricted eligibility should reduce the attendance at Kent.

Eligibility

The general plan of eligibility is to admit winners of first and second places in the established state-wide contest associations. Winners of first place in the larger NFL tournaments are also admitted and winners of second place may enter if either of the state winners does not do so.

In the events other than debate certain entries are provided for NFL Chapters. The ten students ranking highest in contest credit points on April 25th may enter one event each. A Chapter receiving the Distinguished Service Award may send a contestant to the tournament to receive the award and participate in a contest. Whenever a Chapter has completed the enrollment of 100 members and degrees it also receives a certificate of tournament entry which it may use for any student in the contests other than debate.

Winners on National Networks

For the third year the national championship debate will be carried by the coast-to-coast network of the Columbia Broadcasting System. The program will be sixty minutes and begin at 1:30 o'clock, Eastern Standard Time, Friday, May 10.

The winners in the five individual contest events will appear in a network program of the National Broadcasting Company. This likewise will be the third year the National Forensic League has sponsored a program over NBC stations. This program will begin at 10 a. m., Eastern Standard Time.

NFL Membership Not Required

The tournament is open to any qualified contestant in any secondary school. Membership in the League is not required, but a differential in fees is fixed to equalize in part the support of the tournament between member and non-member schools. Registration fee for debate is \$15; for other contests \$7.50; for Chapter schools \$5. and \$2.50.

In explanation of the difference may it be understood that fees cover approximately only the direct expenses of the tournament. The indirect expenses throughout the year are borne by NFL chapters through their national organization, whether they participate in the tournament or not. It seems only fair therefore, that when these schools do qualify contestants for the national event they should pay a lesser fee than those schools supporting the project only when they have a team or contestant to enter.

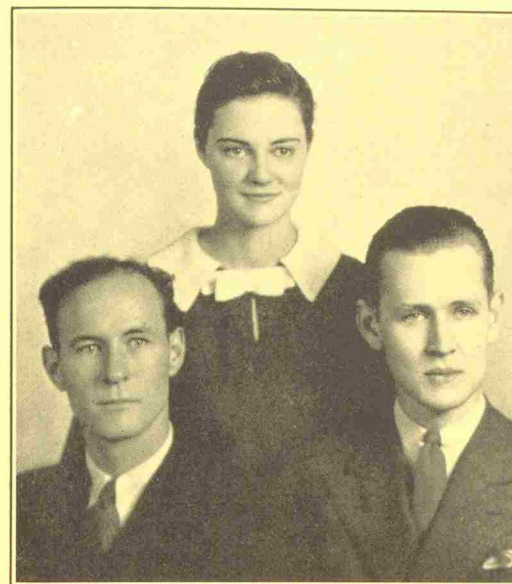
Previous National Tournament Participants

ALABAMA— *Bessmer Birmingham— Ramsey Hueytown Tuscaloosa ARKANSAS— *Garfield Hot Springs Pine Bluff CALIFORNIA— Bakersfield Burbank Glendale Grossmont San Bernardino COLORADO— *Fort Morgan Pueblo-Centen- nial. IDAHO— Caldwell ILLINOIS— Aledo Ashland *Aurora-East Aurora-West Avon Barry Beardstown Bradford Carrollton Chicago— Eve YMCA Visitation. †Cicero Danville Dundee Dupo *DuQuoin *Elgin *Elkhart East Lynn East St. Louis Farmer City †Freeport †Granite City Hinsdale *Jacksonville *Kewanee Lincoln Loda *Mendota *Olney Onarga †Peoria-Central Peoria-Kingman †Peoria-Manual Pekin Potomac *Rankin Roodhouse Rossville *Sandwich Tuscola Wateska Wellington Wood River INDIANA— Cayuga Churubusco Columbia City Ft. Wayne— Central Elmhurst Hammond Kewanna	North Judson Princeton IOWA— Cherokee Clear Lake Columbus Junction Council Bluffs Jefferson H. S. Emerson Elkader †Fairfield Humboldt Maxwell *Muscatine Newton †Sioux City-East Webster City KANSAS— Abilene Atchison Blue Rapids Brookville Canton Coffeyville El Dorado Hepler *Hutchinson Kansas City— Wyandotte Lawrence Newton Pittsburg Protection †Topeka Topeka-Catholic Wichita-East Yates Center KENTUCKY— Clarkson Covington Harlan Lexington Lone Oak Morganfield Mt. Sterling Puduch— Reidland MAINE— Auburn Berwick Academy Buckfield Hebron Academy Leavitt Institute Milo MASSACHUSETTS— Boston— Mission H. S. Brookline— St. Mary's MICHIGAN— Ann Arbor Dearborn Flint-Northern †Muskegon Hts. Negaunee Paw Paw Plymouth *River Rouge MINNESOTA— Aitkin Brainerd Cambridge Chaska Chisholm East Grank Forks Eveleth *Grand Rapids	†Luverne †Mpls.-Roosevelt Nashwauk Osakis St. Louis Park St. Thomas Acady Stillwater Staples Virginia Wadena Walker MISSOURI— Carrollton *Fayette Independence *Joplin Maplewood Marshall Nevada *Plattsburg *Salisbury †Webster Groves NEBRASKA— Holdrege Lincoln-Senior †Omaha-Central †Omaha-North †Omaha-Tech Pattsmouth *Wayne NEW JERSEY— Passaic NEW YORK— Albany *Ilion *Poughkeepsie *Saratoga Spgs Schnectady Nett Terrace H.S. NO. CAROLINA— Greensboro-Curry NORTH DAKOTA— Larimore OHIO— †Bluffton †Canton Dayton-Oakwood *East Palestine Euclid-Shore Fremont Gibsonburg Marietta Marysville *New Philadelphia *Niles *Ravenna *Troy Wadsworth †Wooster Youngstown— Chaney OKLAHOMA— *Altus Commerce El Reno Enid *Miami Norman Oklahoma City *Central H.S. Classen H.S. †Sulphur PENNSYLVANIA— *Ambridge *Brownsville *California †Charleroi	Centerville *Coraopolis Connellsville East Pike Run East Stroudsburg *Ebenburg Glassport Hermine Mahanoy City *Monessen Petersburg Pittsburg Sacred Heart So. Brownsville Stoneboro *Stroudsburg *Waynesburg West Newton SOUTH DAKOTA— *Aberdeen Canton Centerville Highmore *Huron Milbank Mitchell †Rapid City Sioux Falls Watertown Yankton TENNESSEE— *Baxter Seminary *Bristol Carthage Chattanooga †Clarksville *Cookeville †Dickson Kingsport Knoxville Lebanon Martin Memphis-Messick *Memphis-Tech Military Institute Mountain City Nashville Sparta TEXAS— Houston Temple WASHINGTON— Wenatchee W. VIRGINIA— *Clarksburg *Harrisville Moorefield WISCONSIN— Baraboo Clintonville Eau Claire Hartford †Kenosha Manitowoc †Mayville New Richmond N. Fond du Lac *Oconomowoc †Shawano *Sheboygan *West Allis West Bend WYOMING— Gillette Green River
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*Participated two years. †Participated three years. ‡Participated four years.

All contestants must register in person at Kent State College before 9 p. m., Sunday, May 5, or confirm their registration by telegraph, stating time of arrival.

The National Champions



Mr. Netherton Alice Sutton Jack Durland

defeating Topeka, Kan.; North High of Omaha won from Rapid City in 1932; and Altus, Okla. won from Hutchinson, Kan., in 1933

Dramatic Declamation

For the second consecutive year a lad from Iowa won the national contest in Dramatic Declamation. Donald Swanson of Webster City, Iowa, fulfilled the expectations of his friends and won first at Topeka. Denton Snyder of Humboldt was the Iowa winner in 1933.

Other finalists last year were Frances Tiegel of the Sacred Heart High School, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Muriel Merritt of Wellington, Ill.; Betty Johnson of Mayville, Wis.; Bette Lou Paul of Central High School, Peoria, Ill.; Roland Dean of Blue Rapids, Kan.; and Audrey Adams of East High School, Sioux City, Iowa.

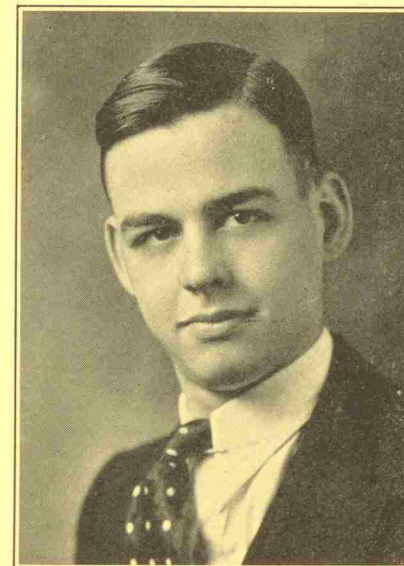
Kathryn Harney, Peoria, Manual, won in 1931 and Pauline Crockett, California, Pennsylvania, was the 1932 winner.

For the third time Oklahoma won the national honor in debate, this time by Central High of Oklahoma City. Classen High of Oklahoma City and Norman, tied for third. Temple, Texas and Jacksonville, Illinois, ranked fifth.

The champions won by a small margin from Elgin, Illinois. That team was undefeated until the final debate and in the sixth round won from Central.

Mr. R. S. Cartwright directed the Elgin team: Verle Lee, Charlotte Leverenz, and Marjorie Rowe.

Miami, Oklahoma won the title in 1931 by



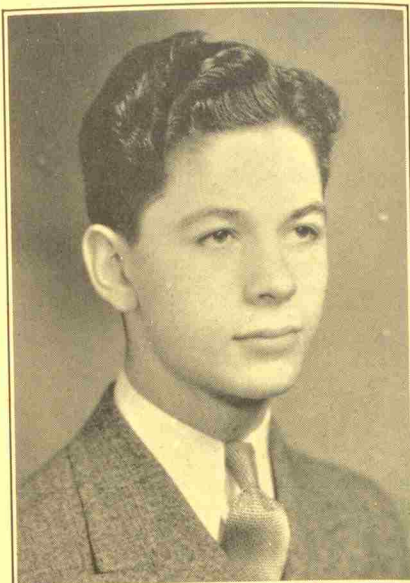
Donald Swanson

Extemporaneous Speaking

South Dakota also repeated its 1933 performance in the national tournament by again winning the title in extemporaneous speech. Bob Dunham of Sioux Falls, won it at Wooster; Newton Marguiles of Rapid City, won it at Topeka.

Addison Hickman of East High in Sioux City, Iowa, won second honor and other finalists were Gordon Dupee, Oconomowoc, Wisconsin; David Goldberg, Bakersfield, California; William Musser, Enid, Oklahoma; Edward Schlandt, Hutchinson, Kansas.

Edward Manthei of West Bend, Wisconsin, won the first national title, and Parnell Mahoney of East High, Sioux City, Iowa, took the honor in 1932.



Newton Marguiles

Humorous Declamation

The winning of the national contest in Humorous Declamation by Karel Visser added a new honor to Granite City, Illinois, and especially to its speech instructor, Mary E. Blackburn. Contestants from that school previously won the national title in oratory and twice won it in oratorical declamation. Three times its contestants placed second in dramatic declamations as well.



Karel Visser

Other finalists last year were Nora Schimpelfening, Chaska, Minnesota; Mary Washburn, Topeka, Kansas; William Diesing, St. Thomas Military Academy, St. Paul, Minnesota; Margaret Lund, Central High School, Peoria, Illinois; and Meredith Balcoff, Columbus Junction, Iowa.

All national winners in this contest have been boys, from either Illinois or Minnesota. Francis Perkins of Kingman High in Peoria, won in 1932, while Ramsey Wieland of Virginia, Minnesota, and Carl Arnold of Grand Rapids, Minnesota, won in 1931 and 1933.

Original Oratory

The Illinois monopoly on the trophy for Original Oratory was broken last year when Harvey Schauffler of Glassport, Pennsylvania, took with first rank in every round except one, in which he was second. The previous winners were Howard Wilson, Granite City, in 1931; Harold Livingston, Kingman High of Peoria, in 1932; and Gene Davis of Morton High, in Cicero, in 1933.

Other finalists at Topeka were Edward Nervig, Canton, South Dakota; Walter Smith, Shawano, Wisconsin; Phil Simon, Classen High of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; Robert Cline, Oakwood High of Dayton, Ohio; and Julia Pitchford, Granite City, Illinois.



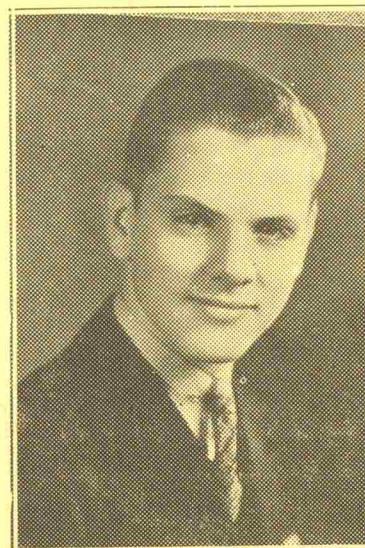
Harvey Schauffler

Oratorical Declamation

From a field of forty-four contestants, the largest in tournament history, fifteen-year-old Jack Ewing Wilson of Enid, Oklahoma, emerged as the national winner. Phil Oliver of the host school, Topeka, was second place winner.

Other finalists were Ralph Liley, North High, Omaha, Nebraska; Carlyle Steves, Grossmont, California; William Ripley, Emerson, Iowa; and Homer Ogle, Freport, Illinois.

Harold Stark of Granite City, Illinois won the contest in 1933 and Howard Wilson of the same school, won it in the first tournament at Ripon. Howard Smather of Lexington, Kentucky, was the 1932 winner.



Jack Wilson

The first place winners appeared on an hour program over a National Broadcasting Company network, the program originating at the studios of WOW in Omaha. The 1935 winners will be presented in a similar NBC program from WTAM, Cleveland, on Friday morning, May 10th.

Kent Wants You To Come



Dr. J. O. Engleman

Kent, 500 from New York, and 700 from St. Louis.

Rooms

The Chamber of Commerce of Kent and other organizations will provide rooms for all contestants and coaches. These will be free of charge. Dean Manchester will be in charge.

The National Banquet

The banquets on Monday and Tuesday evening will be held in the College gymnasium, seating two-thousand. Many noted guests will be present, but there will not be lengthy speeches.

Judges

Professor E. Turner Stump, head of the Kent State College Speech Department has worked untiringly to secure the best judges available. Ohio has more than thirty colleges and universities. It is from the speech department staffs of these colleges that the judges will come.

Travel by Train

Kent is reached by the main lines of the Erie and the Baltimore and Ohio railroads. The Pennsylvania serves the nearby city of Ravenna.

All principal roads are granting a rate of fare and one-third for a round-trip ticket, provided one hundred such tickets are sold.

To obtain this rate, buy a through ticket to Kent and secure at the time of purchase a **certificate** from the agent. When 100 such certificates are presented at the tournament they will be validated and then entitle the holder to a return ticket for one-third the normal fare.

Automobile Travel

Paved highways lead into Kent from every direction. Kent is 12 miles from Akron, 35 miles from Cleveland, 500 from Chicago,



Prof. E. Turner Stump

Kent Is Beautiful

The Kent State College campus is one of the most beautiful in America. The college buildings in location and appointment lend themselves admirably to the conducting of a great national speech tournament. The central tournament offices will be in this Administration Building.

Tournament Program

Maxwell Williams and Robert Baumgardner, Kent College students are preparing a special souvenir program of the tournament to be given to all contestants on their arrival.

Announcement of Results

The results of the contests on Monday and Tuesday will not be announced until after the banquet on Tuesday evening when copies will be supplied to every one present. On the following days the results will be posted on bulletin boards directly after each round.

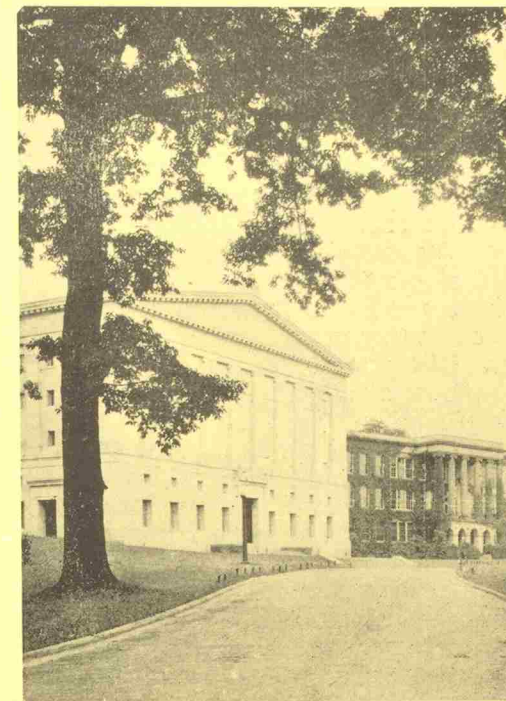
National Contest for Coaches

For the fourth year a Coaches' Discussion Contest will be held in conjunction with the national tournament. The subject for discussion will be "Is Democracy Breaking Down?" Each contestant will select one of the sub-topics to be made known at the opening of the tournament and prepare an eight minute discussion. A panel of selected high school speakers will serve as judges.

The contest is open to any high school coach. Registration can be made Sunday, May 5th at Kent. The contest fee is \$2.50. Gold, silver, and bronze medals will be awarded to the three ranking speakers.

The Discussion contest will be under the direction of its originator, Mr. T. M. Beaird of the University of Oklahoma. He will prepare the sub-topics, supervise their selection by the contestants, and arrange for elimination contest on Monday and Tuesday. The final contest will take place at the banquet table on Tuesday evening.

Previous winners in this contest are Harold Netherton of Central High in Oklahoma City, Robert Corbert of Coraopolis, Pennsylvania, and James Robinson of Sulphur, Oklahoma.



Administration Building

National Tournament Rules

General Rules

1. **Time and Place.** The Fifth National Speech Tournament shall be held at Kent State College, Kent, Ohio, May 6 to 10, 1935.

2. **Eligibility.** All contestants shall be bona fide undergraduate students under 21 years of age at the beginning of the tournament.

General eligibility shall be limited to winners of first or second places in state finals contests, winners of first place in NFL district contests in which twelve or more chapters participated; to one entry in each event for the 1935 host school; and to schools invited by special action of the Executive Council.

Special eligibility is provided for entry in one event other than debate for each of ten NFL members ranking highest in credit point totals on April 25th; for each Chapter to receive the Distinguished Service Award; for two contestants from each previous host to the national tournament; for one contestant from each Chapter having completed the enrollment of 100 members or degrees; and for all contestants eligible to compete in previous national tournaments who are still undergraduate high school students whether they entered such previous tournaments or not.

Alternates Winners of second place in NFL district contests in which twelve or more chapters participated and winners of first place such contests of lesser number shall hold the status of alternates whose entry shall be accepted if either state winner has not registered for the national tournament one week before its opening.

3. **Proof of Eligibility** shall be established by certification by the high school principal or superintendent.

4. **Registration.** Contestants shall register with the National Secretary by mail or telegraph before 8 p. m., May 4th.

5. **Registration Fee** for debate shall be \$15, for other contests \$7.50. For schools holding NFL charters these fees shall be \$5 and \$2.50 respectively.

6. **Appearance.** All contestants shall appear at the time their contests are scheduled or forfeit such contests.

7. **Judges.** All preliminary contests shall be judged by three judges, final contests by five, except that single critic judges shall be used in the first five rounds of debate unless otherwise requested by representatives of the participating schools.

8. **Protest of Judges.** Judges assigned by the tournament official shall be final unless protested before the contest. In event of protest, the members of the Executive Council present shall hear the protest and their decision shall govern.

9. **Timekeepers.** Timekeepers shall be provided for all contests and each contestant may receive such notice of the passing of time as he may elect. At the expiration of time the timekeepers shall stand and remain standing until the speaker ceases.

10. **Conflict.** No contestant shall be permitted to compete in more than two events nor twice in one event. The tournament

committee shall make the necessary arrangements to permit a contestant to appear in two contests scheduled simultaneously if eligible to compete in both.

11. **Disputes.** The members of the Executive Council present shall have full power to adjudicate any disputes or interpretation of the rules.

Debate

1. **Question.** The question for debate shall be: "Resolved; that the Federal Government should adopt the policy of equalizing educational opportunity throughout the nation by means of annual grants to the several states for public elementary and secondary education."

2. **Teams.** Each school shall uphold both sides of the question with two speakers for each side. It may or may not use the same students on both sides of the question at its option.

3. **Time.** Each speaker shall be allowed ten minutes in constructive argument and five minutes in rebuttal. In the final debate the limits shall be nine and four minutes. Speakers shall alternate affirmative to negative; the affirmative opening the constructive argument, the negative opening the rebuttal. Rebuttal shall begin immediately upon conclusion of the constructive speeches.

4. **Sides.** As far as arrangements will permit, a school shall alternately uphold the affirmative and negative in successive debates.

5. **Pairing.** In each round the first school on the list of entries shall uphold the affirmative against the second school; school No. 3 the affirmative against school No. 4, and so on. After each round the first school shall be placed at the bottom of the list. If an odd number of schools have been entered the last school on the list shall draw a "by" for that round. No school shall twice draw a "by."

6. **Exceptions.** Exceptions to this procedure shall be made to prevent, if possible, a school from meeting another school from the same or adjacent state during the first four rounds, or from the same state at any time, or from meeting the same school twice in this tournament.

7. **Scouting.** The tournament will be open and debaters will not be prohibited from attending other debates.

8. **Elimination.** A school shall be eliminated when it has lost two debates or loses one debate after the seventh round, but all schools shall participate in the first four rounds without announcement of decisions.

Oratory

1. **Original.** This contest shall comprise only orations actually written by the contestants delivering them.

2. **Subject.** The orations may be on any subject appropriate to an oratorical contest.

3. **Length.** Orations shall require not more than ten minutes for delivery.

4. **Quotations.** Not more than 100 words of the oration may be direct quotation from any other speech or writing. A

copy of the oration shall be sent to the National Secretary at the time of registration.

5. **Grouping.** The orators shall compete in such manner of groups that not less than four nor more than eight contestants shall be in any one group.

6. **Speaking Order.** The tournament committee shall by lot determine the order in which the contestants are to speak.

7. **Regrouping.** After each round the orators shall be regrouped in such manner that as far as possible they will meet with different contestants in the next contest.

8. **Ranks.** The judges shall rank each contestant first, second, third, etc., according to excellence. In the preliminary contests all ranks of each contestant shall be totaled and places awarded according to the sequence of lowest totals.

To the ranks given by the judges in the final contest there shall be added the places received by the contestants in each of the preceding rounds and the contestant having the lowest total shall be given first place. First place having been determined, the judges' ranks of the remaining contestants shall be renumbered and second place determined in the same manner; similarly for third place, but thereafter the order of low totals shall determine places.

In the event of a tie, the ranks of the contestants so tied shall be considered, and the one having the preferred ranking by a majority of the judges shall be given the place.

9. **Elimination.** A contestant having twice placed fourth or lower shall be eliminated, but all contestants shall compete in the first three rounds without announcement of places being made. Elimination shall continue until there remain six or less contestants for the final contest.

Extemporaneous Speaking

1. **Subjects.** Subject shall be drawn from topics discussed in the Literary Digest, Time, Forum, and Review of Reviews, published since Sept. 1, 1934. Each member of the Executive Council shall make a list of thirty suitable topics and mail them to the National Secretary. All subjects appearing on two lists shall be taken for tournament use. Neither the topics chosen nor those not chosen shall be made known before the tournament.

2. **Drawing.** One hour before the contest is to begin, the contestant to speak first shall draw three subjects, choose one, and return the other two. For the first three rounds the other contestants shall draw likewise at intervals of eight minutes. For subsequent rounds they shall draw at intervals of one minute.

3. **Preparation.** As soon as he has chosen a topic the contestant shall withdraw and prepare his speech without consultation and without reference to prepared notes. Reference books and magazines will be permissible.

4. **Notes.** No speaker shall take to the platform more than fifty words of notes, and the chairman shall see that this rule is enforced.

Scholarships To Tournament Winners

The National Forensic League announces in behalf of the respective colleges and universities these scholarships to national tournament winners:

Abilene Christian College, Abilene, Texas: A \$100 scholarship to the national winner in each contest event.

American University, Washington, D. C.: Four-year full tuition scholarship to one member of the winning debate team.

Bates College, Lewiston, Me.: A \$100 scholarship to each member of the four highest ranking debate teams.

Baylor University, Waco, Texas: A full tuition scholarship for 1935-36 to one of the national winners with second place contestants eligible for the award as alternates.

Brown University, Providence, R. I.: Scholarships up to \$400 available to freshman and special consideration will be given national tournament winners.

Emerson College, Boston, Mass.: A one-half tuition scholarship to the winner in each of the six contest events.

Southwestern College, Winfield, Kansas: A half-tuition scholarship for 1935-36 for one winner or finalist in each of the six contest events.

University of Denver, Denver, Colorado.: A number of half-tuition two-year scholarships are offered. Special consideration will be accorded to national contest finalists and members of four highest ranking debate team.

Compliance with the entrance requirements of each institution is of course a condition attached to each scholarship.

5. **Time.** Contestant shall speak not less than five minutes nor more than seven.

6. **Questions and Answers.** Beginning with the fourth round all contestants shall enter the contest room together. After all have spoken, the chairman shall recall each in turn to the platform and direct one of the other contestants to ask that one a question pertaining to his speech. Reply shall be limited to two minutes. In that manner each contestant shall question and be questioned by one of the other contestants. Judges shall evaluate the original speech, the pertinence of the question, and the effectiveness of the answer.

7. **Rules 5, 6, 7, 8, and 9 for Oratory** shall also apply to this contest.

Declamation

1. **Contests.** Declamation shall be divided into three divisions, and each shall constitute a separate contest within this tournament.

2. **Divisions.** The divisions shall be Oratorical, Dramatic, and Humorous. Each contestant shall determine the category for his declamation.

3. **Time.** The time limit for all declamations shall be twelve minutes.

4. **Rules 5, 6, 7, 8, and 9 for Oratory** shall apply to all declamatory contests.

From the Secretary's Desk

New Chapters

Mt. Morris, Pennsylvania.	Deer River, Minnesota.
Gothenburg, Nebraska.	Spring City, Pennsylvania.
Emerson, Iowa.	Kewanee, Illionis.
North Kansas City, Missouri.	Milwaukee, Wis., Wash. H. S.
Bunker Hills, Illionis.	LaGrange, Illinois.
St. Louis, Mo., Cleveland H. S.	Pasadena Academy, California.
Bath, Ohio.	So. Fayette Twp., Pa.
Waltheil, Nebraska.	Two Rivers, Wisconsin.
Struthers, Ohio.	Horicon, Wisconsin.

Degree of Distinction

Edward Stevens, Topeka, Kans.	Mr. R. N. Schmidt, Mayville, Wis.
Mary Ruth DeVault, Kewanna, Ind.	Lois Groebe, N. Judson, Ind.
Mr. Thomas D. Reed, Kewanna, Ind.	Lisle Widman, Fort Collins, Colo.
Marjorie Miller, Caldwell, Idaho.	Allan Howes, Centerville, Pa.
Harriett Steetle, Caldwell, Idaho.	Jean Roth, Joplin, Mo.
Herman Bieling, Syracuse-Voc., N. Y.	Donald McDonald, Omaha-Benson.
Rinard Hart, Brownsville, Pa.	Eugenia Hawkins, Salisbury, Mo.
Joe Rigelsky, Brownsville, Pa.	Frances Tiegel, Pittsburgh, Pa.
Marjorie Moore, Independence, Mo.	Marion Thiel, Mayville, Wis.
Miss Helen Harrington, Adrian, Mich.	David Hertzberg, River Rouge, Mich.
Marshall Bradley, Joplin, Mo.	Maxine Elsner, Joplin, Mo.
Charles Shafer, Joplin, Mo.	Jack Croessmann, DuQuoin, Ill.
Henry Hamilton, Joplin, Mo.	James Harper, DuQuoin, Ill.
Charles Lyden, Joplin, Mo.	Mr. Martin Anderson, Stoughton, Wis.
Margaret Thiel, Mayville, Wis.	

Chairmen to Receive Badges

At the annual tournament banquet special medals will be presented to the District Chairmen as a mark of appericiation of their conscientious work for the NFL. The chairman whose district ranks highest on April 25th will receive gold; the chairmen of the next three districts, silver; and the next nine, bronze.

The district standing is determined by the number of members and degrees enrolled per chapter in that district. Help your chairman to receive the highest rank by getting your applications in well before April 25th.

File Contest Reports

We beseech all chapters to file reports for all contests to date without delay. Do not wait until the season is over and then over-crowd the national office just before the national tournament. Prompt action on them is impossible at that time. File your reports now, even though the applications for membership and orders for keys are not ready. If the reports are on record the applications can be put through the office quickly later on when you do send them in "rush please." To avoid delay and disappointment during the commencement season, get your reports on record **right now**.

For information concerning the National Speech Tournament communicate with Bruno E. Jacob, at the University of Denver until May 2; thereafter for the duration of the tournament at Kent State College, Kent, Ohio.

Statistical Diet

District Standing

Rank	Up or Down	District—	New Chapters	Av. No. Members	Leading Chapter	Members Degrees
1	0	New York		12.1	Poughkeepsie	42
2	0	Missouri	4	11.0	Joplin	83
3	+3	Indiana		10.9	Lebanon	32
4	0	Pennsylvania	2	10.6	Charleroi	61
5	-2	Michigan		10.0	River Rouge	38
6	-1	Wisconsin	1	9.4	Mayville	40
7	0	Ohio	3	9.2	Niles	62
8	+1	Nebraska	2	8.8	Omaha-North	26
9	+1	Illionis	2	7.2	DuQuoin	33
10	+2	Washington	1	7.2	Lewiston, Idaho	47
11	-3	Iowa	1	6.8	Eagle Grove	28
12	-1	South Dakota		5.8	Presho	25
13	0	California		5.8	Phoenix, Ariz.	21
14	0	Minnesota	1	5.4	Mpls.-Roosevelt	32
15	0	Colorado		5.1	Gillette, Wyo.	25
16	0	Kansas		4.6	Topeka	31
17	+1	Southern	2	4.3	Moorefield, W. Va.	20
18	-1	Oklahoma	1	4.0	Enid	26
19	0	New England	1	2.1	Foxcroft Academy	9

Our Decalet of Leaders

The First Decalet

Gordon Dupee, Oconomowoc	428
Robert Rosa, River Rouge	316
Herbert Porter, Charleroi	322
Jack Wilson, Enid	310
Janet Miller, Topeka	308
Thelma Vazetti, Charleroi	304
Harriet Goldstein, Brnsville	299
Edward Stevens, Topeka	297
James Rahl, Wooster	260
Julius Weinberg, DuQuoin	254

The Second Decalet

Edward Schlandt, Hutch'son	247
Rex Titus, Joplin	244
Katharine Stone, Om.-Cen.	226
Maryruth DeVault, Kewanna	223
Ernest Weintroub, Om.-Cen.	218
Richard Craig, Joplin	221
Eugenia Hawkins, Salisbury	212
David Goldberg, Bakersfield	212
Jack Smith, Omaha-North	211
Mary Sullivan, Charleroi	205

The ten students who rank highest in credit point totals on **April 25th** may each participate in any one contest event in the national tournament.

Going Up

	New	Total
Chapters	10	447
Members	178	11,802
Emblems Ordered	40	7,018
Reports of Contests	1,613	42,803
Memoranda Issued	1,709	43,670
Degrees Granted—		
Degree of Honor	78	4,084
Degree of Excellence	34	2,054
Degree of Distinction	23	1,057