

NEW READINGS

The following descriptions are taken from our Spring List, a supplement to our 1936 catalog, in which are listed many readings that have won first place in State and National Contests.

HUMOROUS READINGS

AMATEUR HOUR. Luella E. McMahon. For the broadcast are a most interesting and varied group of characters: a melodrama with the usual cast; a cowboy number; a Shakespeare impersonator; a "Betty Boop"; a Scandinavian; a story teller; and funniest of all, the asides of the "town's mental featherweight." 60c

BINGO. Carol Houghton. 12 min. An account of the visit of Percy, a young Englishman, to the county fair. He has a number of interesting and amusing experiences, but is most intrigued by "Bingo." There are several other good characters; among them are: a gypsy medium and the youth "with adenoids". 60c

OH SOLE MEOW. Leota Hulse Black. 10 min. The mother of "At the Declam Contest" fame calls in the neighbors to hear her daughter sing over the radio. She is so sure her daughter is going to win the Amateur Radio Contest. She is to sing "Oh Sole Mio." At last it is Jennie's turn, and she gets the gong as well as cat-calls. Characters: Jennie's mother and father. 60c

MA'S DOLLAR DAY. Leota Hulse Black. 11 min. Ma takes the children shopping to buy them needed articles, but the bargains for women are so alluring that she would have spent all her money on herself, had it not been for an unexpected turn of events. Characters: Ma, Minnie Pearl, Florency, Victor Bill, Erny, the owner of the "Paris creation," and the floor detective. 60c

SUSIE AT THE SHOW. Leota Hulse Black. 10 min. A flapper takes her two girl friends to the movies. Characters: the three girls; the cashier; a Jewish woman (two lines for her); another patron, and the usher. 60c

DRAMATIC READINGS

I AM HIS SON. Cora Jane Montgomery, author of "Blessed Damosel." 8 min. The dramatic story of a Russian youth and his father who submit to death rather than accept the Soviet principles. Characters: the father and son and the leader of the Soviets. 60c

THE NOBLEST ROMAN OF THEM ALL. 12 min. From "Julius Caesar." A splendid new cutting by Mabel Elizabeth Brown. 50c

ORATIONS

THE CONSTITUTION—A CITADEL OF HUMAN RIGHTS. Justice George W. Maxey. 10 min. From an address delivered November 21, 1935. Splendid. 50c

THE REMAKING OF HUMAN SOCIETY. Justice George W. Maxey. 12 min. Presents the fallacies underlying all plans to remake human society. 50c

THE LUXURY OF CRIME. L. F. Chapman, Supt. of Florida State Prison. 12 min. Extracts from an address October, 1935. Logical, forceful. 50c

THE FALSE PHILOSOPHY OF THE VALUE OF MONEY. L. F. Chapman. 6 min. "Money never dreamed a Mona Lisa, nor a Lindbergh flight; . . . Money did not plan the Panama Canal, nor teach Columbus the path to the Western World." 40c

FREEDOM IN OUR SOCIETY. Dorothy Thompson (Mrs. Sinclair Lewis). 6 min. Extracts. Delivered November, 1935. "If other people are being taught to be self-sacrificing for dictatorship, shall we not have to learn to be self-sacrificing for liberty?" 50c

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—Chauncey M. Depew.



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"Off The Record"

The "Happy Warrior" from the sidewalks of New York has given America the phrase "off the record" when it desires to make a remark not intended for public print. This is well and good and your editor concedes that there are times and there is talk which might sometimes merit such an expression. But, the frequent use of this innocent phrase is a habit to be avoided.

Speakers should cultivate the habit of expressing themselves at all times so that the reappearance of their remarks ON THE RECORD will not prove embarrassing or humiliating to them. Speakers should weigh their words carefully before utterance and should then direct them to a specific audience with full confidence that the words are authentic and the argument logical so that regardless of who eventually hears or reads the statements there will be no cause for rescinding what has been said. Once a statement has been made it ceases to be the property of the speaker and becomes the property of the general public; speakers should therefore guard well lest they say something "off the record" which eventually gets into the record and bobs up to plague them.

Beginning speakers would do well to speak, always, as though the whole world were their auditors. Arguments or statements which require a select or secretive audience to be heard effectively should better be left unsaid. Speakers should share with editors the responsibility coming from public utterance and should not rely upon the vanishing tendency of sound to protect them.

Stock tips, love notes, and invitations to surprise parties may well be said "off the record". But, insofar as practical speech is concerned or regular platform utterances, speakers should begin early to speak with all the care and diligence which they would utilize if they were aware that a stenographer were going to record every word they said and print the sequence in every newspaper in the land.

Let NFL-ers start right; let them practice their techniques and their speeches "off the record" but let them so speak in public from the very start that they can welcome a faithful reproduction of their remarks with the realization that what they have said is right and that the arguments which they have made are sound.

—Karl E. Mundt.

Van Slyck Appointed NFL Counsellor By America's High School Principals

As a result of a conference held in St. Louis between the Department of Secondary-School principals of the National Education Association and National Director Julian C. Aldrich, of NFL, an arrangement has been effected whereby the former association will each year appoint a counsellor from its group to advise with NFL concerning its policies and program. Preliminary arrangements leading to this association have been underway for some time and NFL is highly gratified that the friendly cooperation between the two groups is now crystalized by the appointment of a definite counsellor to represent the point of view of the high school principals in the development program of NFL.

The letter of acceptance sent by Principal Willard N. Van Slyck of Topeka is printed below and NFL is particularly glad that this genial host of one of our national tournaments will be the first man to serve as the principal's representative in advising with the League. Mr. Van Slyck is president of the Department of Secondary School Principals.

Dear Mr. Jacob:

I am very happy to report to you that at the meeting of the Executive Committee of the Department of Secondary School Principals of the National Education Association, your Mr. Aldrich was a guest and presented the kind invitation of your Executive Council, to name some one to meet with your group at the annual meeting in Oklahoma City.

The committee finally voted to ask the president of the Department to act in this capacity.

It is my understanding of the action of the Executive Committee that they are not in any way assuming any official responsibility for the National Forensic League, but since it is attracting the interest of so many high schools in the United States, we are anxious to keep in touch with its development, and if possible, help them to avoid policies which might not be conducive to the best interests of the high school boys and girls of this country, as well as to assist them in the constructive handling of forensic activities.

Very Sincerely yours,
W. N. VanSlyck
President

1937 Debate Question

Mr. Harold G. Ingham, Chairman of the N. U. E. A. Committee on Debate has just announced that the question for next year will center around governmental monopoly of electric light and power utilities. A special wording committee is engaged in phrasing the proposition.

"I Learned Six Important Things"

D. Stanley Coors

(From The Gavel)

"THE GAVEL", quarterly publication of the senior college speech fraternity in America, Delta Sigma Rho, is running a most fascinating series of articles on the general theme, "How my Debate Training helps me in my Life Work." The following article is taken from the March, 1936, issue of THE GAVEL and is written by D. Stanley Coors, minister of the Central Methodist Episcopal Church, Muskegon, Michigan.—Editor.

I am a minister in a busy Church of 1,000 members in a mid-western city of about 70,000 population. My duties are many and varied. There is the pulpit work, always challenging and exacting. There is the service to the community in addresses before luncheon clubs, literary clubs, parent-teacher associations, etc. There is the thrilling experience of personal face-to-face salesmanship in the interest of vital religion for the individual man. There is the necessity of convincing your Official Board and your congregation in support of a certain project or program which the pastor feels is important for the welfare of the organization. There is the obligation to face honestly the issues before the public, weigh evidence in an unbiased attitude as possible, and arrive at a verdict for one's self. There is the moral obligation to deal fairly with all sides of a question even while conscious of a moral demand to champion one of them.

In all these experiences one finds that the early training in debate is of inestimable value. May I list a few of the survival benefits that carry over from college days into the life of maturity in one's profession such as mine?

1. It develops ease and poise on the platform and in the pulpit. I have been thankful many times for what my debating experience did for me in connection with a certain platform discussion of governmental policy participated in by two gentlemen other than myself before a crowded auditorium a few years ago. Had it not been for some things learned in earlier forensic encounters I would have been maneuvered into an embarrassing position by a clever stroke by one of the men who differed radically from me. As it was, I was able to turn the tables on him in a perfectly legitimate way and carry the crowd with me.

2. Debating helps to establish methods of thinking making for clarity in outlining the theme and in forms of expression. In other words, it improves one's ability in organizing the material available and in effectiveness of presentation. Anyone who has occasion to address the public today must be logical and concise and to the point. That is especially true in my profession, the ministry. People will not listen to long sermons, nor any sermons that are mere words.

3. Debating very definitely trains one to insist in getting the facts. One must have authority for his utterances. Again and again when involved in certain community issues which seemed to me to require plain speaking I well knew that I must have the

facts or be subjected to embarrassment, if not sued for libel. The minister is peculiarly tempted to speak hastily without having adequate data upon which to base his charges.

4. Forensic experience contributes much to the development of tolerance. One learns that there are usually two sides to a question. Even though I may have my convictions with respect to one side, I dare not forget that another man may have convictions just as plausible to him on the other side. It therefore helps one to keep a better balance in the midst of so much that is confusing issuing from partisan propaganda, whether political, religious, economic or what-not.

5. One learns to appreciate the use of humor and wit. How often have I seen the pointed illustration or a bit of clever wit turn the edge of a keen thrust of a powerful argument.

6. Another carry-over from debating experience is the urge to press for a verdict. Back in my college day we were in a debate to get a decision from the judges for our side of the case. Something of that sense of driving for a decision must be in the preacher's consciousness as he stands in the pulpit, or his utterances are vapid and pointless.

I suppose that there are other values which have carried over into my life from my debate training, but these already mentioned are the major ones that register with special significance. I shall ever be grateful for the stimulus given me to get into the debate try-outs and when I had made the team to be "put through the mill" by that brilliant coach in oratory and debating, Prof. C. H. Woolbert.

Two Network Programs Again

We are glad to announce that both the National Broadcasting Company and the Columbia Broadcasting System are each giving the NFL one hour on their respective networks to bring to the high school students of America the National Speech Tournament programs from Oklahoma City. Following is the schedule:

Friday, May 8th, Central Standard Time

9:00 a. m. Program of national winners in the speech events.

National Broadcasting Company network.

1:00 p. m. National championship debate.

Columbia Broadcasting System.

To be sure that the local network stations in your area carry these particular programs which will be made available to them, write to two or three of the stations from which you might receive the program. This will insure nation-wide coverage for these important school broadcasts. Unless you do, local station managers not understanding the significance of these programs might put on local programs at the same hour instead. Western schools particularly should write to NBC so that the Southwest network and the Pacific coast network will again be connected for us as they were last year when effective expression of public interest resulted in three NBC networks carrying our program instead of just one.

Election of National Officers

Two National Directors are to be elected to succeed Julian C. Aldrich of Webster Groves, Missouri and Leslie D. Schreiver of Charleroi, Pennsylvania whose terms expire on June 30th. Mr. Aldrich, after serving on the Council since 1933, is not a candidate for re-election.

Ballots are enclosed as supplements to this Rostrum. Each member should cast one ballot for each degree he has been granted, and one extra for each 100 credit points in excess of the first 100. The ballots will be counted on **April 29th**.

Leslie D. Schreiver

Charleroi, Pennsylvania

The re-election of Leslie D. Schreiver as National Director is asked by the Charleroi Chapter.

His re-election is justified on the basis of his present term; being punctual, proficient, and painstaking. Five years as Pennsylvania Chairman, together with his attendance at the last four Nationals, has made him thoroughly conversant with all phases of the National Organization.

His worth is recognized by his District—Delaware, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania—electing him District Chairman at the time he became National Director, an honor unique in that no other individual has been a District Chairman and Member of the National Executive Council simultaneously.

Moreover, he is:

A sustaining member, National Association of Teachers of Speech.

Present President, Speech Round Table, Pennsylvania State Educational Association; deserved recognition of his constant activity in promoting speech and Forensics throughout his state.

Still wider recognition of his prominence in the Speech field of the East, was his being invited to participate at a panel discussion of "The Place of Speech Education in the Secondary Schools of Today." Eastern Public Speaking Conference, annual convention, New York City, April 18, 1936.

His re-election is desirable because his contacts with other forensic and speech groups offer unequalled opportunities to advance the NFL program.

C. C. Diettert

North Judson, Indiana

The North Judson Chapter presents for office of National Director, its coach and principal, Mr. C. C. Diettert, whose record of active work in the NFL is outstanding. He has many qualifications which fit him for this task.

1. Graduate of DePauw University with A. M. degree. 2. Member of Phi Beta Kappa. 3. Organizer of the North Judson Chapter which is now nine years old and which received the Distinguished Service award in 1934. 4. State Chairman of the NFL for eight years. 5. He received the individual distinguished service Key in 1935. 6. His contestant won the state championship in 1934 and competed in the National contest at Topeka. 7. He

suggested the name "Rostrum" for the bulletin. 8. He has earned nearly 300 points, all by coaching in a small high school. 9. He received the gold state chairman's badge in 1935—silver awards every year previously. 10. The standing of the Indiana district has been consistently high. 11. He has been mentioned frequently in The Rostrum. 12. He is genuinely interested in NFL advancement and progressive procedures.

In addition to these many achievements, Mr. Diettert has energy, interest and ability as an administrator, all characteristics which we feel make him particularly fitted for the office of National Director.

E. J. Diller

Youngstown-Chaney, Ohio

The Chaney Chapter, Youngstown, Ohio, presents the name of E. J. Diller for National Director.

Mr. Diller has been coach of our forensic teams and advisor of our chapter for six years. He received the degree of distinction in 1931 and is rapidly climbing toward the top in the coaches second decalet of leaders.

During the six year period nineteen of our chapter members earned the degree of distinction. Our chapter received the Distinguished Service Award because of his active and enthusiastic leadership.

In 1931, Mr. Diller managed the first Ohio District NFL tournament. Since that time he has served on the Ohio tournament committee every year. He has been State Chairman since 1934. During these years the NFL has greatly increased its number of chapters and members in Ohio.

In 1931 he served on the National Tournament Rules Committee at Ripon, Wisconsin. In 1935 he aided Coach Osterhus of Minneapolis with the National Tournament debate pairing. He has been invited by the National Committee to assist with debate pairings at Oklahoma City this year.

We believe Mr. Diller's experience would make him a valuable asset to the League if elected a National Director.

NFL

This month's quotation on the cover of THE ROSTRUM was sent in by Lester R. Breniman, speech director of Eveleth Junior College and Senior High School, Eveleth, Minnesota, and your editor acknowledges with thanks the receipt of this effective cover quotation. This is the second time that outside help has been sent for this monthly feature and your editor sincerely appreciates your suggestions for cover-features as with two exceptions he has had to clip or concoct the cover-quotation for every issue. Have you a favorite quotation you would like to see on the cover? Or, an original thought? Send it in and maybe you'll see it in print.

District Chairman Nominations

The name of Warren T. Kingsbury, Wichita, has been entered as candidate for District Chairman in Kansas. Any Chapter may nominate a member by so writing the national office. Ballots for the election will be sent with the May Rostrum.

NFL District Tournament Winners

Missouri

Held at William Jewel College, Liberty, March 6-7th.

Debate	Oratorical
Springfield, first	Walker Winn, Marshall
Carrollton, second	Ray DeVilbiss, Marshall
Oratory	Dramatic
Charles Brown, Springfield	Lee Hewitt, Maplewood
Billy Winter, Columbia	Ann Moskovitz, Joplin
Extempore	Humorous
Kathryn Johnson, Carrollton	Ann Moskovitz, Joplin
Jack Fox, St. Joseph	Harold Guller, Maplewood

Carrollton and Joplin tied for tournament participation points, but Carrollton emerged winner when the tie was broken.

Minnesota

Held at West High School, Minneapolis, March 19-20th.

Debate	Oratorical
Luverne, first	Howard Grossman, Mpls-West
Minneapolis-West, second	Dick Ross, Luverne
Oratory	Dramatic
Dick Ross, Luverne	Julia Baraga, Chisholm
Arthur Cram, Wadena	Don Johnson, Mpls-West
Extempore	Humorous
Curtis Larson, Mpls-Roosevelt	Beverly Hammond, New Ulm
Louis Saunder, Mpls-West	Joseph Rose, Chisholm

Roosevelt High, Minneapolis won the Balfour cup for tournament participation.

Tennessee

Held at Messick and Technical High Schools, Memphis, March 12-13.

Debate	Oratorical
Hot Springs, Arkansas	Mabel Talley, Hot Springs, Ark.
Messick HS, Memphis	Ruth Johnson, Dickson
Oratory	Dramatic
Sam Myar, Memphis-Central	Jimmy Weems, Dickson
Elizabeth Hester, Messick	D. C. Marshall, Memphis-Humes
Extempore	Humorous
Frank Clement, Dickson	Bertha Hopper, Mem-Messick
Sam Myar, Memphis-Central	Martha Smith, Mem-Technical

NFL

The Enid, Oklahoma High School debaters made an outstanding record when the first team debated their way through the second consecutive tournament at Tonkawa, in January, without a single loss. Rosella Anderson and Wayne Wilson, first team for E. H. S. won fifteen consecutive victories. Enid, Arkansas City, and Winfield tied for first place, all with five victories and no losses. Arkansas City came out first, Enid second, and Winfield, third.

Williamsburg, Massachusetts Submits Fascinating Scrap Book to Rostrum

Mrs. R. A. Warner, debate coach and speech director of Williamsburg High School, Williamsburg, Massachusetts, has sent the ROSTRUM editor a most interesting and attractive forensic scrap book which is replete with vivid portrayals of forensic events of that school.

Included in the scrap book are newspaper clippings, pictures of the speech participants, useful and inspiring clippings of material taken from speech journals, historical data on the Williamsburg Chapter, and numerous items of interest which will prove invaluable to the speakers of Williamsburg as they graduate from school and have only their memories to remind them of the happy days they spent there.

The example established by the alert Williamsburgers might well be followed by every NFL chapter in the country. A Chapter Forensic Scrap Book would be a lot of fun to compile and it would become increasingly valuable as the years roll on. This work could be headed by the speech coach or a special chapter reporter could be appointed to be responsible for keeping this chapter scrap book up to date and for adding items of group interest to the record as they become available. It is an idea well worth imitating and all praise is due Mrs. Warner and her active helpers in Williamsburg for developing this splendid idea.

It's Tough On The Post Man But Let's Keep Him At Work!

Your ROSTRUM editor takes this means of acknowledging with thanks the very noticeable increase in chapter news which is reaching him every month. Newspaper clippings, school papers, state NFL bulletins, and personal letters from Official Chapter Reporters are now coming in regularly and every month we have more chapter news than space will permit our using.

Approximately half of our chapters are now keeping the ROSTRUM supplied with regular information on their chapter activities and even a hasty glance at this accumulated evidence should persuade the greatest skeptic that the speech people in American high schools are "doing things" and that the country's speech program is growing by leaps and bounds.

It's keeping our post man pretty busy but let's keep his shoulders bent! If your chapter is among those which does not have an Official Chapter Reporter and which is not receiving its share of publicity in THE ROSTRUM—well, you know the remedy.

NFL

Great and good NFL-er, E. J. Diller, of Ohio, is editor of a Buckeye NFL News Letter which appears from time to time and which is filled with news items concerning the activities of NFL chapters in Ohio. The Buckeye NFL News Letter not only packs a lot of information into a few short pages but a recent edition carried some highly convincing arguments as to why non-member schools should affiliate with the Ohio District of the NFL.

Something of This—Something of That

NFL

Miss Lois Pool, chapter reporter for Blunt, S. D., reports that the Blunt debaters made public presentation of their NFL charter to Superintendent Maurice "Pike" Jenson during a public debate. Blunt has had an unusually good team this year and its debaters have set up an enviable record of victories this year including one over the debaters from Pierre, the capital city of the State.

NFL

Adrian High School, of Adrian, Michigan, has become a member of the Michigan High School Forensic Association and is therefore eligible to participate in the state-wide contests in oratory, extempore speaking, and declamatory work. More power to Adrian. Incidentally, NFL urges all of its chapters to affiliate with their State Forensic Leagues and to take an active part in the competition of these organizations. NFL exists to supplement, not to supplant, the work of State Forensic Leagues and it feels that its chapters should be active in the work of all State Associations.

NFL

Masontown High, from Masontown, Pennsylvania, had made an enviable record this year. They have third highest ranking of the schools in the County and are endeavoring to qualify for eligibility to the Oklahoma City tournament in May.

NFL

At the Iowa State preliminary declamatory contests, Muscatine walked away with three firsts. We'll be looking for the Tall Corners in Oklahoma City when the final eligibility rating are determined.

NFL

Mt. Sterling, Kentucky, will defend its championship and seek its fifth consecutive title in this year's District tournament of that section of the Blue Grass State.

NFL

Degree of Honor No. 5,000 was granted to Rosemary Larson, Central High School, Omaha.

NFL

Lester Gross, Maplewood, Missouri is the first to officially register for the 1936 National Speech Tournament. He placed fourth in dramatic declamation at Kent last year.

NFL

Contest Report No. 50,000 was filed by the Benson High Chapter in Omaha.

NFL

The twelve best schools invited to the Wentworth Military Academy Invitational Tournament at Lexington, Mo., which was won by Topeka High School, were as follows: Topeka, Wichita, Wellington, Fort Scott, Cushing, Okla., Oklahoma City, Springfield, Mo., Marshall, Mo., Lexington, Mo., Independence, Mo., Manitowoc, Wis., and Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

Some More of This—Some More of That

NFL

Speech students of the Hammond, Indiana, high school, entered in the speech contest held in Loganport, Saturday, April 4. Finalists in this contest, ranking first, second, and third, were broadcast over the Purdue station on Saturday afternoon, at 4:15.

NFL

The debate squad of Topeka High School, Topeka, Kansas, won this year's state debate tournament for the third consecutive year, and for the fourth time in five years. They also won eight other tournaments.

NFL

The members of the debate department of Prescho High School, Prescho, South Dakota, have taken part in two debate tilts, held in Pierre, and in Kadoka. Their standing in the National Forensic League will be increased greatly when these debates are reported to the League.

NFL

The debate season of Modesto High School, Modesto, California, closed their season with seven out of eight possible victories. Ripon is their only remaining close rival for the championship.

NFL

Speech students were very well represented on the Semester Honor Roll of the Kern County Union High School of Bakersfield, California.

NFL

The debate squad of Eveleth High School, Eveleth, Minn., swept all interstate meet honors, when they won the tournament held at Superior Central High School, in February.

NFL

The Debate squad of East High School, Aurora, Illinois, entertained the P.-T. A. at a meeting in February, when they debated on this year's question, "State Medicine".

NFL

A stellar debater of Ripon Hi's student body, is the winner of a pilgrimage to Washington, D. C. She will leave April 14th, immediately after the debate tournament in San Francisco. This pilgrimage is sponsored by D. A. R.

NFL

The Carrollton High School debate team of Carrollton, Mo., entered in the Missouri Valley College Invitational Tournament in February, emerged the victors and were awarded the cup at the conclusion of the tournament.

Debate Credit Points

The schedule of points printed in most of the books of blanks has become obsolete. Consult the 1935 Constitution or Manual for the correct schedule. Note that while the team leader receives an extra that can not be added if deductions for previous debates results in recording the minimum of two points for a winning debate, one point for other debates.

From the Secretary's Desk

New Chapters

The Charter Committee is pleased to announce the granting of charters to these several schools during March:

Bristol, Virginia
Newton Falls, Ohio
Littleton, Colorado
Freeport, New York
Muskogee, Oklahoma
Leavitt Institute, Maine
Dyersburg, Tennessee
Dickson, Tennessee
Waverly, Iowa

Warren, Massachusetts
Allentown Preparatory, Pa.
Bentleyville, Pennsylvania
East Cleveland, Ohio
Shaw High School
Lawrence, Kansas
Cleveland, Ohio
John Adams High School
Berwick Academy, Me.

The Chapter at Bristol is the first in the state of Virginia. The charters granted to Leavitt Institute, Dickson, Allentown Preparatory, and Berwick Academy mark the restoration of charters formerly held by those schools which were subsequently permitted to lapse. More and more schools which permitted their charters to expire are seeking re-admission when they realize the difference between membership and non-membership.

Members for Ten Years

Avery F. Olney, Phoenix, Ariz., Feb. 13, 1926.
Joyce R. Gregory (Bryant Chapter) So. St. Paul, Minn., Feb. 25.
Florence N. Willett, Canton, Ohio, Mar. 29, 1926.
C. F. Perrott, (Ceres Chapter) Turlock, California, Mar. 29, 1926.
S. Stanley Knapp (Mendota Chapter) No. Dallas, Texas, Mar. 29.
J. Carter Aldrich, Webster Groves, Missouri, Mar. 20, 1926.

Degrees of Distinction

Mr. Ray Cowell, Anacortes
Herman Quinius, Wichita, Kans.
Robert Hedges, Wichita, Kans.
Mr. W. K. Peterson, Bakerfield
Myron Meckel, So. St. Paul
Arne Peterson, So. St. Paul
Charlie Mae Scott, Central Texas
School of Oratory
Leo Rhodes, Wichita, Kansas
Margaret Craig, Wichita, Kans.
Jane L. Rose, Niles, Ohio
Pauline Hoffman, Niles, Ohio
Sidney Magdanz, Sioux City, Ia.
Edward Bergstein, Monessen
Eva Stagi, Monessen, Pa.
John Oakson, K. C.-Wyandotte
Brewster Powers, Wyandotte
Mitchell K. Disney, Classen
James Quinn, Classen HS.
Ruth Weltge, DuQuoin, Ill.

Dick Dunn, DuQuoin, Ill.
Virginia Allen, DuQuoin, Ill.
Alvin Nienast, Tomah, Wis.
Helen Ward, E. Palestine, O.
Janet Gray, E. Palestine, O.
Jack Cohen, E. Palestine, O.
Mr. O. W. Kolberg, Lead, S. D.
Mary Lou Fraser, Mpls-Rsvlt.
Robert Waggoner, Elgin, Ill.
Vivian Zuern, Mayville, Wis.
Curtis Larson, Mpls-Rsvlt.
Miss Gladys Bookman, Phoenix
Mary A. Thompson, Carrollton
Frieda Clateman, Monessen, Pa.
Frederick Eberlein, Shawano
Sarah Koontz, Marshall, Mo.
Wm. Fichthorn, Marshall, Mo.
Walter Long, Columbus, Wis.
Joe Soshnik, Omaha-Central
Rosemary Larsen, Omaha-Cen.

State Honorary Members Elected

The Ohio District has elected Prof. E. Turner Stump, Kent State University, Honorary Member for Ohio. He is the first state honorary member to be enrolled in the NFL. He was Local Chairman for the 1935 National Speech Tournament and his service was of inestimable value in perfecting the smooth functioning of that event. He is again host to the large 1936 Ohio NFL tournament as he was in 1934. His distinction of State Honorary No. 1 is well deserved.

Pennsylvania Chapters have elected Prof. Darrel J. Mase of the State Teachers College at California, Pa., as their first honorary member for that state.

Chapter Honorary Members Elected

Principal Olin B. Smith, Niles, Ohio.
Principal J. W. Smith, East High School, Youngstown, Ohio.
Mr. Leo B. Hart, Counsellor, Bakersfield, California.
Mr. John A. Theil, attorney, Mayville, Wisconsin.

Keys for Honorary Members

The L. G. Balfour Co. has priced the keys for state and chapter honorary members the same as the gold keys for coaches. They are supplied in one size only, the standard key size, but may be obtained with the safety clasp.

300 Credit Points

Mr. Paul A. Crawford, Freeport, Illinois.
Miss Lola M. Berry, Lewiston, Idaho.

200 Credit Points

Miss Mary Elizabeth Perkins, Sioux Falls, S. D.
Mr. Arthur Jorgensen, Columbus, Wisconsin.
Mr. Charles Hayworth, Oskaloosa, Iowa.
Mr. C. E. Grady, Classen High, Oklahoma City.
Mr. C. E. MacLean, Winnetka, Illinois.
Mr. Robert J. Corbett, Coraopolis, Pennsylvania.
Miss Joyce R. Gregory, So. St. Paul, Minnesota.
Mr. L. E. Jackson, Troy, Ohio.

Bakersfield Has An Idea

If you attend either of the last two national tournaments you remember Wiley K. Peterson, the tall and striking coach from Bakersfield, California. He now contributes this appropriate suggestion to other Chapters:

"Our chapter of NFL recently embarked upon a rather interesting colonization project. At a regular meeting of the chapter, the names of those schools which have evidenced interest in NFL as supplied to us from the national office, were placed in a hat and each member drew a school. This member then was responsible for contacting that school regarding the establishment of an NFL chapter. Eighteen schools have been written to, and five have given very favorable replies. The students are enjoying this project and are assuming the responsibility for the entire project. I have noticed that it has increased our interest and enthusiasm in our own chapter. Our aim is five new chapters in California". (Secretary's note: Petitions have already come in from Fresno and Beverly Hills.)

Statistical Diet

District Standing

Rank	Up or Down	District	New Chap.	Av. No. Memb's	Leading Chapter	Members & Degrees
1.	0	New York	4	14.9	Poughkeepsie	84
2.	0	Nebraska	1	11.9	Omaha-Central	33
3.	0	Indiana		11.5	Bloomington	28
4.	+3	Ohio	4	10.8	Niles	85
5.	-1	Wisconsin	2	10.5	Mayville	39
6.	-1	Missouri	4	9.2	Joplin	51
7.	-1	Pennsylvania	3	9.0	Monessen	54
8.	+3	Texas	3	8.0	Enid, Oklahoma	41
9.	0	Michigan		7.7	River Rouge	28
10.	+2	Kansas	3	7.7	Topeka	50
11.	-3	California	1	7.5	Bakersfield	21
12.	-2	Illinois	3	7.3	DuQuoin	53
13.	0	South Dakota	2	7.1	Sioux Falls	42
14.	0	Iowa	1	6.7	Oskaloosa	31
15.	0	Colorado	4	6.2	Douglas, Wyoming	24
16.	+1	Minnesota	1	5.7	Mpls-Roosevelt	35
17.	-1	Washington	1	4.9	Lewiston, Idaho	38
18.	0	Southern	6	4.6	Moorefield, W. Va.	13
19.	0	New England	4	2.2	Foxcroft Academy	9
		National	47	8.2	Niles, Ohio	85

Decalet of Leaders — The Second Ten

Coaches		Students	
T. C. Bond, Niles, Ohio	482	Jane Lieberman, Chaney HS.	293
Mary Blackburn, Granite Cy	468	Lester Harris, El Reno,	287
R. S. Cartwright, Elgin, Ill.	438	Emerson Cammack, Miami	271
Florence Willett, Canton	430	Sam Shapiro, Wooster, Ohio	270
E. J. Diller, Chaney HS.	430	Kath. Johnson, Carrollton	255
W. F. English, Carrollton	414	Betty Dorsey, Pittsburg Ks.	254
R. P. Hibbs, DuQuoin, Ill.	401	Don Snider, Bloomington	253
Helen M. Hall, Passaic	398	Rosella Anderson, Enid, Ok.	245
S. S. Knapp, N. Dallas, Tex.	371	Mabel Stanley, Oskaloosa, Ia.	228
Sarah A. Ryan, Omaha-Cent.	355	Betty Warren, Topeka, Kan.	221

Going Up

Chapters	16	477
Members	319	13,603
Keys	69	7,711
Contest Reports	1,376	50,775
Memoranda of Points	1,682	53,293

Degrees Granted:

Degree of Honor	112	5,027
Degree of Excellence	76	2,585
Degree of Distinction	35	1,338

Preliminary Announcement on

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University of Denver

July 13-24, 1936

Objectives:

To permit administrators and teachers to combine a vacation in the Rocky Mountains with a period of educational offerings emphasizing new developments in the field of speech. The program is especially addressed to those who are unable to attend the longer summer terms, and to those who have completed their academic degrees but still wish to keep up-to-date.

General Lectures:

Interrelations of Speech with Modern Education, Speech and Personality, Potentialities of the Scientific Approach to Speech Education, Radio and Education, Discussion Techniques, Recent Trends in the Theatre.

Speech Practices and Methods:

Child Guidance Clinic Through Speech, Laboratory Methods for the Basic Course, New Discussion and Debate Methods, Seminar in Dramatic Production, Methods of Personality Therapy for Speech.

Panel Discussions:

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