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Friday, May 6

12:00 National Contest Winners on NBC Network

3:00 National Championship Debate on Columbia Network

(Central Standard time)



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National Tournament Is Big Event

Radio Programs on Three Major Networks; Early Registration Assures Nation-wide Entry

For six years the NFL has been given the use of the facilities of Columbia and NBC networks to bring to the high schools of America the national championship debate and the winners in the individual speech contests. These facilities have again been procured this year and in addition Ted Malone will place the Poetry Reading winner on the Mutual network. The time for each of these programs is given on the cover page of this issue.

Wooster Ready for Big Event

This space is reserved for Mr. Russell L. Caldwell who is too busy at Wooster as Local Chairman getting ready for your arrival to stop for a photograph. But don't be disappointed, you will see his flashing eye and smiling countenance when you arrive and thereafter wherever there is need of

someone in authority to coordinate the use of local facilities and personnel to serve the needs of the tournament.

We still will not expect the impossible of a perfect tournament, but as far as energy, experience, and enthusiasm will help to assure one, Mr. Caldwell will have the ingredients.

Early Registrations

Niles, Ohio; St. John, Washington; Cushing Academy, Mass.; Lyons, Neb.; Webster, S. D.; Independence, Mo.; Mansfield, Ill.; Excelsior Spgs., Mo.; Newcastle, Ind.; Lock Haven, Pa.; Carrollton, Mo.; North Judson, Ind.; Wadsworth, Ohio; Liberty, Mo.; Williamsburg, Mass.; Derry, Pa.; Whitefield, N. H.; Mitchell, S. D.

Correction

The third paragraph under "Eligibility" in the national tournament rules appearing on page 14 in the March Rostrum should read "two contestants from each previous national tournament host." The word "host" was omitted.

Poetry Reading to be Added to 1938 National

Ted Malone of "Between the Bookends" Radio Feature Will Conduct Contests at Wooster

Through the very generous cooperation of Ted Malone of New York City the NFL will sponsor this year a contest in Poetry Reading. Mr. Malone, who for the past several years has had one of the most universally popular programs on the Columbia network and who is now on the Mutual network will be in Wooster to conduct the contests. Many NFL members also know him as Poetry Editor of Pictorial.

Winner on Mutual Network

The preliminaries in the contests will be held on Tuesday. Each contestant will read a short passage of poetry from a list selected by Mr. Malone. In the final contest on Wednesday morning each contestant will read one passage from sight and another for which he has been given time to peruse. The winner will be presented as trophy a pair of bookends by Mr. Malone and will then appear with Mr. Malone on his Mutual network program originating at Cleveland that afternoon at 2:30 Central Standard Time. Mr. Malone will be at our banquet on Tuesday evening and may consent to read a bit for the guests then.

Liberal Entry Provisions

Since the arrangements for this special feature have been completed to recently to permit holding elimination contests in several states and districts, entry in Poetry Reading this year will be open to any contestant regis-

tered in any of the other tournament events. Also to any other high school student who has won first place in any interscholastic contest in Poetry Reading conducted along approximately the plan herein outlined. Entry fees will be purely nominal; \$1 for regular tournament contestants; \$2.50 for others.

America Interested in Poetry

The widespread interest in poetry on the part of the average American in a supposedly fast-living age is not generally known. Yet for several years Mr. Malone's 15 minute program of poetry has been one of the most popular on the network. As many as 2,000 original poems are submitted to him a day from which to choose for radio reading. The Executive Council is indebted to Professor P. Casper Harvey, Missouri State Honorary Member of NFL, for introducing Mr. Malone to us and suggesting the idea of a national contest as herein announced.

Register for National

Registration for the National Tournament should be filed as early as possible. "Checking in" at Wooster will be much quicker if registration was completed by mail before hand.

Registration must be on the official blank and signed by principal or superintendent. Blanks are available from any national officer, district chairman, or director of your state league.

Student Congress Promises Interesting Sessions

Bills Passed May Appear in the Congressional Record of the United States Congress

Further encouragement and support of the National Student Congress sponsored by the NFL is contained in a letter from United States Senator F. Ryan Duffy of Wisconsin who states he will endeavor to have printed in the Congressional Record some of the bills passed by the student legislators at Wooster. The Senator writes: "The program is indeed a most commendable one, and I would like to be of some little assistance in gaining the desired recognition through the insertion in the Congressional Record of some of the bills to be introduced by the participants in this tournament. With some explanation to the Senate as to the reason for the request, I am hopeful that it will not be objected to."

The youthful Congressmen will now have a special reason for framing thoughtfully sound proposals for our national welfare and for using effectively every art of speech to gain acceptance for their measures. Success will be accorded a recognition more distinctive than any trophy or medal—their proposals under their own names in the Congressional Record of the United States.

Parties Evenly Divided

The party affiliations of the first registered Congressmen is interesting. In the Senate there are four Republicans, three Democrats, and one Independent. In the House the Republicans also hold a slight margin, though not

a clear majority, with 15 Republicans, 14 Democrats, four Independents, and one Prohibitionist. If the present ratio continues the Independents will hold the balance of power. Following is the early list of elected Congressmen:

Senators

Randall Robertson, Granite City, Ill.
Harold Lee Hayes, Charleston, Ill.
Bob Johnson, Ft. Wayne, Ind.
Walt Pike, Jr., Virginia, Minn.
Carol Sayers, Niles, O.
Harlan Dix, Wooster, O.
Holbert N. Carroll, Charleroi, Pa.
James Seamon, Monessen, Pa.
Dean Epperson, Oconomowoc, Wis.

Representatives

Harold Mindell, Aurora, Ill.
John Amott, Elgin, Ill.
Edward Hoag, Freeport, Ill.
Richard King, Granite City, Ill.
Mary Elizabeth King, Olney, Ill.
Elizabeth Cunningham, Pinckneyville, Ill.
Edgar E. Ferrey, Columbia City, Ind.
Richard Urbine, Ft. Wayne, Ind.
Paul R. Moo, LaPorte, Ind.
Firman Knipp, North Judson, Ind.
Chas. D. Knight, Shreveport, La.
Eleanor Swenson, Williamsburg, Mass.
Reuben Bartoletti, Virginia, Minn.
Chas. Grabske, Independence, Mo.
James J. Jenkins, Maplewood, Mo.
Esther Welchert, Emerson, Neb.
Ropp Triplett, Bluffton, Ohio

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President of Tournament Veterans Is Triple Threat Man

T. M. Beaird of Oklahoma Will Have Three Roles in National Tournament at Wooster

Director of the National Student Congress, President of the Veterans' Club, and sponsor of the Coaches' Contests are the three jobs laid on the broad shoulders of capable T. M. Beaird of Oklahoma University. In the first named capacity he will exercise general supervision of the Student Congress and see to it that it moves faster toward achievement than the National Congress in Washington just before adjournment.

As president of NFL Tournament Veterans—those who have attended previous national tournaments, Mr. Beaird will have charge of the program at the Tuesday evening banquet. In this connection he will also exercise his third function, that of sponsor of the coaches' contest.

Don't Hide Your Talents

That is the admonition of Mr. Beaird to NFL coaches coming to the Wooster National. This means in other words, enter the two contests for coaches. The first is on the subject, "A Good After-Dinner Speech." The second is a contest in Humorous Reading or Declamation.

For years now we have been talking about using better subject matter in our contests in Humorous Declamation. Here is an open challenge to show NFL students and coaches just what is meant by that term and that good literature contains a lot of delightful humor that will win contests just as will



the ordinary, sometimes called "slap-stick" variety.

The first place winners only in these two contests will be permitted to entertain the guests at the second of the two big NFL tournament banquets. Gold, silver, and bronze medals will be awarded in each division. Registration may be made for either contest at Wooster on Sunday afternoon and evening, May 1, but preparation should begin at once and continue until the gold medal is in your possession and the banquet audience has been properly electrified by the scintillating humor of your speech or rendition.

Seven Candidates for National Directors

Two Present Directors and Five District Chairmen Seek Offices

NFL members in every Chapter will have the privilege and responsibility of choosing two national officers from the strongest field of candidates presented to them in recent years. Everyone of them has a record of achievement which merits most careful consideration on the part of every member. Read the brief statements in their behalf carefully and vote thoughtfully.

Ballots are enclosed, on the basis of members and degrees on record in the national office on April 15. Additional ballots will be mailed for new members and degrees up to May 15. The poll closes **May 25**.

C. C. Diettert North Judson, Ind.

The North Judson Chapter submits for reelection, National Director, C. C. Diettert.

His qualifications:

1. Graduate of De Pauw University (A.B. and A.M. Degrees).
2. Rector Scholar, graduated with high honor.
3. Phi Beta Kappa.
4. Organizer of North Judson Chapter, now 11 years old (Chapter Distinguished Service Award in 1934).
5. Indiana State Chairman NFL eight years—resigned when elected National Director. Indiana District ranked consistently high.
6. Recipient individual distinguished service award, 1935.
7. Coach of State Champion contestant who participated in National Tournament in 1934.
8. Suggested the name "Rostrum" for NFL bulletin.
9. His efforts have maintained a strong chapter in one of the smaller high schools.
10. Received gold state chairman's badge in 1935—silver awards every year previously.
11. Is frequently mentioned in the Rostrum.
12. Adheres to a strict schedule of getting things done on time.
13. Writes frequently for educational magazines.
14. Originated many state contests in Indiana.
15. Favors progressive NFL procedures.
16. A tireless worker, enthusiastic for NFL.
17. A busy teacher—six classes a day.
18. An able administrator—principal of NJHS since 1925.



W. Francis English

Carrollton, Missouri

The Missouri Chapters of the National Forensic League present the name of W. Francis English of Carrollton as a candidate for National Director. Mr. English has been a member of the NFL for ten years.



His record as a coach includes: Two state debate championships, two NFL District titles, twice second in NFL district meets, winner or runner-up in ten other tournaments, second in national debate tournament in 1936, third in 1931. In individual contests his speakers have won four state titles in extempore, two in oratory, and one in humorous declamation. Two of the extempore speakers were national finalists, one of them was second.

Mr. English has been one of the progressive high school principals of Missouri. He is a graduate of the Kirksville State Teachers College and holds the Master of Arts degree from the University of Missouri. In 1936 and in 1937 he was Missouri District Director of NFL.

The Missouri Chapters feel that the enthusiasm of Mr. English has shown for the forensic arts and his leadership in the field of school administration should make him a valuable member of the Council.

Ralph N. Schmidt, Sr.

Mayville, Wisconsin

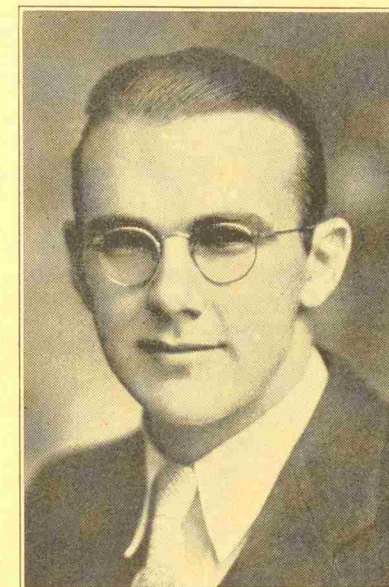
Mr. Schmidt has been our coach and sponsor for six years. He ranked in the third decalogue of leaders this fall, and was awarded third place for his introduction to the affirmative case in the late Rostrum contest. In the coach's discussion contest at the last Nationals he was 5th.

During the five year period of his leadership ending last fall, Mayville has risen from 227th to 19th in the national standing; the chapter has won two Distinguished Service Awards; and it has been represented at three national tournaments.

He has served as District Chairman three times, and has so actively served the cause of speech in Wisconsin and the nation as to receive the personal Distinguished Service Award last spring, and to be ranked in the May, 1937, "Who's Who in N.F.L."

He is dedicated to the following platform:

1. Encouragement of greater speech participation.



2. Eventual rearrangement of districts to small size and compact area so that all can compete in District Tournaments at a minimum expense.
3. Requirement of at least one year of participation out of three in District Tournaments in some event or revocation of charter.
4. Continuation of degree coupons with each new membership.

Leslie D. Schreiver

Charleroi, Pennsylvania

The candidacy of Leslie D. Schreiver for re-election as senior National Director is respectfully submitted to the NFL electorate by the Charleroi Chapter.

He needs no introduction to faculty sponsors and contestants who have met at the various National Tournaments and at the last three annual meetings of the National Association Teachers of Speech.

His evidence of interest in National Forensic League welfare is exemplified specifically in three constructive suggestions now incorporated in the program:

- Establishing National, State, and Chapter Honorary memberships.
- Achieving the goal of 500 chapters.
- Raising the calibre of chapter membership by limiting the same to 500 chapters.

His district progressed along all lines of forensic achievement, while Pennsylvania State Chairman, 1933-1937.

His accomplishments as chapter sponsor are well above the average:

- Contestants in two or more events, each National 1932-1937, inclusive. Two qualified for 1938.
- The chapter has received two Distinguished Service Plaques.
- One student, the Distinguished Service Key.
- Mr. Schreiver, both the Distinguished Service Key and Plaque.
- Consistently among the leaders, Coaches Decalet.
- First coach** to have 1000 credit points, his most recent achievement and unique distinction!

Therefore, the Charleroi Chapter respectfully recommends Leslie D. Schreiver for re-election as a cautious, careful, constructive and conservative candidate.



E. E. Bradley - Panhandle A&M College, Goodwell, Oklahoma

E. E. Bradley, District Chairman of Oklahoma, is head of the speech department of Panhandle A.&M. College. Previously he was director of speech and sponsor of the NFL chapter in El Reno.



Mr. Bradley has long been an NFL enthusiast. When he went to El Reno the Oklahoma district was inactive with only four active chapters in the state. He immediately got busy and before the end of the year there were thirteen active chapters and an NFL tournament. He was then elected district chairman and the Oklahoma District now has 19 chapters, 17 taking part in a major tournament this year. While at El Reno, Mr. Bradley had contestants in the National Tournament every year, last year placing fifth in dramatic.

"I am thoroughly sold on the work of the NFL. I believe that it is serving a purpose in our schools that cannot be duplicated. The National directors in the past have been from the East and North Central states. The Middle West should be represented. Oklahoma has been outstanding in speech contest work winning four of seven National Championships in debate. The Oklahoma District is one of the nation's best. Give the middle west and Oklahoma representation."

S. Stanley Knapp

Dallas, Texas

The North Dallas Chapter presents for National Director its Sponsor and Coach, Mr. S. Stanley Knapp.

Mr. Knapp has been a member of the League since 1926; has sponsored ten chapters; is now District Chairman, and is actively engaged in directing speech contest work.

Elected District Chairman in 1934, when the district was in 15th place, he has consistently advanced the District until it ended last season in third place. Starting this year in sixth place he has brought the district to the present rank of first place.

An ardent supporter of debate, Mr. Knapp has been largely responsible for the growth of the tournament idea in Texas. The seventh annual North Dallas tournament held in February registered 162 teams from 53 schools. His idea of debating is as an educational process for the students. Our tournament leaves the coaches on the side line and puts the debaters at work judging as well as debating.

A progressive who dares to try the new yet one who recognizes the valuable of the old, Mr. Knapp will make the National Forensic League a valuable asset as a National Director.—The North Dallas Chapter.



Mr. Levi Osterhus

Roosevelt H.S., Minneapolis
Mr. Levi Osterhus, Roosevelt High School, Minneapolis, Minn., is presented as a candidate for national director. He has coached speech activities. He has taught speech classes. He has directed speech tournaments. He has attended all the National Speech Tournaments, and students have been entered in every National Speech Tournament.

He has accepted responsibilities with the idea of retiring service. He is interested in local activities. He is fully aware of his responsibilities to the state program, and he has fully realized his obligations in respect to national cooperation.



His services are now submitted to the chapters of the United States. It is not claimed that he is necessarily the best man for the position, neither is it maintained that he is the only one to be found with qualifications, nor is it even suggested that other members are less qualified.

He is thoroughly interested in forensic activities and will endeavor to fulfill his responsibilities.

Congressmen

Donald Kleckner, Clyde, Ohio
Earl Olmstead, New Philadelphia, Ohio

Mitchell Shaker, Niles, Ohio
Catherine Hopfinger, Port Clinton, Ohio

Robert L. Kent, Ravenna, Ohio
Don Simester, Wadsworth, O.
William Webb, Wyoming, O.
John Carney, Youngstown, O.
Raymond Corvin, Ada, Okla.
Lois Natovitz, Bentleyville, Pa.
Phyllis Haney, California, Pa.
Warren E. Gregg, Charleroi, Pa.
Robt. J. Johnson, Derry, Pa.
Franklin Elliott, Latrobe, Pa.
Imogene Thomas, Memphis, Tenn.
Raymond E. Jones, Bluefield, W. Va.

Aaron Cohen, Clarksburg, W. Va.
John Thomas, Moorefield, W. Va.
Henry Peters, Oconomowoc, Wis.

Robert Perschbacher, West Bend, Wis.

**Won Both Texas Championships**

When a Chapter wins the State Championship in both men's and women's debate in a state league of 1,000 high schools that is worth a picture in the Rostrum any day—even a few days late. Here is the Denison, Texas, group of champions coached by Otis L. Hilliard, 1937.

District Tournament Winners**Missouri**

Held at William Jewell College,

Debate—
Carrollton Lexington

Original Oratory—
George Sadler, Liberty
Mary F. McAnaw, Excelsior Springs

Extempore Speaking—
Warren Cannon, Independence
Jeanine Stephenson, Excelsior Springs

Oratorical Declamation—
Bill Malcolm, Marshall
Mary F. McAnaw, Excelsior Springs

Dramatic Declamation—
Patricia Osborn, Liberty
Lois Jean Williams, Independence

Humorous Declamation—
Blanche Gross, Maplewood
Jane Scoven, Carrollton
The tournament trophy was won by Independence; 2nd, Salisbury; 3d, Carrollton.

Colorado

Held at Fort Collins on Apr. 8-9.

Debate—
Kimball, Neb.
Cheyenne, Wyoming

Original Oratory—
Dean Bottoms, Casper, Wyo.
John Bean, Littleton, Colo.

Extempore Speaking—
Walter Phelun, Cheyenne, Wyo.
Junior Shrimpton, Kimball, Neb.

Oratorical Declamation—
Joe Minihan, Casper, Wyo.
John Ryan, Denver-Cathedral

Dramatic Declamation—
Dick Moore, Littleton, Col.
Joe Hunley, Cheyenne, Wyo.

Humorous Declamation—
Donald Henry, Kimball, Neb.
Robert Anderson, Ft. Collins, Colo.
The tournament trophy was won by Cheyenne, Wyo.; 2nd, Littleton, Colo.; 3d, Denver-Cathedral.

Wisconsin

Held at Ripon College and Marquette

Debate—
Sheboygan, Kenosha
Two Rivers, tied

Original Oratory—
Bertil Peterson, Kenosha
Henry Peters, Oconomowoc

Extempore Speaking—
John Sokoll, Sheboygan
Ted Widder, Sheboygan

Oratorical Declamation—
Bertil Peterson, Kenosha

Lawrence Weber, Manitowoc

Dramatic Declamation—
Robert Wright, Oconto Falls
Mary O'Brien, Sheboygan

Humorous Declamation—
Betty Congdon, Kenosha
Romaine Phalen, Sheboygan
The tournament trophy was won by Sheboygan; 2nd, Kenosha; 3d, Washington, Milwaukee.

Minnesota

Held at Virginia on April 8-9.

Debate—Mankato Mpls.-West.

Original Oratory—
John Bystrom, Moorhead
Robert Traff, West-Minneapolis

Extempore Speaking—
David Cooper, Chaska
Ralph Walls, West-Minneapolis

Oratorical Declamation—
James Wanvig, West-Minneapolis
James Haley, Chisholm

Dramatic Declamation—
Clifford Franksen, West-Minneapolis
Lyla Mae Kemske, New Ulm

Humorous Declamation—
Elizabeth Fulton, Virginia
Irma Ahola, Virginia
The tournament trophy was won by Minneapolis-West; 2nd, Roosevelt-Minneapolis; 3d, Chisholm.

New York

Held at Ossining on April 8-9.

Debate—
Poughkeepsie, Rome

Original Oratory—
Albert LaSilva, Freeport
Lothar Schulze, Ossining

Extempore Speaking—
Fred Griffiths, Poughkeepsie
Anthony Pomilio, Rome

Oratorical Declamation—
William Searle, Rome
Helen Bocchino, Poughkeepsie

Dramatic Declamation—
John Spirig, Highland
Vernon Bonni, Ossining

Humorous Declamation—
Joseph Shev, Poughkeepsie
Rita Keel, Albany

The tournament trophy was won by Rome; 2nd, Albany; 3rd, Poughkeepsie.

Ohio

Held at Kent State University

Debate—
East Cleveland Wadsworth

Original Oratory—
John McCulloch, Wooster

Marjorie Jacot, Bath
Extempore Speaking—
 Nadine Bensley, Marysville
 John Carney, Youngstown Chaney

Oratorical Declamation—
 Joan Echelberger, Ashland
 James Strickling, Ashland

Dramatic Declamation—
 William Karrenbauer, Massillon
 Joan Grether, Dayton

Humorous Declamation—
 Mary Frances Hogan, Niles
 Florence Osborne, Greensburg
 The tournament trophy was won by
 Massillon; 2nd, Wooster; 3rd, Wadsworth.

Tennessee

Held at Teachers' College, Memphis,
Debate—
 Memphis-Tech. Jonesboro, Ark.

Original Oratory—
 Billy Phillips, Memphis-Central
 Louise Wright, Donelson

Extempore Speaking—
 Polly Jean Torti, Memphis-Messick
 Sevier Duncan, Jonesboro, Tenn.

Oratorical Declamation—
 Jim Burns, Dickson, Tenn.
 Julia Ann Stanton, Memphis-Central

Dramatic Declamation—
 Dorothy Wurzburg, Memphis-Central
 James Cowan, Dickson

Humorous Declamation—
 Violetta Weems, Dickson
 Doris McCutcheon, Paris
 The tournament trophy was won by
 Memphis-Messick, Memphis-Tech, and
 Dickson, second.

Southern District

Held at Bristol, Va., on April 1-2.
Debate—
 Corbin, Ky.

Original Oratory—
 Douglas Rice, Bluefield, W. Va.

Extempore Speaking—
 Lee Farris, Middlesboro, Ky.

Oratorical Declamation—
 Dick Dillard, Bluefield, W. Va.

Dramatic Declamation—
 Wharton Black, Bluefield, W. Va.

Humorous Declamation—
 Jeanne Foster, Bluefield, W. Va.
 The tournament trophy was won by
 Bluefield, W. Va., 2nd Corbin, Ky., 3rd,
 Mt. Sterling, Ky.

Oklahoma

Held at Oklahoma College for Women
 in Chickasha, March 11-12.
Debate—

Oklahoma City-Classen

Miami
Original Oratory—
 Guy Sinnett, Ada H.S.
 Dale Scott, Okla. City, Classen

Extempore Speaking—
 Russell Holloway, Okla. City, Classen
 Keith Marshall, Seminole

Oratorical Declamation—
 Juan Vargas, Okla. City., Capitol Hill
 Jim Brown, Okla. City, Classen

Dramatic Declamation—
 Charles Carshon, Okla. City, Central
 Martha Jean Reed, Okla. City, Classen

Humorous Declamation—
 Billy Canfield, Okla. City, Central
 Ann Settle, Okla. City, Classen
 The tournament trophy was won by Okla-
 homa City, Classen, 2nd Enid and
 Oklahoma City-Central, tied.

Southern Illinois

Held at Charleston Teachers College,
Debate—
 Du Quoin Lincoln

Original Oratory—
 Elmer Hammerman, Granite City
 Kenneth Fijan, Granite City

Extempore Speaking—
 Donald Walton, Lincoln
 John Clark, Jacksonville

Oratorical Declamation—
 Ralph Parker, Lincoln
 John Brummet, DuQuoin

Dramatic Declamation—
 Virginia Allen, DuQuoin
 Evelyn Vaughn, Mansfield

Humorous Declamation—
 Harold Lee Hayes, Charleston
 Joseph Brennan, Granite City
 The tournament trophy was won by
 Lincoln, 2nd Du Quoin, 3rd Granite City.

Western Pennsylvanai

Held at California Teachers College
 and State College, April 4-5.

Debate—
 Monessen Masontown

Original Oratory—
 Lois Notovitz, Bentleyville
 Robert Johnson, Derry Twp.

Extempore Speaking—
 Christy Munch, Charleroi
 Ewing Pollock, Waynesburg

Oratorical Declamation—
 Margaret Kirby, California
 James Walsh, St. Vincent

Dramatic Declamation—
 Esther Ebenhoe, Monessen
 Maynard Kisinger, Bentleyville

Humorous Declamation—
 Eileen Feeney, Charleroi

Clair Feeney, Charleroi
 The tournament trophy was won by
 Monessen.

Indiana

Held at Purdue University,
Debate—
 LaPorte
 Terre Haute-Wiley

Original Oratory—
 H. O'Shaugnessy, Central-Fort Wayne
 Keith Symon, Terre Haute-Wiley

Extempore Speaking—
 M. Miller, Ft. Wayne-North
 Betty Foss, Hammond H. S.

Oratorical Declamation—
 Mary Bradshaw, Terre Haute-Wiley
 Gordon Belles, Terre Haute-Wiley

Dramatic Declamation—
 L. Snauffer, Ft. Wayne-North
 Edwin Herzog, North Judson

Humorous Declamation—
 Nancy Elm, Ft. Wayne-North
 L. Snauffer, Ft. Wayne-North
 The tournament trophy was won by
 Terre Haute-Wiley, 2nd Logansport, 3d
 tied Hammond & Ft. Wayne-North.

Texas

Held at North Dallas High, School,
Debate—
 North Dallas, Wichita Falls,

Original Oratory—
 Roy Cox, Houston-San Jacinto
 Price Parker, Denison

Extempore Speaking—
 Billy Hardy, North Dallas
 Janice Ginsberg, Alexandria, La.

Oratorical Declamation—
 Joyce Levis, Houston-San Jacinto
 Jere Hudson, Shreveport, La.

Dramatic Declamation—
 Joe D. Smith, Alexandria, La.
 Clyde Stitt, Hot Spgs., Ark.

Humorous Declamation—
 Truett Harris, North Dallas
 Theresa Corcoran, Denison
 The tournament cup was won by North
 Dallas; Shreveport, second, Denison, 3rd.

New England District

Held at University of New Hampshire
Debate—
 Fall River, Mass.

Original Oratory—
 Carl Austin, Cony H.S., Augusta, Me.

Extempore Speaking—
 Patrick Harrington, Dufree H. S., Fall
 River, Mass.

Oratorical Declamation—
 Henry Shelley, Dufree H.S., Fall Riv-
 er, Mass.

Dramatic Declamation—
 Laurence Fountain, Warren, Mass.
Humorous Declamation—
 Charles Buck, Warren, Mass.

Iowa

Held at Penn College, Oskaloosa,
Debate—
 Davenport

Original Oratory—
 Stanley Kroeger, Davenport

Extempore Speaking—
 Oliver Hansen, Davenport

Oratorical Declamation—
 Marjorie Moore, Oskaloosa

Dramatic Declamation—
 Stanley Kroeger, Davenport

Humorous Declamation—
 Bob Ray, Davenport

California

Held at University of Redlands
Debate—
 Santa Monica (Both first and second)

Original Oratory—
 Jean Ann Morton, Santa Monica
 Robert Hine, Beverly Hills

Extempore Speaking—
 Bill Kitchin, Fresno-Roosevelt
 Irving Hellman, Beverly Hills

Oratorical Declamation—
 Bill King, Grossmont
 Lawrence Miller, San Bernardino

Dramatic Declamation—
 Jack Edwards, Hollywood
 Alexis Smith, Hollywood

Humorous Declamation—
 Mary Ann Riddle, El Centro-Central
 Fred Jennings, Grossmont

Northern Illinois

Held at LaGrange, April 14-16.
Debate—
 Elgin
 Freeport

Original Oratory—
 Tom McElin, Aurora-West
 Mike Milich, Kewanee

Extempore Speaking—
 Evelyn Johnson, Maine Township
 Robert Strotz, Aurora-East

Oratorical Declamation—
 Margaret Freerkson, Freeport
 Doris Ollman, Elgin

Dramatic Declamation—
 May Baker, Maine Township
 Dorothea Maurer, Peoria-Central

Humorous Declamation—
 Beverly Taylor, Maine Township
 John Parkhurst, Peoria-Central
 The tournament cup was awarded to
 Freeport; Elgin, second; Aurora-West,
 third.

From the Secretary's Desk

Charters Renewed

Charters have been renewed for Hennig, Illinois
Dillon, Montana
Rome, New York
California, Pa.
South Uniontown, Pa.
Johnson City, Tenn.
Amarillo, Texas

The charters for 14 chapters conditionally approved for renewal have been removed from the membership list. Ten of these places have already been filled by the charter committee in granting charters to these schools:

Webster, South Dakota
Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin
Lexington, Kentucky
West View, Pennsylvania
Bristow, Oklahoma
Corsicana, Texas
Chickasha, Oklahoma
Waco, Texas
Columbus-North, Ohio
Dwight School, New York City

Charter Waiting List

Fourteen petitions are at hand from which the Charter Committee will select four to fill the remaining vacancies. Since the charters of 11 inactive chapters are due for revocation on June 1, the Committee will continue to select the strongest schools from those petitioning to fill vacancies as they occur.

District Chairmen Candidates

The following have been nominated for the office of district chairman in their respective districts:

Harold G. Curtis, Oldham, S.D.
E. J. Diller, Chaney H.S., Ohio
L. W. Weldon, Maplewood, Missouri.

Thomas D. Reed, Hammond, Ky.
K. H. Harding, Mt. Sterling, Kentucky.

Erwin Schweibert, Caldwell, Idaho.

A. E. Keiber, Davenport, Iowa.

A. E. Melzer, Sheboygan, Wis.

E. E. Bradley, Goodwell, Okla.

J. C. Nebergal, Aurora-West.

Donald Olson, Shawano, Wis.

Ballots for the election are enclosed as supplements to this Rostrum. Each Chapter will cast one ballot which will count as many votes as it has members and degrees on record on May 25.

The nomination of the above named members does not, of course, preclude voting for others whose candidacies have not been reported to the national office.

Vote on Amendments

If your Chapter has not yet voted on the four amendments submitted by the Council for consideration by the NFL membership it is urged to do so at once and the ballots will still count in determining the ratification or rejection of the proposed changes.

NFL

Degree of Excellence No. 4,000 was granted to Charles Harding, Roosevelt High, Fresno, Calif.

NFL

Speaking of Texas, have you noticed how that District has come up in standing each month until now it is in first place with an all time high average membership of 31 per chapter? Credit goes to these strong groups: North Dallas 98, Abilene 97, Wichita Falls 74, Houston 65, Lubbock 36, Shreveport, La., 36, and Alexandria, La. 32.

Statistics Show

		District Standing		Members & Degrees	
Rank	Up or Down	District	Members per Chapter	Leading Chapter	Degrees
1.	+2	Texas	31.0	North Dallas	98
2.	0	Ohio	26.8	Wooster	109
3.	-2	Southern Illinois	26.2	Lincoln	82
4.	+7	Western Penn.	25.5	Monessen	111
5.	-1	Wisconsin	23.9	Mayville	84
6.	+7	Oklahoma	22.5	Enid	74
7.	-1	Northern Illinois	21.4	Maine Township	105
8.	-3	New York	18.5	Poughkeepsie	97
9.	-1	Colorado	18.1	Cheyenne, Wyo.	52
10.	-3	Nebraska	17.0	Omaha-Benson	48
11.	-1	Indiana	16.5	Hammond H. S.	39
12.	0	Iowa	16.0	Hawarden	44
13.	+1	Missouri	14.4	Jennings	47
14.	-5	California	14.3	Beverly Hills	38
15.	0	Kentucky	13.6	Mt. Sterling	38
16.	+3	Minnesota	11.9	Virginia	36
17.	-1	Michigan	9.2	River Rouge	36
18.	0	Kansas	9.2	Salina	47
19.	+1	South Dakota	8.7	Lead	34
20.	-3	Tennessee	8.5	Memphis-Messick	25
21.	0	New England	7.7	Portland	21
22.	0	Eastern Penn.	7.1	Passaic, N. J.	21
23.	0	Washington	5.8	Logan, Utah	18

Our Decalet of Leaders—The Second Ten

Coaches		Students	
Russell L. Caldwell, Wooster	703	Bill Butler, Jennings	421
S. Stanley Knapp, N. Dallas	680	B. Vernallis, Bentleyville	408
T. C. Bond, Niles	647	James Rizutto, Monessen	347
A. E. Melzer, Sheboygan	622	Ben Ramey, North Dallas	362
Helen M. Hall, Passaic	536	Peggy Trew, Bentleyville	347
F. W. English, Carrollton	526	M. Kisinger, Bentleyville	387
E. L. Kimball, Chicago	519	Henry Hofaker, Wooster	359
A. L. Swank, Peekskill	519	Florabelle Bonham, Ok.-Cen.	335
C. E. Grady, Okla.-Classen	502	Eileen Feeney, Charleroi	339
Mildred V. Dunham, Hornell	492	Billy Rentfro, Kimball	334

Going Up

	New	Total
Charters	4	500
Members	520	18,750
Keys	102	9,472
Reports	3157	72,219
Degrees of Honor	498	8,101
Degrees of Excellence	335	4,585
Degrees of Distinction	203	2,498