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but don't reverse the order.

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Some Interesting Letters

United States Fleet

U.S.S. Pennsylvania, Flagship
Guantanamo Bay, Cuba

March 28, 1939

My dear Mr. Hummel:

Your letter of March 13, addressed to the Commander-in-Chief, United States Fleet, has been referred to me for answer. It is anticipated that the fleet will have returned to San Pedro harbor by the week of June 19, 1939. We shall be very glad to make arrangements for the visit of about 800 members of the National Forensic League to naval vessels present during that week.

Your letter has been forwarded to the Commander Battleships on the U.S.S. West Virginia and it is requested that you write him giving your preference for the day so that he may make necessary arrangements for boats to meet the party.

Very truly yours,

H. F. Leary, Rear Admiral
U.S. Navy, Chief of Staff,
United States Fleet.

Pasadena Playhouse

Dear Mr. Wright:

It may be interesting for you to know that the play which the Playhouse will give on June 23 for the participants and delegates of the National Speech Tournament is J. B. Priestly's "I Have Been Here Before."

Yours very truly,
Charles F. Prickett.

Spencer Tracy

Dear Bruno,

Thanks so much for your letter of March 17 and for your many good wishes—I appreciate them.

It was nice of you to think of me in regard to the Forensic League tournament in Beverly Hills, but on the 19th and 20th of June I hope to be vacationing in Europe.

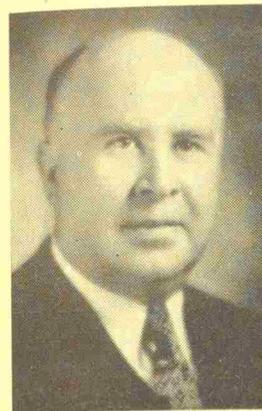
Thanks again, and best regards, always.

Sincerely yours,
Spencer Tracy.

(Spencer Tracy attended Ripon College with NFL Secretary Jacob in 1920-22, and there as a college debater and actor started the career in which he has twice won the Motion Picture Academy award.)

California Preparing for Tournament

Los Angeles Schools to
Provide Transportation

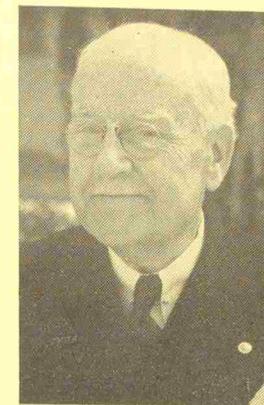


Dr. Vierling Kersey, nationally known superintendent of the Los Angeles city schools, has promised to secure bus transportation for the several tours being arranged for the National Speech Tournament and Student Congress participants. Dr. Kersey, a splendid speaker himself, has been a good friend of speech education in California.

Exclusive of grammar schools and junior high schools he has under his jurisdiction 35 senior high schools with a population of 70,000 students.

Beverly Hills Official Committee

Charles F. Wright, Tournament Chairman
George Holstein, Chamber of Commerce
Gilbert Nelson, Junior Chamber of Commerce
Richard Waltz, City Council of Beverly Hills
Seth M. Bond, President, Board of Education
A. A. Bowhay, Principal of the High School
Edward J. Hummel, Superintendent of Schools



BEVERLY HILLS UNITED SCHOOL DISTRICT

As president of the Beverly Hills Board of Education I take great pleasure in extending a very cordial invitation and also a welcome from our Board to the student delegates who will attend the National Speech Tournament in Beverly Hills.

You can be assured that the committee in charge of this important event will do everything in its power to make this meeting a great success—in fact, the best that has ever been held.

Cordially ours,
Seth M. Bond, President

Teachers Club Will Welcome High School Coaches

Dear Mr. Wright:

If you will send me all the names of Speech Coaches who plan to accompany contestants to Beverly Hills this summer, we shall make every effort to get in touch with them and offer them such hospitality as we can arrange.

If you have any suggestions as to activities that might be of help, let me know.

Yours truly,
D. J. McAllaster, Pres.

Famous Dramatic Director to Judge Final Contests in Declamation



Oliver Hinsdell, Paramount Pictures' dramatic coach and a group of his distinguished colleagues will be available to judge finals in dramatic reading in the National Speech Tournament.

After graduating from Northwestern University, Hinsdell went to New York and supported such famed stage stars as Nat Goodwin, Jane Cowl, Lou Tellegen and others.

This was followed by an offer from LePetite Theatre du Vieux Carre, New Orleans, where he soon attracted the attention of the Dallas group. The Dallas citizen built a \$150,000 theater and Hinsdell produced plays with great success for eight years under its auspices. The Dallas and New Orleans theaters today rank, with Cleveland and Pasadena, ahead of all other non-professional theaters.

Mr. Hinsdell has had a career especially interesting to NFL members. For many years one of the most prominent little theater directors in America, he attracted

the attention of Hollywood in 1931 when his Dallas Little Theater players took all honors at the National Little Theater tournament in New York City for their third successive year.

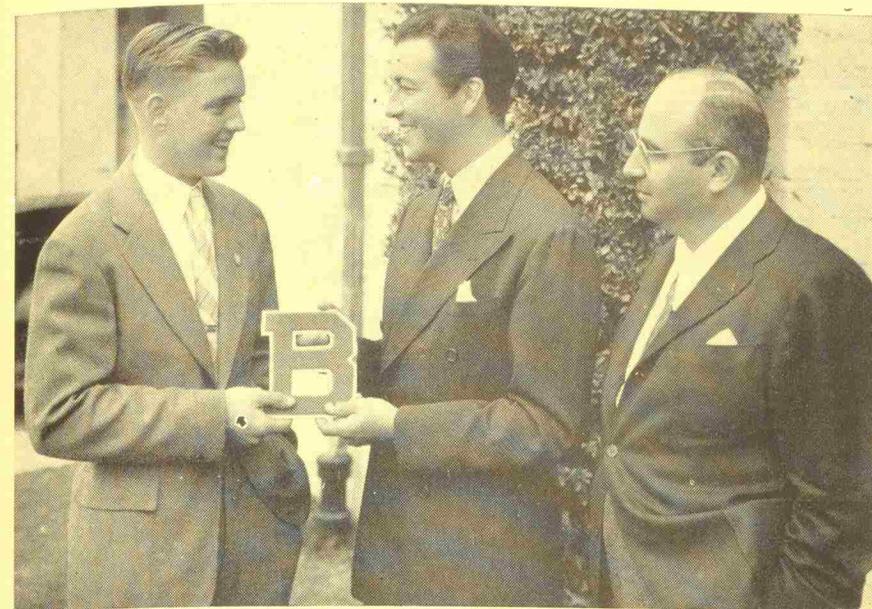
He was called to the Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer studio and there inaugurated the school for actors which trained such stars as Robert Taylor whom Hinsdell personally discovered. Later he transferred to Paramount.

Hinsdell introduced to the film city a new kind of audition in which he presents new players in six minute skits from famous plays. In these "new method" auditions he has been very successful.

Ellen Drew, one of his students, recently was "discovered" at one of the monthly "showcase" presentations, by Wesley Ruggles, producer of "The Unholy Beebes" and was placed in a leading role opposite Fred MacMurray and Bing Crosby. At a similar showing, Frank Lloyd saw Miss Drew and gave her a supporting role with Ronald Colman, Basil Rathbone, and Frances Dee in "If I Were King."

Naturalness and individuality are stressed in Hinsdell's school. He argues against "acting by imitation" and urges all young people interested in stage and screen careers to get a college education and "background" before making a try at Hollywood.

Prospective contestants in declamation will do well to remember that Mr. Hinsdell believes in "naturalness and individuality."



Who is that handsome and smiling young man in the middle? Robert Taylor? You guessed it, and Bob Laverty, president of the student body, is presenting a letter to Taylor after his recent address before the Beverly Hills High School rally. The serious gentleman in the picture is Norman Taurog, famous motion picture director.

All this is just preliminary to the "Shower of Stars," which Tournament Chairman Charles F. Wright is planning for the national banquet, June 19.

Meanwhile intensive preparations are under way in Beverly Hills for the national tournament which might easily be the largest in NFL history. The thoroughness with which these Californians are preparing for your coming and for your welfare and entertainment when you get there is indicated in part at least by the array of committees already set

up in addition to the general committee noted on page 3.

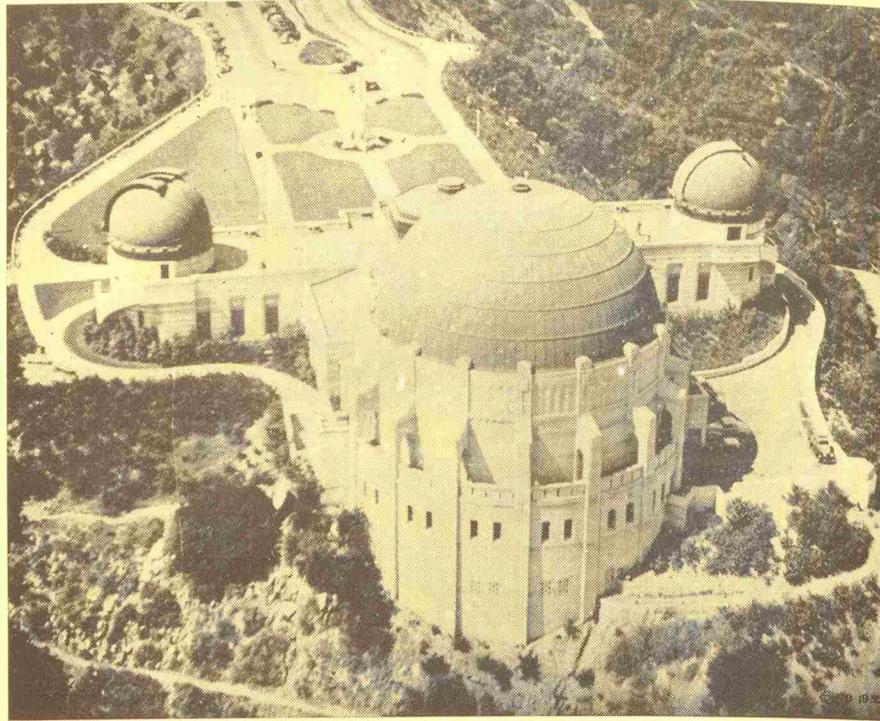
These committees are: Housing, Publicity, School Plant, Finance, Entertainment, Banquet, Radio, School Exhibits, Commercial Service, Tabulations, Music, Information and Tourist Bureau, Decorations, Transportation, Auditorium, Student Congress, Student Body, and Student Body Coördinator.

REGISTER NOW

Registrations on the official form with entry fee attached should be mailed to the national office as soon as possible. Remember, the national office will be closed ten days before the tournament opens by the secretary's departure for California.

N F L

Who will be the 10,000th member to receive the Degree of Honor? We are now numbering 9804.



The Theatre of the Sky

All California stars do not work in the movies. Some will be seen in a special performance on June 21 at the Griffith Observatory.

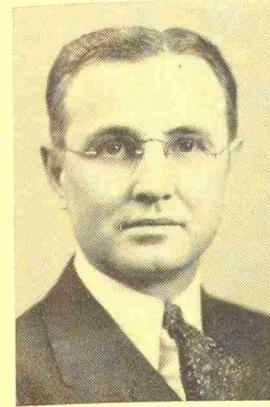
There are four divisions in this Observatory. The Observatory proper with one 12-inch refractor and three 8-inch refractors; The Hall of Science with approximately \$150,000 worth of exhibits from the physical sciences. The Planetarium, one of four in the United States. And the shops of which the Observatory is especially proud. The plant, manned by three astronomers and a staff of thirty, represents a cost of more than one million dollars. Last

year there were 170,000 visitors in the Planetarium and 160,000 looked through the large telescope.

According to Dr. Dinsmore Alter, Director of the Observatory, the June demonstration which the National Tournament guests will see will feature a large comet developing gradually through several months, growing a long tail as it approaches the sun and losing it again as it recedes. A shower of meteors will be observed among the stars, and the asteroids will be discussed.

A special trip to the Observatory is on our tournament schedule for June 21.

Student Congress Moves Along



Mr. Speaker

At the rate chapters are electing representatives to the National Student Congress, every seat will be filled long before Speaker J. Edmund Mayer of Topeka raps the official gavel in Beverly Hills on June 19. Chapters entitled to seat Congressmen and have not done so are urged to get their registrations into the national office at the earliest opportunity.

A chapter receives this privilege every time it accumulated 50 votes (members or degrees) past or present. If your chapter has reached this total since the registration blanks were mailed, write the national office at once for your election certificate and registration form.

Early Elections

Elections should be made as early as possible so that the Congressmen can get to work on the proposed legislation.

Official entries for Congressmen thus far elected by the Chapters have been received from the following:

Dorothy Jansen, Fresno-Roosevelt, Calif.

Jack Hecker, Greensburg, Ohio.

Bill Malcolm, Marshall, Mo.

Charles A. Neal, Miami, Okla.

Guida Bullock, Enid, Okla.

Sam Rudnick, Bakersfield, Calif.

David Stone, Hawarden, Iowa.

Donald Giesler, Salisbury, Mo.

Robert Strotz, Aurora-East, Ill.

Martha Jane Reed, Classen HS. Okla.

Carl Liske, North Judson, Ind.

Germaine Potter, Davenport, Iowa.

James Matheson, Oconomowoc, Wis.

Indiana Holds Congress in State Capitol

The Indiana Chapters will hold the second session of their Student Congress in the Indiana State Capitol building in Indianapolis. The Senate will meet in the Supreme Court room with Lieut. Gov. Schricker presiding. The House will meet in the Indiana House with Legislator Howard Batman presiding. Gov. Townsend has been asked to address a joint session.

The Indiana Chapters and District Chairman Laney have taken the Student Congress seriously and are meeting with splendid and well deserved support from their public officials of highest rank. Just shows what can be done.

Debate Question for 1940

The N.U.E.A. Committee on Debate Materials, Harold G. Ingham, chairman, announces the question for next year to be:

"Resolved; That the Federal Government should own and operate the Railroads."

District Tournament Winners

Missouri Tournament

Held at William Jewell College, Liberty, March 2-4.

- Debate*—
Springfield
Lexington
- Original Oratory*—
Jimmy Brown, Springfield
Shirley Conkling, Liberty
- Extempore Speaking*—
Norwin Yoffie, Springfield
Arthur Dorlag, Brentwood
- Oratorical Declamation*—
Helen Prince, Liberty
Kenneth Hackman, Brentwood
- Dramatic Declamation*—
Beverly Amery, Liberty
Helen Prince, Liberty
- Humorous Declamation*—
Russel Creason, Excelsior Springs
Jeane Clinch, Joplin
- Trophy Winner*—
Marshall 52, Maplewood 51, Liberty 48,
Joplin 40.

Southern Illinois District

Held at State Teachers College, Charleston, March 3-4.

- Debate*—
DuQuoin
Jacksonville
- Original Oratory*—
Wanda Schoof, Lincoln
George Harmon, Granite City
- Extempore Speaking*—
Joe Brennan, Granite City
Charles Smith, DuQuoin
- Oratorical Declamation*—
Evalyn Vaughn, Mansfield
Dick Goodman, Lincoln
- Dramatic Declamation*—
Richard King, Granite City
Dick Goodman, Lincoln
- Humorous Declamation*—
Evalyn Vaughn, Mansfield
Richard King, Granite City
- Trophy Winner*—
DuQuoin 43, Granite City 43, Lincoln
40, Jacksonville 34

Indiana District

Held at Purdue University, Lafayette, March 9-10.

- Debate*—
Hammond H.S.
Hammond-Clark H.S.
- Original Oratory*—
Nedra Pierce, Logansport

- Extempore Speaking*—
Julius Pewowar, Hammond H.S.
- Oratorical Declamation*—
Betty Spaulding, Hammond H.S.
- Dramatic Declamation*—
Elaine Hirsh, Terre Haute-Wiley
- Humorous Declamation*—
June Demerling, Hammond H.S.
- Trophy Winner*—
Hammond H.S. 43, Terre Haute-Wiley
41, Ft. Wayne-North 37, Logansport 25.

Ohio District

- Held at Shelby, April 3-5.
- Debate*—
East Cleveland
Wooster
- Original Oratory*—
Richard McGinnis, Rayen
Patty Poeppelmeier, Dayton
- Extempore Speaking*—
Lawrence Marthey, Massillon
William Jorden, Massillon
- Oratorical Declamation*—
Marilyn Lough, Massillon
Richard Shelly, Gensburg
- Dramatic Declamation*—
Doris Bloomberg, Masillon
Joan Eichelberger, Ashland
- Humorous Declamation*—
Priscilla Smith, Massillon
Melvin Milligan, Massillon
- Trophy Winner*—
Masillon 63, Wooster 53, Shelby 49,
Wadsworth 46

Pennsylvania District

Held at State Teachers College, California April 3-4.

- Debate*—
(To be held at State College Apr. 22-23)
- Original Oratory*—
Virginia Naser, Glassport
Elizabeth Kreitner, Centerville
- Extempore Speaking*—
Donald Haggerty, Cumberland
Richard Pollock, Waynesburg
- Oratorical Declamation*—
Prudence Saunders, Monessen
William Holley, Brownsville
- Dramatic Declamation*—
Milton Bergstein, Monessen
Virginia Armour, California
- Humorous Declamation*—
Stella Budzanoski, Centerville
William Nicodene, Monessen
- Trophy Points* (without debate)—
Centerville 47, Monessen 44, Brownsville 41, St. Vincent's 41

Northern Illinois District

- Debate*—
La Grange
Freeport
- Original Oratory*—
Kathleen Lawyer, Freeport
Paul Rogers, Elgin
- Extempore Speaking*—
Velma Whitgrove, Joliet
William Reeb, Dwight
- Oratorical Declamation*—
James Byrne, Aurora-West
J. D. Lambert, Freeport
- Dramatic Declamation*—
Robert Maurer, Freeport
- Humorous Declamation*—
May Baker, Maine Township
- Trophy Winner*—
Freeport 49, Elgin 45, Dwight 31, Maine
Township 30.
Held at Elgin, April 6-8.

Wisconsin District

Held at Marquette University March 10-11 and Carroll College April 7-8.

- Debate*—
Port Washington, Sheboygan North, and
Sheboygan-Central tied
- Original Oratory*—
Robert Newman, Kenosha
Therese Pick, West Bend
- Extempore Speaking*—
Walter Eberlein, Shawano
Virginia Zuern, Mayville
- Oratorical Declamation*—
John Dahl, Chippewa Falls
Bob Bode, Kenosha
- Dramatic Declamation*—
Doris Halboth, Sheboygan-Central
Leatrice Pavlick, Oconto Falls
- Humorous Declamation*—
Allen Hanse, Kenosha
Marjorie Kaufman, Milwaukee-Wash.
- Trophy Winner*—
Sheboygan-Central 52, Sheboygan-North
49, Kenosha 45, Milwaukee-Washington
43.

Minnesota District

Held at West High School, Minneapolis

- Debate*—
New Ulm
Aitkin
- Original Oratory*—
Ralph Walls, Mpls.-West
Sheldon Siegel, Virginia
- Extempore Speaking*—
James Wanvig, Mpls.-West
Bob Kilpatrick, Stillwater
- Oratorical Declamation*—
Bob Traff, Mpls.-West

- Bernard Hoberman, Chisholm
- Dramatic Declamation*—
Norma Jean Hall, Mpls.-West
Louise Haberle, Mpls.-West
- Humorous Declamation*—
Bette Askeland, Mpls.-West
Vernon Ruotsalainen, Virginia
- Trophy Winner*—
Minneapolis-West 65, Chisholm 59, Vir-
ginia 53, Minneapolis-Roosevelt 46.
April 12-14.

Iowa District

- Held at Oskaloosa, April 15
- Debate*—
Muscatine
- Original Oratory*—
Marjorie Moore, Oskaloosa
- Extempore Speaking*—
Marjorie Moore, Oskaloosa
- Oratorical Declamation*—
Joe Strick, Davenport
- Dramatic Declamation*—
Dick Camp, Perry
- Humorous Declamation*—
Catherine Harmeier, Davenport
- Trophy Winner*—
Oskaloosa 10, Muscatine 9, Davenport
8, Burlington 5.

Nebraska District

Held at Omaha-Benson High School, April 14-15.

- Debate*—
Omaha-North
- Original Oratory*—
Esther Welchert, Emerson
- Extempore Speaking*—
Grace Shepherd, Omaha-Benson
- Oratorical Declamation*—
Don DeVoe, Omaha-North
- Dramatic Declamation*—
Betty Lou Anderson, Omaha-North
- Humorous Declamation*—
Jimmie Jones, Emerson
- Trophy Points*—
Omaha Benson 31, Lyons 22, Emerson
21, Omaha-North 21.

Rooms in Beverly Hills homes will be assigned only as contestants complete official registration. Mail your entry to the national office as soon as you can and have your room waiting for you when you arrive in California on June 17. District and national officers can supply blanks.

Two Outstanding Students

Sam Goldenberg
Burlington, Iowa

As a sophomore, Sam Goldenberg, now a senior at Burlington, Iowa, High School, was a member of the team that won the championship of southeastern Iowa. He also debated on the varsity that year, last, and is one of the mainstays of this year's team. Prior to the National Tournament last year, Sam and his partner lost a 3 to 2 decision to the Elgin team, future National Champions, at the Drake University tournament. At the Wentworth Military Academy tournament, he lost a 2 to 1 decision to the national runner-up, Seminole, Okla. At the Nationals, he outranked every team met, but failed to qualify for the final rounds. In addition to debate, he is the school's leading extemp. speaker.



A member of the Student Council for two years; president of the Hi-Y, Philomatheans, and Junior Class; member of the tennis team and track squad; he has maintained an average of B in his studies, amassed 338 NFL credit points, and ranks sixth nationally.

Sam's present ambition is to again qualify for a National Tournament, and to be present at Beverly Hills next June.

His greatest asset is his "million dollar smile."

Kathleen O'Brien
Bentleyville, Pennsylvania



Kathleen O'Brien, "Chookie," a dignified, petite, black-haired, blue-eyed, fighting Irish senior from Bentleyville, Pa., has taken an active part in forensic activities ever since its charter was granted in 1935. She earned her forensic pin her first year of contest work. "Chookie" has entered every contest held in western Pennsylvania during the last three years; in fact, she has entered quite a few tournaments in Ohio. She usually brings home the bacon! She is very versatile, having competed in the 3 declamations, extemp. speaking, original oratory, debate, and the other two Pennsylvania State events, Shakespearean Reading and Poetry Reading.

Her hobbies are many and varied. She especially likes to swim and fish. She writes a weekly news column for a district paper. She belongs to Forensic, Debate, Glee, Tri-Hi-Y, and Dramatic clubs. She has been an honor student throughout her high school career.

Classen Graduates Making Good

Success Editor Finds Success Near at Hand

Have you ever wondered what happens to old razor blades, or to those bright stars in the speech firmament. Just for an experiment your Success Editor went through her files and made a few telephone calls to learn what happened to national tournament finalists from the Classen Chapter

In 1934 Phil Simon made the final round in Oratory. He went to the University of Illinois. In November, 1938, the Magazine of Sigma Chi carried a story and several pictures of Phil who was selected for the Balfour National Award, and made annually on the basis of scholarship, personality, service, and student activity.

In 1935 Phil Musser and Al Goodwin reached the finals in extemp. Bill is now a senior at the University of Oklahoma, where he has been connected with radio station WNAD. For the last two years he has regularly broadcast debate information on the high school question. Al Godwin is now on the WLW staff in Cincinnati.

Carter Hardwick was first place winner in Oratorical Declamation in 1936. He is now working with a company specializing in recording machines. Dick Breen won first in extempore, was president of the freshman class at Fordham university, and has written several one-act plays that have brought him enviable comments from well known critics and producers.

Warren White, a member of the championship debate team in 1937, was also freshman class president, but at Oklahoma uni-

versity. He won a scholarship at Yale and is now varsity debater there.

Reba June Long, 1938 extemp winner, has already been mentioned in this column for outstanding work at Virginia Intermont college. Ben Morris and Martha Jean Reed who were on the Ted Malone Poetry hour last May are still at Classen. Ben is one of the regular announcers over WKY and appears frequently on the Southwest Stars program which is carried by NBC each Saturday.

Altogether seventeen finalists from this chapter are making a name for themselves some place today, and quickly, too. That's what makes editing the Success column for the Rostrum as tricky as getting out an up to date map of Europe.

North Judson Boy O.K.

Jack Netherton of the North Judson, Ind., Chapter, graduated in 1934 as the highest ranking NFL member in the history of the school. He was debater, orator and extemp par excellence during his high school days.

At college the pursuit of Spanish took so much time that he forsook forensic fields. Time marched on for Jack, and took him to Mexico for travel and study at the National University of Mexico City. Now he's back at Chicago university where his undergraduate record was sufficient to win for him a graduate honor scholarship in addition to a Phi Beta Kappa key. In his spare time this year Jack is having an article published in the "Hispanic Review."

A Method of Speech Improvement

Northwest Speech Judges' Assn.

JOYCE R. GREGORY

Minneapolis West High School

For several years in Minnesota there was felt the need of coördinating the work between the speech teachers of the state and the judges of speech contests. Declamatory work was not improving. It was disheartening to coaches of declamatory and speech teachers that their modern ideas of interpretation, correct speech, accepted forms of technique, and methods of delivery were in opposition to those held by the people who were chosen to act as judges for contests.

As a result, three years ago a group of speech teachers in the Twin Cities, under the direction of Mr. Robert Scott, organized what was known as the Northwest Speech Judges' Association. Regularly scheduled meetings were held once a month, and at those meetings various speech teachers and speech judges in the Twin City area would present their ideas on constructive declamatory work, after which round-table discussions were held. Occasionally various students from surrounding high schools would appear before the association to give readings or to debate, demonstrating the typical work being done in interpretation and original speech fields. Attending members of the association would criticize these students and general discussion would ensue. From this procedure for three years, there has developed broader understanding of the nature of declamatory work and a definite coöperation between teachers of speech and judges of contests.

Editor's Note—One of the biggest problems in securing the maximum in educational training from speech contests is the ever-present hurdle of getting efficient judges. The State of Minnesota has developed a system for "training the judge" which is worth imitating by other states—it seems to be the closest thing to a correct answer to the "judge problem" which has yet been offered. This system of bringing the judges up to date and establishing something resembling uniform judging standards in keeping with modern speech requirements should do much to develop improved speech techniques and to make for better and more satisfactory speech contests. The following article merits careful study and the program it describes merits thoughtful imitation.

Applicants for membership in the Northwest Speech Judges' association must primarily be teachers of speech who have had definite coaching or teaching experience in the fields of interpretation and original speaking.

Since the organization of this association, the names of the qualified members have appeared in the Minnesota State High School League Bulletin. In this way the superintendents, principals, and teachers of speech throughout the Minnesota high schools have had direct contact with the people who are qualified to serve as critics at their speech events. The association has felt that critics should act not only as judges, but should be qualified to clarify their decisions with adequate suggestions, thereby serving as educational forces to improve the speech standards of Minnesota.

To date there are fifty-six members of the Northwest Speech Judges' Association who serve as critics and judges for all forms of speech activities.

From the Secretary's Desk

Election of District Chairmen

Ballots for the election of district chairmen are mailed as supplements to this issue of The Rostrum.

Each Chapter should mark its ballot as early as convenient and mail it to the national office. It will be counted for as many votes as the chapter has members and degrees on record on May 25. Each enrollment meanwhile will, of course, increase the effectiveness of the ballot in determining the chairman choice.

Chapters wishing to advance their coaches as candidates for this important office can do so most effectively by contacting directly the chapters in the district. The national office will gladly supply the district mailing list to any chapter requesting it for this purpose.

Select the person in your district best qualified for this significant position and then use the full weight of your chapter to elect him.

Lead Consistently Successful

At Lead, S. D., O. W. Kolberg put his squad of 18 debaters through 81 decision debates, winning 53. The squad won all 6 of its practice tournaments and five out of six of the decision tournaments. In extempore Miss Ella Leppert put her squad of seven speakers through its paces by winning five out of six practice tournaments and placing either first or second in nine out of twelve championship places for which they competed.

Watertown Scores, Too

Watertown, S. D., won the Big Eight tournament for the third consecutive year, Miss Marion Karrigan, coach. And that was this school's fifth tournament championship this year. In our day we used to count our achievements in number of debates won; now it's tournaments won.

New Chapters

The Charter Committee announces the granting of charters to the following schools:

Ashland, Kentucky
Hanover, Pennsylvania
Harvey, Illinois
Deland, Florida
Asheville, North Carolina
San Marcos, Texas
Minneapolis, Minnesota
John Marshall H. S.
Biddeford, Maine
Waterloo, West, Iowa
Huntington Park, California
Nashville-West End, Tenn.

Ashland, Ky., filled the last of the 32 vacancies created at the close of the year. Eight additional chapters failed to renew their charters and their places have also been filled. The Waco, Texas charter was revoked by the Executive Council and Redfield, S. D., surrendered its charter. Huntington Park and Nashville have been admitted in their stead. Eleven petitions at hand await further vacancies.

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Membership certificate No. 21,000 was issued to Bessie Mae Smith, Bentleyville, Pa.

Gomer Smith, an alumnus of Classen High in Oklahoma City, received Degree of Distinction No. 3,000.

Statistical Page

		District Standings			Members & Degrees	
Rank	Up or Down	District	New Chapters	Members per Chapter		Leading Chapter
1.	0	Ohio	2	29.6	Wooster	119
2.	0	Pennsylvania	1	27.4	Monessen	97
3.	0	Texas	5	25.6	North Dallas	95
4.	0	Wisconsin	2	24.7	Mayville	81
5.	0	Oklahoma	22.0	Enid	80
6.	+2	Indiana	2	21.0	Fort Wayne-North	61
7.	-1	So. Illinois	1	19.1	DuQuoin	81
8.	+2	No. Illinois	1	17.5	Maine Township	80
9.	-2	Iowa	1	17.4	Hawarden	61
10.	+3	Nebraska	1	17.4	Omaha-Benson	66
11.	-2	Colorado	1	16.9	Casper, Wyo.	52
12.	-1	New York	2	16.7	Poughkeepsie	72
13.	+1	Missouri	1	15.7	Joplin	36
14.	-2	California	3	15.2	Beverly Hills	39
15.	0	Kentucky	3	13.7	Lexington	33
16.	0	Tennessee	5	11.2	Memphis-Messick	26
17.	0	Kansas	11.2	Salina	35
18.	+1	Minnesota	2	9.9	Minneapolis-West	45
19.	-1	South Dakota	1	9.3	Lead	40
20.	+1	New Jersey	2	8.4	Slatington, Pa.	17
21.	+1	Western	3	7.9	Spokane, Wash.	23
22.	-2	New England	2	7.8	Portland, Me.	26
23.	0	Michigan	1	6.9	River Rouge	24
		National	42	17.0	Wooster, Ohio	119

Our Decalet of Leaders—The Second Ten

COACHES		STUDENTS	
S. Stanley Knapp, No. Dallas, Tex.	443	Henry Peters, Oconomowoc, Wis.	391
T. C. Bond, Niles, Ohio	436	Joan Eichelberger, Ashland, O.	387
J. A. Nelson, Omaha-Benson, Neb.	422	Paul Redinger, Wadsworth, O.	376
Mary Blackburn, Granite City, Ill.	385	Sam Goldenberg, Burlington, Iowa	373
C. E. Grady, Classen HS, Okla.	374	Don Simister, Wadsworth, O.	371
A. E. Melzer, Sheboygan, Wis.	359	Julius Pewowar, Hammond, Ind.	367
C. J. Nebergal, Aurora-West, Ill.	336	Richard Peterson, Wadsworth, O.	365
Thos. D. Reed, Hammond, Ind.	326	Robert Libbott, Beverly Hills	363
C. M. Schindler, Shelby, O.	325	Karl Kappel, Miami, Okla.	356
Loy C. Laney, Ft. Wayne-No., Ind.	323	Charles Neal, Miami, Okla.	356

Going Up

	New	Total
Chapters	4	500
Members	391	21,100
Keys	61	10,417
Reports	3391	83,241
Degrees of Honor	217	9,532
Excellence	94	5,438
Distinction	78	3,026

Degrees of Distinction

In spite of the fact that the requirements for Degree of Distinction were raised from 100 to 150 points, as many students are earning the degree this year as last—just work that much harder, it seems. Perhaps the fact that the

fee for this degree as well as for Excellence has been abolished has something to do with it, too. At any rate, here are a fine group of members who recently received the highest degree in NFL.

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- Dorothy Malone, Ft. Scott, Kans.
- Vincent Mulvaney, Casper, Wyo.
- Noel Wilcox, Oldham, S. D.
- Marjorie Lischer, Jennings, Mo.
- William Bartley, Jennings, Mo.
- L. V. Ray, Atlanta, Tex.
- Gordon McLendon, Atlanta, Tex.
- Vivian Clark, Hollywood, Cal.
- Hepburn Armstrong, Hollywood, Cal.
- Lawrence Werner, Hollywood, Cal.
- Marilyn Miller, Ashland, Ohio
- Gratia Hall, Jacksonville, Ill.
- Orloue Gisselquist, Minnehaha, Minn.
- E. G. Couch, N. Little Rock, Ark.
- Jeanette Dowds, Shelby, Ohio
- Jack Kerensky, Youngstown-Chaney
- Mitchell Shaker, Niles, Ohio
- Joe Stephens, Shreveport, La.
- Earl Keegan, Milwaukee-St. Johns
- Don Weimer, Newton, Iowa
- Harold McConaghey, Newton, Iowa
- Marjorie Wormley, Newton, Iowa
- Jack Minium, New Ulm, Minn.
- Mark R. Gale, Univ. City, Mo.
- Homer Jernigan, Longmont, Colo.
- Miss Mildred Clapper, Massillon, O.
- Robert Thomas, Wooster, Ohio
- Roselyn De Jute, Niles, Ohio
- Keith Howard, Omaha-Benson, Neb.
- Florence Osborn, Greensburg, O.
- Eloise Carter, Henryetta, Okla.
- Irene Keith, Houston, Tex.
- Annette Greenfield, Houston, Tex.
- Joseph Lee, Eau Claire, Wis.
- John Paustian, Mayville, Wis.
- Marie Thomas, Wellington, Kas.
- Robert Goesser, Burlington, Iowa
- Mr. S. M. Baber, Dallas-Sunset, Tex.
- Miss Ella M. Travis, Pt. Marion, Pa.
- Ruth Jones, Pt. Marion, Pa.
- Quinter Colebank, Pt. Marion, Pa.
- Karl Kappel, Miami, Okla.
- Charles Neal, Miami, Okla.
- Miss Eva H. Thompson, Laporte, Ind.
- Ralph Howes, LaPorte, Ind.
- Ann Allen, Prestonsburg, Ky.
- Robt. Runnels, Prestonsburg, Ky.
- Ashar Tullis, Winchester, Ky.
- Mr. H. E. Keeney, St. John, Wash.
- Lucile Hamilton, Canton, Kas.

- Guida Bullock, Enid, Okla.
- John Self, Jacksonville, Ill.
- Bernie Weithorn, Pinckneyville, Ill.
- John Repp, Jennings, Mo.
- W. A. Duggan, Dallas-Sunset, Ky.
- Charlotte Baugh, Winchester, Ky.
- Milford Werner, DuQuoin, Ill.
- Audrey Adams, Lexington, Mo.
- Camilla Schloemer, West Bend, Wis.
- Margie Lueth, Emerson Neb.
- John E. Schmitt, Mendota, Ill.
- Jerome Schwartz, Youngstown-Rayen
- Betty Elliott, Marysville, O.
- Dick Smith, Marysville, Ohio
- George S. Ager, Marysville, Ohio
- Edison Ruhmann, Brentwood, Mo.
- Virginia Brinkman, Brentwood, Mo.
- Harold Retzler, Wooster, Ohio
- Paul Martin, Wooster, Ohio
- Tom McMillan, Massillon, Ohio
- William Jorden, Massillon, Ohio
- Clarence Kemp, Oklahoma City-Clas-
sen, Okla.
- Bill Guerri, Fayette, Mo.
- Derrine Bieber, Muscatine, Iowa
- Annette Lewin, Muscatine, Iowa
- Lucille Hall, Lubbock, Tex.
- Ruth Monk, Lubbock, Tex.
- William Holly, Brownsville, Pa.
- William Clark, Kent, Ohio
- Richard Loomis, Omaha-Benson, Neb
- Earl Kelley, Cheyenne, Wyo.
- Ned Nedved, Okla. City-Classen, Ok.
- Dale Scott, Okla. City-Classen, Okla.
- Jim Hancock, Okla. City-Classen, Ok.
- Leon Davis, Okla. City-Classen, Okla.
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- Dick Breen, Okla. City-Classen, Okla.
- Gomer Smith, Okla. City-Classen, Ok.
- Geo. Brown, Okla. City-Classen
- Ross Lillard, Okla. City-Classen
- R. A. Baker, Okla. City-Classen
- Warren White, Okla. City-Classen
- Don Thompson, Sioux Falls, S. D.
- Fred McConnell, Bentleyville, Pa.
- Arthur Ball, Bentleyville, Pa.
- Eleanor Menego, Bentleyville, Pa.
- Earl Rosenthal, West Allis, Wis.
- Tom Kenny, West Bend, Wis.
- Cleo Short, Port Clinton, Ohio