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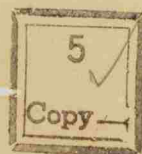
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This issue of *The Rostrum* is dedicated to the Chapter at Waverly, Illinois; to District Chairman, C. C. Diettert, of North Judson, Indiana; to Mr. Earl Planty of Ilion, New York, each of whom suggested the name "The Rostrum" for this publication.

And to District Chairman L. D. Schreiber of Charleroi, Pennsylvania whose sketch of the cover is used this month.

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Bigger and Better

With this issue, our National Bulletin passes another goal post and becomes a monthly magazine with an official name and sixteen full pages, instead of the eight page "bulletin" which NFL has now left behind it in the steady and stable growth which it has enjoyed in the nine years it has been functioning.

Many suggestions were received concerning the official name of our enlarged publication. After careful consideration, the Executive Council selected *'The Rostrum'* as the most appropriate title for the League's official mouthpiece. Elsewhere in this issue, will be found an item giving credit for the "christening" of our magazine.

But the enlarging of our publication and the naming of it, are really unimportant compared with the challenge which this increased size now offers to us all. We have made the publication "bigger;" we must know now all strive unitedly to make it "better."

With our greater space, we expect to publish more cuts and to enliven our pages with more articles discussing various speech problems and trends; we hope to publish articles showing the experience of our most successful chapters in stimulating speech interest in their schools and in carrying out effective speech projects; we hope to make this a fertile clearing house of IDEAS which will prove the basis of better speeches and better speaking. Each Chapter should have a CHAPTER REPORTER and each NFL-er should strive to make at least one stimulating contribution to HIS MAGAZINE. Send us your news; write us of your chapter activities; develop an article on speech and speakers; let *The Rostrum* become a real forum which will have increasing value to every member of The National Forensic League. Let every reader share the responsibility of making *The Rostrum* the outstanding periodical in America from the standpoint of helpfulness to high school students and speech teachers interested in improving the platform practice of the country.

Karl E. Mundt.

National Tournament at Kent State College

The Fifth National Speech Tournament will be held this year at Kent State College, Kent, Ohio. At its annual meeting in Chicago the Executive Council accepted the invitation previously extended by President J. O. Engleman in behalf of Kent College and the city of Kent.

Located in northeastern Ohio, 35 miles from Cleveland, Kent is reasonably central to the great middle section of the country from which most of the tournament contestants come. It of course especially favorable to the Middle Atlantic and New England States whose contestants journeyed a thousand miles to Topeka. At the same time the Western states will have to travel a greater distance, but they will be favored by a western selection in 1936.

The facilities at Kent State College appear to be excellent for a national tournament. Last year the college was host to the Ohio NFL contests and the Chapters praised highly the adequacy of the arrangements made for them.

Rooms for contestants will be provided by the people of Kent and Ravenna—only six miles from the college city—and a modern hotel offers rooms at reasonable rates.

The problem of judges should be much simplified by the Kent selection. Ohio has more colleges than any other state. A large number of them are reasonably close to the tournament city. Moreover, many of the speech men of the area served in the national tournament at Wooster in 1932, are familiar with the procedure and have already expressed their readiness to serve again. Professor E. Turner Stump of Kent College will begin at once to build up an adequate panel of judges for each day of the tournament.

In addition to providing contest rooms and help for tournament administration Kent State College will provide trophies and medals for the tournament winners. To assure that the tournament will not bring with it a burdensome deficit to the League the Kent Chamber of Commerce guarantees five hundred dollars toward the expenses. In return it receives the exclusive use of tournament admission charges, none of course against tournament participants and their instructors.

Changes in the tournament rules have been made by the Executive Council to reduce somewhat the extremely large number crowding the events at Topeka last year. The schedule also has been changed to effect an easier and less hurried procedure. These changes will be described fully in the February *Rostrum*.

Altogether the League will look forward to the fifth national tournament at Kent State College with the confident expectation that it will be the best of all of them.

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Amendments to the Constitution

At a meeting of the Executive Council in Chicago, Dec. 31, 1934, all members being present, the following amendments to the constitution were proposed by not less than four-fifths vote as prescribed in Article X.

The amendments are now submitted to the Active Members for ratification and each shall become effective when approved by a majority vote as provided in Article X. The ballots shall be counted twenty days after they have been mailed to the Chapters or as soon thereafter as a majority of the ballots have been returned to the national office.

AMENDMENT VIII

To amend Art. III, Sec. C, cl. 1, by striking out "ten" and inserting "fifteen."

This raises the requirements for membership to fifteen credit points. Chapters have suggested raising the number to twenty, but the Council felt that since the schedules of credit points for all contests are also reduced in succeeding amendments, further increase in the membership requirement would not be advisable until the effects of the new schedules can be observed. The new requirements will prevent qualification for membership through participation in just one contest.

AMENDMENT IX

To amend Art. III, Sec. B, by adding Clause 3: "Honorary. Any Chapter or National Officer may nominate and the Executive Council may elect Honorary and Associate Members who may receive special insignia, but not the right to vote."

In many communities there are citizens who either through the exemplification of the fine art of speech or through consistent endeavor to advance speech education in their schools are justly entitled to recognition from this organization. To make such recognition possible, honorary membership is herein proposed. Associate membership is provided for to permit differentiation where that might be desirable. Local services might be acknowledged by Associate membership; national services by Honorary membership.

AMENDMENT X

To amend Art. IV, Sections A and B by substituting the following as a new Section A. "Debate. Each participant shall receive five credit points for a losing debate, six for a no-decision debate, and ten for a winning debate; team leader, one point extra. Such numbers shall be reduced successively one point for each debate in which the participant has previously engaged during the same scholastic year, but each participant shall receive at least two points for a winning debate and one point for any other debate."

AMENDMENT

To amend Amendment X by striking out "team leader, one point extra."

The amendment eliminates distinction between schools of various

sizes in the award of credit points. This has been widely recommended to the Council. It was written into the constitution ten years ago on the theory that it was harder to get a place on a debate team in a large high school than in a small one and hence the successful students in the larger school should receive slightly more credit. Observations tend to disprove that theory by noting so many exceptions that the generalization is not justified.

The proposed schedule of points reduces the number for present Class A schools by two points and for Class B schools one point, except for losing debates. However, this is made up by the provision that each participant shall receive some credit for every debate irrespective of deductions for previous debates during the year.

The net result is a slight reduction in credit points for debate, in harmony with the view that N. F. L. membership and degrees will be increasingly significant as they require more extensive and creditable participation for their attainment.

The amendment to the amendment proposes that the extra point for team leader be eliminated since a great number of Chapters have consistently nullified that provision anyhow by alternately giving that point once to one member and then to another on the team to purposely achieve equality for all at the end of the season. It is presently separately to give the members an opportunity to ratify the main amendment with or without this clause.

AMENDMENT XI

To amend Art. IV, Sec. C Cl. 2, by substituting "Winner of first place in any such contest shall receive a number of points, not exceeding ten, equal to the number of schools actually taking part in the contest. Each successively lower ranking contestant shall receive at least one point. For Original Oratory two points shall be added to such number."

This amendment does two things. First it bases credit points on the number of schools engaged in the contest rather than on the number of contestants. The present provision gives the same credit to the participants if six students from two schools get together for a practice round that it does if six different schools each enter their best student. The new provision does not eliminate credit for the two-school contest, but reduces it. It is aimed to meet the wide demand that some change be made to prevent the accumulation of large numbers of credit points by repeating the same selection in numerous two-school contests. The Council does not wish to discourage the holding of such contests for they afford valuable practice, but intends merely to adjust the number of credit points awarded in fair relation to the regular district and state contests.

REGULATION NO. 15

"Any name on the national records shall be marked inactive if during an entire scholastic year such person does not earn five credit points."

This enactment of the Council is simply to give practical definition to the term "Active Member." An instructor who is no longer coaching debaters or speakers should hardly be regarded as an active member, casting a ballot and determining the chapter rating. His membership will continue, but during the time he is inactive he will be regarded

ed that way in the national records. When he resumes coaching his active status will be restored.

The second provision of the amendment is to give the same number of points for extempore speaking as for declamation, with two points more for original oratory. In reality credit for extempore speaking is hard to fix justly, for if well done it is entitled to highest rank, but if poorly done it is hardly deserving at all. It varies more in excellence than any of the other contests. Its quality has improved generally in the past few years and the proposal to give it more credit is to take cognizance of this improvement. The relative reduction in credit for the other contests is to bring these schedules in proper relation to the reduced schedule for debate and to require more extensive participation in these contests in order to obtain advanced degrees in them.

AMENDMENT XII

To amend Art. V, Sec. A, Cl., by striking out "one hundred" and inserting "two hundred."

By adding to Clause 2, "Such fee shall include subscription to the official publication for the term of the charter."

By adding to Clause 4 "It shall be valid for a period of three years from the thirtieth of June preceeding authorization. On expiration it may be renewed on application of the school and approval of the Charter Committee."

By striking out Clauses 6 and 7.

By transferring Clause 5 to Article VII, Sec. D, as Clause 1 and omitting "Each Chapter shall report its membership to the National Secretary on or before June first of each year."

Only the first part of this amendment involves a real change. The requirements for a charter are raised from one hundred points in two years to two hundred. The present minimum was reasonable ten years ago, but speech activity has so increased since then that it ceases to be a real requirement. Practically every charter application for the past few years has far exceeded the one hundred minimum.

The other sections of the amendment simply re-arrange the provisions of sections 6 and 7 without change in effect. Clause 5 is transferred to Article VII for coherence and the last sentence omitted as unnecessary. The information can be required under provision of Art. VII, Sec. B. Cl. 4.

AMENDMENT XIII

To amend Art. V, Sec. C, Cl. 1, by striking out "An instructor shall be entitled to one vote in addition thereto" and also striking out "fifty points" and inserting in place thereof "one hundred points."

This proposes to eliminate the extra vote for instructors. Since they can remain members year after year while students graduate, they readily acquire equal or greater voting power than their students. Administration will be simplified by the change.

Instructors who have held membership five to nine years now cast from ten to fourteen votes each. At the rate of one extra vote for each fifty points they will soon control more votes than a whole chapter. To retard this development without removing entirely the incentive to add to their credit point totals, the proposal is advanced to require 100 points for an extra vote instead of 50. An instructor who now holds 500 points and cast 13 votes would cast 8 votes instead.

AMENDMENT XIV

To amend Art. VII, Sec. A, Cl. 1, by striking out "at least one of whom when elected shall be a student" and inserting in place thereof "students or instructors."

The present provision requires that one member of the Council be a student whether the Active Members and Chapters want one or not. The amendment proposes to permit the members each year to determine on the basis of the students who are candidates for national office whether one of them should be elected. The amendment does not restrict the freedom of the members; it increases it. It is not an effort to keep students off the Executive Council, but rather to give them equal status, namely election by majority vote of the members instead of by mandatory provision of the constitution. If the members want a student on the Council they can still elect one every year, but they will not be required to elect one if in some year they prefer not to do so.

AMENDMENT XV

To amend Art. VII, Sec. A, Cl. 2, by substituting "The four members of the Executive Council shall be elected by the Active members in such manner and at such time as the Council shall prescribe."

To amend Art. VII, Sec. A, Cl. 3, by striking out "one year" and inserting "two years."

The first provision of this amendment is simply to state explicitly what is inferred but unsaid in the present constitution, namely that the members themselves shall choose their national officers.

The second proposal is to give a member of the Council a two-year term so that a system of staggered terms can be instituted and two members elected each year.

AMENDMENT XVI

To amend Art. VII, Sec. A, by adding "Clause 6. Vacancies: If a vacancy occurs the District Chairmen shall by preferential ballot elect one of their own numbers to fill such vacancy."

The present constitution makes no provision for filling a vacancy other than that the vice-president fills a presidential vacancy. The amendment provides a means of filling a vacancy on the Council by a representative body of the League other than the Council itself. It enables the organization to fill an executive vacancy quickly and without the cost of a general election.

AMENDMENT XVII

To amend Art. III, Sec. A, Cl. a, by striking out "if the Board of Education so directs."

To amend Art. III, Sec. C, by substituting: Clause 2. Members who have 30 credit points may apply for and receive the Degree of Honor.

"Clause 3. Excellence. Members who have the Degree of Honor and 60 credit points may apply for and receive the Degree of Excellence."

"Clause 4. Distinction. Members who have the Degree of Excellence and 100 credit points may apply for and receive the Degree of Distinction."

To amend Art. VII, Sec. B. Cl. 1, by adding "and two National Directors."

To amend Art. VII, Sec. B. Cl. 3d, by striking out "Executive Councilmen" and inserting "National Directors."

To amend Art VII, Sec. B. Cl. 4, by striking out "Each failure shall constitute a new offense. Notice of such fine shall be sent to both the offending Chapter and the National Secretary who shall collect such fine, or failing to receive it, suspend the Chapter."

To amend Art. VII, Sec. C. Cl. 1, by transferring this clause to Art. III, Sec. D., and substituting in its place "The charter fee shall be five dollars; membership fee, one dollar and fifty cents; and degree fee, fifty cents."

These several diverse provisions are grouped under one amendment since none of them involve real changes. They are simply for purpose of clarification or for removal of obsolete matter.

The first provision will permit a school faculty to elect qualified applicants to membership without first obtaining the specific authorization of the Board of Education, a procedure cumbersome in a large system.

The requirements for advanced degrees are not changed. The statement of requirements is simply clarified.

The term "National Directors" has long been used instead of "Executive Councilmen." The amendment is simply to make that change in the written constitution.

The provision for fining chapters has seldom been used. It is retained so that it can be used if needed, but the matter providing for suspension is removed. The same result can be obtained if necessary by action by the Council which has the power to suspend any chapter for cause. Removal of the matter will simplify the subject.

The fees are not changed. The clause pertaining to the degree fee is simply transferred to the section dealing with advanced degrees. In its place the regular fees provided for in other sections of the constitution are then listed for convenient reference.

Regulations

The Executive Council also adopted two new Regulations and amended others. These do not require ratification by the members as they are legislative enactments of the Council under authority contained in Art. VII, Sec. A, Clause 4, of the Constitution. They become effective at once.

The provision will also serve to clear from the national records a lot a names of persons who acquired a few points in past years, ceased coaching, but are still at the chapter school. Although not members, their names are still in the daily file. There are also students who participated in a lone contest in their first or second years and have since dropped speech and never acquired membership. The regulation is simply to mark all of these inactive during the time they in fact are inactive in speech work.

Note that a member may be inactive part of one year and nearly all the next and still keep his active membership. Only when the full year of inactivity has been completed will his membership be marked inactive.

REGULATION NO. 16

"An instructor may transfer to his record one-tenth the number of credit points earned as a student."

An increasingly large number of early NFL members are returning to our Chapters as instructors in speech following completion of their college courses. The credit points earned by them in their student days have heretofore been transferred, along with their membership and degrees.

As long as the number of points involved was small such transfer seemed to have little effect. Recently some transfers have involved 200 and even 400 credit points. To transfer such number in full would mean that the new instructor would in his first year out-rank in credit points most instructors of seven or eight years of service. In fact, they might readily be in the Coaches Decalet of Leaders before they coached a single contest. To give instructors who have a previous membership record some advantage, but not too much, the Council provides for the transfer of one-tenth their student points.

Amendments to Regulations

In Regulation No. 4 omit section 3 if Amendment XI is ratified.

In Regulation No. 8 is rescinded if Amendment X is ratified.

In Regulation No. 10 strike out "a bulletin" and insert "an official publication, "The Rostrum."

In Regulation No. 14 substitute in Section 1 the following schedule of Citations:

Sponsoring a new chapter.....	2
Restoring suspended chapter	3
Contribution of major article to The Rostrum	1
Article on NFL in educational journal	1-3
Presentation of work of NFL before convention	1
Year as District Chairman	0-3
Year as National Officer	3
Editor of The Rostrum	3
Winner of national contest	5
Coach of national winner	3-5
Managing District NFL tournament	1-3
Other service approved by Council	1-5
In Section 2 strike out "choice of recipient" and insert "choice of the Council."	
In Section 3 substitute the following schedule of Citations:	
Each citation earned by a member	1
(winning national contest 10)	
Returning membership list before Oct. 1	1
Entry in NFL District tournament	1
Entry in national tournament, each event	1
Each 100 members and degrees enrolled	5
Public award of certificates and keys (5)	1
Presentation of 30-minute speech program before civic organization	1
Attendance at evening debate equaling one-fourth of high school enrollment (5)	1
Holding eight chapter meetings a year with copies of minutes submitted	1
Sponsoring program of outstanding speaker, with admission charge	2
Inter-chapter meeting with three-fourths of both chapters in attendance (6)	2
Holding practice tournament in which 8 schools and 24 contestants participate, 1 a year	2
Other service approved by the Council	1-5

No citations are to be given for acquiring 100 credit points as that achievement is honored by the Degree of Distinction and extra votes.

Provision for citations for winning state contests contained in the original schedule is removed since definition of what constitutes a state contest has been a source of unending difficulty. The same applies to citations for coaching such a winner. It is doubtful too whether such achievement, though commendable, really constitutes a service to the NFL.

The Council now reserves the right to choose granting a person the Distinguished Service Key or the plaque. It probably will grant the key in the first instance and the plaque if a member earns the award a second time.

Instead of granting the chapter one citation for entering each event in a District NFL tournament, only one citation is now given for entering the tournament. At the former rate a chapter could earn the Award too easily. Entry in the national tournament is harder and here citations remain as heretofore.

Citations for presenting plays are removed as these are simply one of various means which schools use to raise money. Citations for them cannot be granted consistently without extending similar recognition to candy sales and other like projects having the same objective.

To encourage chapters holding practice tournaments for their neighboring school chapters and others as well, citations are to be granted for such tournament of reasonable size. They may consist of one or more events, just so the prescribed minimum participation is effected.

FULL ATTENDANCE AT COUNCIL MEETING

The meeting of the Executive Council in Chicago set a new mark in League history aside from the significant changes proposed for the constitution, the selection of Kent State College for the fifth National Speech Tournament, and the changes in tournament rules adopted. It was the first time in nine years that all members of the Council were assembled at a mid-year meeting.

This year President Mundt passed thru Chicago anyhow on his way back from New Orleans where he appeared on the program of the National Association of Teacher of Speech. Holiday fares on train or bus enabled the other officers to attend at reasonable cost; Vice-President Bond from Niles, Ohio, Secretary Jacob from Denver, Colorado; Directors Aldrich and Oelschlager from Webster Groves, Missouri and Monessen, Pennsylvania.

Other members attending from a distance were District Chairman, L. D. Schreiber, Charleroi, Pennsylvania and Rev. H. L. Upperman, Baxter Seminary, Tennessee.

SPECIAL ORDERS

The Executive Council also adopted unanimously a Special Order re-electing Bruno E. Jacob to the office of National Secretary for the term ending June 30, 1936, and fixing his salary at one hundred dollars a month during that term.

A second Special order re-elected Karl E. Mundt, Editor of The Rostrum. An allowance for the editor's postage and stenographic help was authorized at the rate of one dollar a page. Excluding cover, advertisements, and secretary's contributions this nominal editorial expense allowance will be less than fifty dollars this year.

Schenectady Chapter Wins Distinguished Service Award



Left to right: Sheldon Ackley; Richard Hill, Sub-captain; Mrs. H. A. Broderson, Coach; Bernard S. Krause, Captain; Charles Finkenstein.
Back Row: Jack English, Walter Fallon, Paul Wallach, Donald Gifford William Whitbeck.

The Nott Terrace High School Chapter at Schenectady, New York which a year ago startled the League by advancing its relative membership standing from 57th place to 4th place in one season, now claims a new honor. In three years of consistent work and loyal efforts on the part of its members it has completed requirements for the Distinguished Service Award.

The Chapter has participated in both the New York NFL District tournaments and the National Tournament at Wooster, Ohio. In 1933 it sponsored a very successful invitational tournament. Six of its members have earned the Degree of Distinction. It has consistently held regular chapter meetings, promptly returned its membership list each year, presented its membership certificates and keys at appropriate school exercises, and held inter-chapter meetings.

One of its present alumni, Paul A. Vogel, at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology has done especially fine work in building up interest in the NFL and in speech activity in the Boston area. He has helped start chapters at Boston Mission High, Holy Cross Cathedral High, Cambridge High and Latin School, St. Mary's High at Brookline, and Williamsburg. Last year he also directed the first New England NFL tournament, the winners of which attended the national contest.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1934 PROFIT and LOSS STATEMENT

Receipts

Charter Fees (131)	\$ 655.00	
Membership Fees (1844)	2,766.00	
Degree Fees (1352)	676.50	
Annual Dues	219.50	
Reinstatement Fees	41.00	
Merchandise	83.56	
Tournament Receipts	1,745.00	
Registration fees	\$995.00	
Topeka guarantee	750.00	
Vouchers not presented	48.90	
Total Receipts		\$ 6,235.46

Disbursements

National Tournament:		
Judges	\$547.44	
Trophies	389.16	
Officers travel	313.50	
Badges	85.25	
Postage, printing	249.90	
Miscellaneous	87.02	\$ 1,672.27
Clerical Help	391.83	
Secretary's Salary	800.00	
Printing	922.24	
Postage	359.69	
Travel	135.40	
General Expense:		
Depreciation	\$190.25	
Charters, etc.	156.97	
Interest	55.00	
Office supplies	26.74	
Miscellaneous	75.22	504.18
Total Disbursements		4,785.61
Surplus for the year		1,499.85
Deficit from last year		549.14
Present surplus		\$ 900.71

Balance Sheet

ASSETS		LIABILITIES	
Cash in Bank	\$ 478.11	Trust Fund Deposits	\$2,565.00
Cash on hand	2.45	Trust Income Account	40.03
Accounts Receivable	5.50	Vouchers outstanding	489.35
Certificate of Deposit	500.00	Accounts payable	152.00
Trust Investments	2,500.00	Surplus	900.71
Fixtures	661.03		
	\$4,147.09		\$4,147.09

Trust Fund Account

RECEIPTS		DISBURSEMENTS	
Balance July 1, 1933	\$2,560.00	Trust Investments	\$2,500.00
Deposits by Chapters	95.00	Withdrawals	90.00
	\$2,665.00	With General Funds	65.00
			\$2,665.00

Trust Income Account

RECEIPTS		DISBURSEMENTS	
Balance July 1, 1933	\$ 17.65	To pay dues for 73 chapters	\$ 78.00
Interest from investments	114.48	Remitted to chapters	87.00
Interest from balance with general funds	38.60	Balance in account	40.03
Unclaimed income vouchers	19.30		
	\$ 200.43		\$ 200.43

Annual Financial Statement

There are real causes for gratification in the financial report for the past year. For the first time since the League undertook the sponsorship of the national speech tournament has it closed its books with a modest surplus.

Increased enrollment of chapters, members, and degrees substantially built up the normal income. Each of these is nearly 50% above the level of the preceeding year. They produced a revenue of \$4,300 which is approximately \$1,500 more than in 1933. And it is this amount that remains as an operating surplus for the year.

Expenses increased slightly too as might be expected in a situation of greater activity. Clerical help, postage, travel, and printing are higher, although printing alone shows a substantial advance. The salary of the secretary remains the same and other office expenses are almost identical with the 1933 figures.

The national tournament was self-sustaining of the direct tournament expenses and shows a small surplus. The general administration of the tournament, however, is still a cost borne by the League as a whole instead of by the tournament account. The favorable showing this year in returning a small surplus instead of the regular deficits in previous years is due to the sharp rise in tournament entries and to the increase in registration fee.

Tournament expenses were greater too than before. The larger number of judges required last year and the greater average distance of their travel doubled that item of cost. The greater number of trophies awarded is reflected in the statement and the same is true of badges.

Since there was no tournament deficit this year, the surplus receipts from membership fees could be conserved. The previous deficits have been wiped out and the League started the new fiscal year with a \$900 surplus. This surplus exists after the liabilities enumerated in the Balance Sheet have been met.

Althodgh withdrawals from the trust fund have been authorized by the Council, few chapters choose to withdraw their deposits. The Trust Income Account has gradually been building up a surplus, so this year 7% was dispersed as a dividend to the chapters instead of the usual six.

Altogether the report should be a cause of real satisfaction to the members. Receipts increased 50% although the average amount paid by each chapter advanced less than 35%, indicating a wider basis for the income. The deficit has been eliminated and a reserve for contingencies begun. The tournament paid its direct costs and left small surplus too. Expenses have been held down and show little increase.

The following report is intended to be simple, clear, and understandable by any member. If it is not so in any particular the Secretary will endeavor to present more complete or lucid information on the point in question.

Statistical Diet

DISTRICT STANDING

Place	Up or Down	District	New Chapters	Av. No. Members	Leading Chapter	Members Degrees
1.	0	New York		12.0	Poughkeepsie	37
2.	0	Pennsylvania		10.4	Charleroi	69
3.	+1	Indiana		9.0	Bloomington	22
4.	-1	Michigan		8.5	River Rouge	34
5.	0	Missouri	2	7.8	Joplin	49
6.	+3	Wisconsin		7.4	Oconomowoc	29
7.	0	Illinois		7.2	Evening YMCA	30
8.	0	Iowa		7.2	Eagle Grove	30
9.	-3	Ohio		7.1	Niles	33
10.	0	Nebraska		6.5	Omaha-North	22
11.	0	South Dakota		6.1	Presho	24
12.	+1	Washington	1	6.1	Lewiston	24
13.	-1	Colorado		4.8	Gillette, Wyo.	23
14.	0	California		4.4	Phoenix, Ariz.	20
15.	0	Oklahoma		4.1	Enid	26
16.	+3	Kansas		4.0	Topeka	32
17.	0	Minnesota		4.0	Minn-Roosevelt	33
18.	0	Southern	1	3.6	Moorefield, W. Va.	13
19.	0	New England	1	1.9	Foxcroft, Me.	9

DECALET OF LEADERS

The First Decalet

The Second Decalet

Gordon Dupee, Oconomowoc	359	Janett Miller, Topeka	172
Herbert Porter, Charleroi	322	Betty Schafer, Ilion	172
Harriet Goldstein, Brownsville	299	Claranelle M'Kibben, Charleroi	169
Thelma Vazetti, Charleroi	240	Donald Mansmith, Sioux City	168
Edward Stevens, Topeka	232	Roy Griebel, Mascoutah	163
Julius Weinberg, DuQuoin	212	Mary Choulas, Peekskill	163
Jack Wilson, Enid	202	Betty Howland Oconomowoc	161
Eugenia Hawkins, Salisbury	197	Ed Surfleet, Chicago Eve Y	160
Katharine Stone, Omaha-Cen.	181	Mildred McKinney, Dwight	159
Edward Schlandt, Hutchinson	177	Mary Sullivan, Charleroi	156

GOING UP

Chapters	0	430
Members	35	11,412
Emblems Ordered	22	6,935
Reports of Contests	187	40,311
Memoranda Issued	190	40,390
Degrees Granted:		
Degree of Honor	18	3,928
Degree of Excellence	13	1,974
Degree of Distinction	8	1,013

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