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Convention Impressions

Approximately thirty-five National Forensic League coaches were noticed in evidence at the annual convention of the National Association of Speech Teachers, held in the Stevens Hotel, December 30, 31, and January 1. It was good to greet these old friends and to watch them take a leading part in the convention activities. NFL can well be proud of the fine class of speech coaches which serve its chapters and membership in the National Forensic League is increasingly becoming a sign that an instructor of speech is serving an outstanding forensic association.

Many items of official business were disposed of at the mid-winter meeting of the Executive Council. Preceding the meeting, a general get-together of all NFLers at the Convention was held and an open discussion promoted on the items under advisement. NFL is strictly a democratic organization and the individual coaches and students contribute much to the development of the organization. Several items of business were accepted at this Council meeting as a direct result of recommendations coming from committees appointed at the Kent Convention.

The convention program proper, contained much food for thought and much opportunity for learning. Most frequent criticism of the convention was the fact that too many of the speakers developed into "readers" and the speech coaches and teachers in attendance grew a bit restive when confronted with too many elaborate manuscripts. However, probably half of the people assigned program parts actually projected their ideas to the audience with effective speeches and the people who spoke to their audiences instead of reading over them were clearly the most popular and effective numbers on the program. After all, if a paper is so profound or complicated that it must be read from manuscript it is altogether likely that not very much of the material will remain with the auditors. Scientific discussions which have to be read from manuscript had better be printed in the "Q.J." where they can be studied and assimilated and the program items would do well to include only those forms of material which can be spoken to the audience directly out of the experience and information of the speaker.

Degree Fees Suspended

The Executive Council has for some time considered the matter of reducing still further our nominal membership and degree fees, but in view of the League's small operating surplus has hesitated to initiate an amendment to the constitution permanently reducing its income. Such action might handicap the League's program of expanding services to its members.

Instead, the Council at its Chicago meeting authorized as a one-year experiment, a plan virtually eliminating entirely the fees for the degrees of Excellence and Distinction. Considered another way, it has authorized rebating with each \$1.50 membership a 50 cent degree fee.

The plan will operate in this manner: With each certificate of membership the national secretary will send the Chapter a coupon which will be accepted in full payment for either Degree of Excellence or Degree of Distinction for any member of that Chapter. The Degree of Honor must of course be procured in the regular manner as that carries with it a subscription to The Rostrum and is a prerequisite to the other advanced degrees.

The plan is authorized for one year beginning with the applications received at the national office on January 1, and expires on December 31, 1936. Coupons will be valid for one year from date of issue, transferable within the Chapter but not to another Chapter. They must be presented with the degree application to which they are to apply.

In operation, each Chapter should readily receive as many of these coupons as it will have members qualifying for the higher degrees, so virtually making those degrees free. In other words, while the total fees for all degrees has been \$1.50 it will now in effect be only 50 cents.

On the basis of last year's enrollments the plan will mean a loss of \$350 in degree fees to the national organization—a loss which can not well be afforded. It is, however, the hope and expectation of the Council that in this endeavor to reduce our fees it will have the full support of the chapters and that as their part of the special arrangement they will double the applications for Degree of Honor and so largely make up the lost income.

If the Chapters which are not now obtaining advanced degrees for their members will do so, that added income will nearly balance the present loss and the two degree fees can be eliminated as a permanent policy. Since it will now be possible to procure three degrees by paying only 50 cents for one of them, and securing with that one a special subscription to The Rostrum as well as the other advantages of degrees as enumerated in the Manual, certainly every Chapter should obtain the degrees for all of its members as they qualify for them. Only in so doing can the reduction be extended beyond the one-year trial period. It is up to the Chapters to make the reduction permanent.

National Forensic Award Is Authorized

A National High School Forensic Award will be given at each national speech tournament to the Chapter which then has the best record in sustained excellence in national speech activity. The first such trophy will be presented in Oklahoma City.

The report of the special committee as published in the November Rostrum was adopted with only slight modification by the Executive Council.

Regulation No. 17

1. A trophy to be known as The National High School Forensic Award shall be given at the close of each National Speech Tournament to the Chapter which then holds the greatest number of tournament points as herein provided.

2. One point shall be recorded for each round of participation in individual contest events in the National Tournament and two points for each round of debate participation.

3. The record shall begin with the first National Tournament in 1931 and all points gained by a school shall remain to its credit until it has received the trophy.

4. If more than 60 per cent of the points necessary for the procurement of the award were gained by a Chapter under the direction of one instructor, such instructor shall receive a miniature replica of the trophy in recognition of his service to effective speech education.

Tau Kappa Alpha to Present Trophy

Tau Kappa Alpha, honor forensic society for colleges and universities, has offered to provide this speech trophy as a manifestation of its interest in high school speech activity. Subject to approval of the design for such trophy, the Executive Council has accepted this kindly and generous gesture from this kindred organization. Preliminary sketches submitted by William T. Hade, National Secretary-Treasurer of Tau Kappa Alpha indicate that it is the intention of its officers to provide a trophy symbolical of the highest honor in speech contests which the award is to represent.

Objections Considered

Two objections to the committee report were filed by a chapter and carefully considered. The first was that the award should be based on a single year's performance and not on cumulative points. The Council held that continuous excellence in successive tournaments, indicative of an effective and educationally sound speech program is more to be desired and more highly to be honored than occasional stellar performance on the part of a brilliant aggregation of students.

The second objection alleged that more points should be given for the latter contest rounds since competition is then more keen. This is unnecessary for a team eliminated at the end of the preliminary rounds will now receive only eight points while the teams which enters the final debate receive twenty points each. To weight the latter rounds more would be placing too much emphasis on winning, a circumstance the League endeavors to avoid by stressing and honoring creditable participation. The Council holds that this trophy should be not for the winners alone, but more particularly for those who do superior work year after year with the winning of first places an incidental matter.

Election of Honorary Members

An amendment to the constitution last year authorized the election of honorary members of the National Forensic League. In the following Regulation the Council prescribes the manner of nomination and the insignia to be procured for such members.

Regulation No. 18

1. The Executive Council hereby elects to Honorary Membership persons nominated therefor as herein prescribed.

(a) **CHAPTER HONORARIES** nominated by a Chapter in good standing, not more than one a year nor more than one for each 25 members and degrees enrolled by that Chapter.

(b) **STATE HONORARIES** nominated by Chapters casting a majority of the votes in the state at the time of nomination, not more than one a year nor more than one for each 250 members enrolled in that state.

(c) **NATIONAL HONORARIES** nominated by the Executive Council, but not more than one for each 2,500 members enrolled in the national organization.

2. The insignia for national honorary membership shall be a yellow gold key with the inscription "National Honorary"; for state honoraries, a bronze gold key with the inscription "State Honorary" and for chapter honoraries a bronze gold key with the inscription "Chapter Honorary." Appropriate certificates shall be issued by the national secretary.

3. The membership fee required by the constitution as well as the cost of the insignia shall be paid by the nominating group.

Nominating Procedure

Any Chapter in good standing which has 25 members and degrees on record as reported in the September Rostrum may nominate its honorary member for the year at this time. Special blanks will be found enclosed with this January Rostrum. The membership fee is \$1.50 for all members and the cost of the honorary insignia will be about four dollars, exact price to be announced as soon as ascertained from our official jeweler.

Petitions for the nomination of state honoraries may be circulated by any Chapter and blanks for this purpose may be obtained from either the national office or the District Chairman. According to the national records the following states have enrolled 250 or more members and may each this year elect one honorary member.

California	Michigan	Ohio
Colorado	Minnesota	Oklahoma
Illinois	Missouri	Pennsylvania
Indiana	Nebraska	South Dakota
Iowa	New Jersey	Texas
Kansas	New York	Wisconsin

Note that election is by states and not by districts composed of several states.

National Honoraries Elected

Since 13,000 members have been enrolled in the national organization, five national honorary members could be elected at this time. The Council chose to elect four and these will be announced in the February Rostrum.

Executive Council Meets

The annual mid-year meeting of the Executive Council was held in the Stevens Hotel in Chicago, December 29, 30, and 31. The meeting on Sunday evening was given over to the Charter Committee and to outlining the items of business to come before the general meeting on Monday. Following an informal luncheon on Monday evening these members discussed the several matters hereinafter set forth:

Helen Harrington, Adrian, Mich.; L. D. Schreiver, Charleroi, Pa.; Harold A. Dressel, River Rouge, Mich.; Bruno E. Jacob, Denver, Colo.; J. Edmund Mayer, Topeka, Kans.; Karl E. Mundt, Madison, S. D.; T. C. Bond, Niles, Ohio; Julian Aldrich, Webster Groves, Mo.; Joyce R. Gregory, South St. Paul, Minn.; R. H. Myers, Bloomington, Ind.; Charles E. A. Moore, Lebanon, Ind.; R. P. Hibbs, DuQuoin, Ill.; Clarence A. Miller, Lincoln, Ill.; Geraldine Iler, Peoria-Central, Ill.; Carl Thokey, Sandwich, Ill.; and A. W. Heath, Waverly, Ill. D. W. Morris of the University of Maine and Robert B. Huber of Indiana University were present as guests. Several other members who could not attend the meeting conferred with the Council during the day on matters under discussion.

On Tuesday afternoon the Council met in executive session, all members present, and transacted the following official business:

Ninth Semester Rule

The Council accepted the recommendations of the special committee appointed last year to study the problem of ninth semester eligibility and voted to continue the present rule requiring participants to be undergraduate students. This applies to both district and national tournaments. The full report of the committee is published elsewhere in this issue.

The members of the Council regretted the curtailment of interscholastic activity on the part of some students enforced by this rule, but felt they could not authorize the participation of post-graduate students in what should be an undergraduate high school activity. Since an increasing number of junior college departments are being attached to senior high schools, a ninth semester eligibility rule could readily mean the participation of first semester junior college students in high school contests.

National Tournament Rules

The 1935 rules for the national speech tournament were re-enacted with only three special changes. Personal letters are barred as evidence in debate. In the individual contests as many as seven will be permitted to enter the final round. Instructions to judges in humorous and dramatic declamation will carry the statement that due consideration shall be given the literary value of the selection used.

The use of charts in debate was also considered and tabled with the motion that the matter be further discussed thru the

medium of The Rostrum, at district tournaments, and at the national convention. The question of reducing the time limit for declamations to 10 minutes as well as prescribing a minimum time limit was also tabled for further consideration at the Oklahoma City meeting.

The question of requiring four students to comprise a debate entry was considered. The view prevailed that the NFL should look forward to such a change as a desirable goal, but that full discussion of the practical difficulties involved should first ensue and that considerable advance notice of not less than one year, perhaps two, should be given before such a change would become effective. The matter was thereupon made a special order of business for the convention next May 6th.

The changes made apply to both district and national tournaments. The revised national rules will be published in the March number of The Rostrum devoted exclusively to the national tournament.

District Tournament Rules

Several relatively minor changes were made in the rules for district NFL tournaments and these are incorporated in the copies supplied to chapters as supplements to this issue of The Rostrum.

The Council considered at length the rule requiring two teams to constitute a debate entry in district tournaments. The problem of small schools in getting four good debaters when they might easily provide two, equal in ability to those from larger schools was adequately presented. So was the opinion that the League should consider the matter from an educational point of view and write its rules so as to frown upon the narrow speech program designed to foster winning, and instead to encourage a program requiring a spread of participation among greater numbers of students.

No matter what number of students are required to constitute an entry, the small school will always be at a disadvantage in competing with its larger neighbors and no rule can fairly equalize the disparity. However, enthusiasm and effort can overcome the difference in size as is repeatedly demonstrated by the small school winning its state championship.

The Council voted to continue the present rule requiring both affirmative and negative teams to be entered in debate.

Limit Chapters to 500

Noting the sharp increase in the number of charter petitions received during the past few months as compared with any similar period, the Council instructed the Charter Committee to cease granting charters when the number of chapters reaches five hundred. The present roll stands at 447 with three applications pending. After the herein established maximum has been reached the committee will grant new charters only as vacancies occur thru the elimination of weaker units and as the Council might from time to time authorize the granting of a specific number of additional charters.

This action of the Council is not designed to make the League improperly exclusive and aloof, but rather to limit its membership to such number of strong speech schools as its district and national organizations can adequately serve, permitting expansion only as facilities for service can likewise be expanded.

As the remaining charters available before the national convention in May are likely to be taken up quite rapidly, charters will do well to see to it that petitions from their neighboring schools expecting to obtain charters this year are presented at the earliest possible date to avoid disappointment later in the season.

Membership in National Association

The Council voted to procure sustaining membership for the National Forensic League in the National Association of Teachers of Speech.

Oklahoma City Awarded 1936 Tournament

Oklahoma City was officially selected for the 1936 national speech tournament and the President and Secretary authorized to sign the usual contract covering tournament arrangements.

Special Orders

In a specific case before it, the Council held that an alumni member of the NFL sponsoring a new chapter might personally receive citations of service, but that such citations would accrue to neither the members former chapter since it was not instrumental, nor to the new chapter since it should not logically receive citations for sponsoring itself.

The debates in the summer session at Pennsylvania State College were approved for credit points as non-decision debate; the after-dinner speaking and discussion contests were approved for credit on the extemporaneous schedule, and points not authorized for the extemporaneous reading contests.

The final debate in the tournament at Coffeyville between two teams from Topeka was approved for credit even though technically not an interscholastic debate since both teams were from the same school. As the teams earned the right to appear in that debate thru excellence in interscholastic debates, the Council held credit points should be given.

N. U. E. A. Committee Chooses Debate Questions

The annual meeting of the National University Extension Association Committee on Debate Materials and Interstate Cooperation met in Chicago on December 29, and its chairman, Mr. Harold G. Ingham of the University of Kansas, invited officers of the NFL to participate in the preliminary choice of questions for the 1937 debate season.

After extended discussions and several preferential ballots, the long list of topics proposed was narrowed to three and these are being referred to the various state associations for final selection of the 1937 question. The subjects from which one will be chosen are:

That we should have government or municipal ownership of utilities.

That national advertising is detrimental to the consumer.

That greater emphasis should be placed on extra curricular activities.

These are only informal statements of the propositions and a special committee will be named to phrase carefully the question chosen.

Report of the Committee on the Participation of Post-Graduates in National Forensic League Contests

The problem indicated for study by the Committee pertained specifically to students who enter high school at mid-semester, and who graduate at the close of the first semester of the Senior year for regular students. The feeling was expressed that students under such circumstances were denied a year of participation in forensic activities, since they entered high school too late for participation in their Freshman year; and graduated before the season had concluded in their Senior year. The suggestion was offered that such students be extended the privilege of participating in National Forensic League contests for nine semesters, in order that they might compete in Forensic League Activities during their Senior year.

There are several points offered in favor of such participation.

1. Under our present regulations, students graduating at mid-year are denied the right to represent their school during their final year when their experience and training would make them the best representatives of the school.

2. The student is penalized since he is not in school at the time the forensic program is commenced in his Freshman year, and usually does not enter such activities until the second year. He is then denied the right to participate during his senior year since he will have graduated before the time of most of the state tournaments and before the National Tournament.

3. At least one state, Illinois, has provided for the participation of such post-graduates in its state forensic contests. It is highly possible that other states will make like provisions.

After conferring with forensic coaches in different sections of the country, the following objections to the suggested plan are listed:

1. A comparatively small number of students in a relatively small number of schools are placed at a possible disadvantage by the present regulations.

2. All of these schools have capable contestants among the students attending the regular four-year term.

3. Many schools with the Junior-Senior high school system do not provide more than three years participation for high school students in the regular high school course.

4. Students permitted the extra semester of competition will be more experienced, and will have an advantage in participating against the regular high school students who have less experience.

5. The post-graduates within schools will be deriving the benefits and experience in competition that should be provided for the under-graduate student.

6. National Forensic League competition has been confined to regularly enrolled high school students and to set a precedent of admitting any group of post-graduates may prove a detriment to the present successful program.

7. Some schools have voiced the opinion that post-graduate students who remain in school with participation in some extra-curricular activity as their major reason for continuing their connection with the high school, are frequently more of a detriment than a benefit to the school system.

8. The opinion has been expressed by some forensic directors that the proposed change has more appeal from the point of view of winning contests than from a consideration of the actual benefits of such a change to the student group represented in the National Forensic League.

The appointed committee has endeavored to obtain a representative opinion on this problem, and has noted all opinions and comments that have come its attention. The following recommendation represents the opinion of two members of the Committee, the third member expressing a reverse opinion.

Recommendation

The Committee does not feel that the proposed change would prove advisable for the following reasons:

1. Opinions expressed seem to indicate more schools opposed to the change than favorable to it.

2. The small number of opinions received does not indicate a wide-spread interest in the change.

3. The majority of the committee feels that more high schools would be placed at a disadvantage under the proposed change than are unfavorably affected by our present regulations.

4. That the objections offered to post-graduate participation outweigh the benefits that would result from such participation.

5. That Forensic League activities should be confined to the regular high school student.

Watertown, S. D.

HAROLD M. JORDAN,
Chairman.

Something of This—Something of That

Last year's national champions are determined to repeat, if possible. The Orange and Black, Sioux Falls H. S. paper, announces that Coach Elizabeth Perkins will have an assistant this year and Carroll Arnold, talented college debater of last year, will coach the second squad this year.

NFL

Mt. Sterling, Kentucky, selected its 1936 debate teams, last month, and is planning a greatly expanded forensic season. So says the Hi-Spy, peppy little high school paper of Mt. Sterling High School.

NFL

THE ROSTRUM acknowledges receipt of The Informer, mimeographed high school paper of Blair, Nebraska. Keep us on your mailing list, Blair, and go after some front page publicity for your debaters!

NFL

The Messenger of Wichita, Kansas, continues to reach the editorial sanctum. The issue of December 19, carries a big front page story announcing the fact that the Wichita debaters placed in the big Coffeyville tournament in December.

NFL

J. Edmund Mayer's Topeka, Kansas, debaters are looming as a threat to all comers in the Oklahoma City tournament. Topeka has two big championships to its credit already this year having placed first at the Winfield, Kansas, tournament and also at the Coffeyville tournament. His teams have debated in over sixty debates this early in the season. If Governor Landon runs for president, he had better sign up the Topeka debaters as campaigners!

NFL

The War Whoop of Ripon, California, reached us all dressed up in green for its Christmas issue. It is a snappy little school paper and ordinarily gives fine prominence to the forensic activities of its debaters and orators.

NFL

Miss Mary Blackburn of Granite City, attended the NFL get-together in connection with the Chicago Speech Convention and from all indications she is again schooling a bunch of potential national contestants. Granite City rivals Topeka, Kansas, in its splendid record of forensic conquests and both are decidedly in the running for the first Sweepstakes Award which will be presented at the Oklahoma City tournament.

NFL

Every week, additional school papers reach THE ROSTRUM. Have YOU checked up to see whether YOUR CHAPTER has an active chapter correspondent? Send us your news about your chapter—we'll be glad to pass it along to your five hundred sister chapters.

From the Secretary's Desk

Nomination of District Chairmen

Following the recommendation of the convention at Kent last May, the Council amended Regulation No. 11 to provide for the election of the district chairmen by the chapters instead of their appointment by the leading chapter in each district.

Chapters are here notified to submit nominations for chairman of their districts to the national office before **February 5**, so that the list of candidates for each district may be published in the February Rostrum.

No formal nomination statement is required nor will space permit its publication. A chapter need simply write the national secretary that it nominates a certain member for the chairmanship of its district.

New Chapters

The Charter Committee announces the authorization of chapters to the following schools:

Amherst Cen. HS, Snyder, N. Y.	Lane Technical HS, Chicago, Ill.
Joilet, Illinois.	Lebanon, Kansas.
South St. Paul, Minnesota.	Liberty, New York.
St. John's Cathedral, HS,	Charlton, Massachusetts.
Milwaukee, Wisconsin.	Smithville, Missouri.

Members for Ten Years

The League was founded ten years ago last May. A few of the founders have been active in the League continuously from that time on. Others who procured their memberships shortly afterwards are completing ten years with the NFL. From time to time The Rostrum will commemorate the tenth anniversary of its members by brief mention on this page. The first list of anniversary members follows:

1. Karl E. Mundt, Madison, S. D. (Bryant Chapter), May 16, 1925.
17. Bruno E. Jacob, Denver, Colo. (Chippewa Falls Chapter), May 16, 1925.
87. Donald Olson, Shawano, Wis. (New Richmond Chapter), June 15, 1925.
147. J. Dale Welsch, Elkader, Iowa (What Cheer Chapter), December 3, 1925.

Changes in District Chairmen

Mr. H. Bruce Perrill of Hutchinson, elected District Chairman for Kansas last May, resigned in November on account of severe illness necessitating a leave of absence from his teaching position. Mr. J. Edmund Mayer of Topeka, District Chairman last year, was appointed by the national office to fill the vacancy.

Miss Nedra Smith of River Rouge, Michigan, has also tendered her resignation as Michigan chairman since she will leave the teaching profession at the end of the semester. Mr. Harold A. Dressell of the same school, Chairman in 1934, has been appointed to succeed her for the rest of the school year.

Go-Getters

These chapters advanced their standing by membership or degree enrollments during December:

Modesto, Calif.	Elgin, Ill.	Casper, Wyo.
Watseka, Ill.	Tomah, Wis.	Canton, Ohio.
Omaha-Benson, Neb.	Chisholm, Minn.	Kent-State, Ohio.
Independence, Mo.	Nampa, Idaho.	Limon, Colo.
Aurora-East, Ill.	Blunt, S. D.	Glassport, Pa.
Adrian, Mich.	Johnson City, Tenn.	Emaus, Pa.
Bakersfield, Calif.	Moorefield, W. Va.	Poughkeepsie, N. Y.
Memphis-Messick,	Macomb, Ill.	Oconomowoc, Wis.
Los Gatos, Calif.	Ft. Wayne-No., Ind.	Omaha-Cen., Neb.
Ellensburg Wash.	Omaha-North, Neb.	Columbus, Ind.

Appoint Student Secretary

Busy coaches sometimes say that they have not time to fill out contest reports for their numerous speech events and hence their students get no credit points. Other coaches, just as busy, have found a happy solution to this little problem by appointing a capable student secretary and giving him the responsibility of filing NFL reports and applications. With a minimum of supervision, excellent results are achieved and the task really affords good educational experience in handling matters of this kind. Try it, but be sure you appoint the right student.

Degrees of Distinction

Don Berkemeyer, Wbstr Groves	Richard Younggren, Kewanee
Margaret Lund, Peoria-Central	Wayne Arthur, Lincoln, Ill.
Edith Blizzard, Newark, Ohio	Betty Jo Harrison, Lincoln
Dorothy Loughman, Newark, O.	Mary Clawson, Derry
Ellen Schoene, Webster Groves	Harold Andrews, Ashland, O.
Virginia Van Nostrand, Frfield.	Otto Hess, El Reno, Okla.

President Mundt to Conduct Debate Institute in Pierre

Debate Institutes, at which debaters from a number of schools meet at a central point to study the art of effective debating, are becoming more and more popular every year.

January 24, and 25, President Mundt will conduct such an institute in Pierre, South Dakota, for the first time such a program has been carried on in the Sunshine State. Twelve or fifteen schools will be represented at this institute and after a demonstration debate, the Institute instructor comments on the good and bad features of the program. This is followed by an open forum discussion of debate technique, effective type of delivery, preparation of debate cases, methods of securing and utilizing materials, and everything and anything connected with correct debating.

These Institutes are of greater significance than the simon-pure debate tournament because they combine competition with study and provide a splendid opportunity for new debaters to become familiar with the proper methods of debating. It is hoped that additional Institutes will be held by NFL chapters from time to time.

Statistical Diet

District Standing

Rank	Up or Down	District		Av. No. Members	Leading Chapter	Members & Degrees
1.	0	New York	2	13.1	Poughkeepsie	80
2.	0	Indiana		10.3	Bloomington	26
3.	+1	Nebraska		9.4	Emerson	23
4.	+1	Pennsylvania	1	7.3	Charleroi	44
5.	-2	Missouri	2	7.2	Joplin	51
6.	0	Michigan		6.4	Adrian	19
7.	0	Wisconsin		6.4	Oconomowoc	28
8.	+1	Illinois	2	6.2	DuQuoin	34
9.	-1	Ohio		5.9	Yngstown-Chaney	50
10.	0	Texas		5.4	Enid, Okla.	34
11.	+1	California	1	5.3	Phoenix, Ariz.	13
12.	-1	Kansas	1	5.1	Topeka	45
13.	+1	Iowa		4.1	Oskaloosa	25
14.	-1	Washington	1	4.1	Lewiston, Idaho	36
15.	0	South Dakota	1	4.0	Presho	17
16.	0	Minnesota	1	3.2	Mpls-Roosevelt	19
17.	0	Colorado	1	2.8	Fort Collins	10
18.	0	Southern	1	2.3	Moorefield, W. Va.	13
19.	0	New England	1	1.7	Dover, Maine	8
		National	16	5.8	Poughkeepsie	80

Our Decalet of Leaders—The Second Ten

Coaches	Studen's
T. C. Bond, Niles, Ohio.....435	Mary A. Porterfield, Top'ka 283
Florence Willett, Canton.....430	Clifton Stratton, Topeka.....252
R. S. Cartwright, Elgin, Ill. 397	Hart Spiegel, Topeka.....227
Helen M. Hall, Passaic, N. J. 383	Jane Lieberman, Chaney HS 222
W. F. English, Carrollton.....366	Emerson Cammack, Miami 211
E. J. Diller, Youngstown, O. 362	Curtis Larson, Mpls-Rsvlt...208
Mildren Dunham, Hornell.....352	Everett DeHanas, Miami.....206
O. A. Swansan, Oconomowoc 343	Julia Pitchford, Granite Cty 203
R. P. Hibbs, DuQuoin, Ill.330	Nancy Town, Oconomowoc...200
Sarah A. Ryan, Om-Central 325	Rinard Hart, Brownsville....199

Going Up

Chapters	9	16
Members	76	13,071
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