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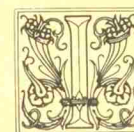


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Ever a woman feels proud of her lover, it is when she sees him as a successful public speaker."
—H. B. Stowe.



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Your President Joins a Panel!

The National Forensic League was on the program of the National Speech Convention in New York City, Dec. 29—your president had been asked to participate in a panel discussion on the topic, "What is the value of Debate Contests and Tournaments?" and when notified he could have the affirmative side and "point with pride" to values and benefits he accepted the invitation with the alacrity of a sophomore girl accepting her first date.

To me, and to the listeners, the most interesting part of the discussion was the ninety minute open forum held after the panel program had formally concluded. Here, everyone had his say and the entire gamut of sentiment was run from those believing that competitive forensics are the one and only means of providing stimulus for good speech work to one or two starry eyed idealists who felt debating was a menace and competitive forensics were vying with communism and fascism as the ace threats against Democracy. However, probably 95% of those in attendance came away convinced that certain facts stood as self-evident from the experiences motivating those participating in the discussion.

First of all, those desiring to discard debate as a means of speech education were as few in number as would be those wanting to discard the American flag at a D.A.R. convention. Secondly, it was generally agreed that speech contests were useful in getting students to exert that **extra effort** so essential to to produce the best work of which they are capable. It was further agreed that experimentation is desirable in working out new forms of debate procedure and new types of contest endeavor. All seemed to agree, further, that debate practices were improving and that extemporaneous speaking was rapidly replacing the last vestiges of the old memorized battle hymns and the well-canned rebuttal speeches which followed them.

NFL takes just pride in the part it has played in the past twelve years in stimulating better debate and contest practices by rewarding, suitably, those practices which were right and by discouraging in every way those devices which are futile or foolish. Every NFL chapter is urged to do its part in continuing this forward march of better speech and saner, more logical thinking.

—Karl E. Mundt.

Executive Council Meets

The annual meeting of the Executive Council was held in the Pennsylvania Hotel in New York City in connection with the convention of the National Association of Teachers of Speech. President Mundt who appeared on the convention program, Secretary Jacob and Director Schreiber were present. Messrs. Bond and Dietert were unable to be present.

In addition to the changes in district and national tournament rules elsewhere covered in this issue, the Council considered at length proposed changes in our membership requirements. A special committee comprising Mary Blackburn of Granite City, Levi Osterhus of Roosevelt High in Minneapolis, and E. J. Diller of Chaney High, Youngstown, was appointed to recommend changes affecting individual contest events. The problem is to keep students who participate in 30 or more contests a year from getting credit points out of proportion to the requirements for advanced degrees, without greatly reducing points for those who do excellent work in fewer contests.

The proposed amendment will be published in the February Rostrum and voted on at that time. Those ratified by the members will then become effective at the end of this school year, June 30th.

Degree Coupons Continued Until March 31st

The Council again authorized the granting of a coupon with each certificate of membership entitling the chapter to a degree of excellence or distinction without

payment of the constitutional degree fee of 50 cents. However, this provision expires on Mar. 31. It is, in other words, a premium given to chapters getting their membership applications into the national office before that time instead of waiting to overcrowd it when primary attention should be given to district and national tournament matters.

The coupons themselves will be good for one year, so that all a chapter has to do is to get enough of its contest reports on file before the end of March so that it can also file its applications for membership. The degree coupons it will then receive can be used for procuring advanced degrees at any time within a year. To get these coupons, some of the reports and all of the membership applications must be sent in before the end of March; the rest of the reports and degree applications can be filed as convenient thereafter.

Points for Rated Debates

The practice of rating debates instead of giving win or lose decisions is coming into frequent use after its introduction in the national tournament last year. The Executive Council has directed that all teams receiving the two highest rating shall be given the credit points for winning debates; all teams receiving the two lowest ratings, points for losing debates; teams receiving the middle rating shall have points for winning, losing, or no-decision debate according to whether their rating was better, poorer, or the same as their opponents in that debate.

Changes in National Tournament Rules

Dates May 2-6, Place to Be Announced Later

National tournament rules and procedure will be modified slightly this year so that fewer debates will determine the outcome and more time be available for convention features of educational nature. Nearly all of Wednesday will be free for demonstrations and educational projects.

Each team will engage in five preliminary debates on Monday and Tuesday. A rating system will again be used instead of conventional decisions, each team being rated from 1 to 5 by the critic. The 16 outstanding teams will then be selected on a point basis to go into a one-defeat elimination series for the final radio debate on the Columbia network. If ties occur for the 16th place, a special round will be held on Tuesday evening.

Critics this year will be asked to discuss as helpfully as possible each of the preliminary debates. This change is made in response to numerous requests to the national officers by students and coaches seeking to learn more about debating even though they qualified for national entry.

After the first five rounds three judges will be used, conventional decisions given, and the losing team eliminated. This will conclude the tournament in five preliminary rounds for every team and five more for the two that go into the final debate.

Registration Fees to Be Rebated for Judging

Registration fee this year will be \$5.00 for an individual contestant, \$10 for a debate team. For non-member schools these fees will be doubled.

From these fees coaches who observe their judging assignments will be given rebates of \$2 for each assignment on Monday, or Tuesday; \$3 on Wednesday; and \$4 on Thursday. In this way schools sending coaches qualified to judge in the national contests can recover a considerable portion of their entry fees. Those who send no such coaches will contribute a justly large fee instead of judging service. Coaches will fill out qualification cards with their registration and a committee will select those to judge in the various contests. No coach will be used in a contest in which his school is represented.

Since as many as 72 judges are required at one time it has been manifestly impossible to obtain that many "expert" college judges. The experience of the past few years seems to show that many of the high school coaches who have demonstrated their practical ability in teaching speech by producing state winners are on the whole very competent judges and in some respects better than others not so closely in touch with high school speech of today. The in-

creased use of such coaches should therefore help to give us still more consistent and satisfactory judging at the national contests.

Extemporaneous Speaking

No magazines will be designated this year for extempore topic selection.

Topics will be proposed by members of the Executive Council and will be based on subjects of national or international interest discussed in current periodicals since Sept. 1. The object is to further discourage the belief that proper preparation for extemp consists in outlining and memorizing the outlines of all important articles in designated magazines. It should be an original synthesis of current thought and opinion from whatever source obtained.

Rules for NFL District Tournaments—1938

The full text of the district tournament rules for 1938 is here published. There are few changes from the 1937 rules which seemed to be very fair and satisfactory. Attention is directed to the provisions relating to major and minor tournaments, and to the time limit for declamations. The council last year reduced the time to 10 minutes, effective in 1938.

The provision requiring a student to hold NFL membership or to have filed such application at the national office before registering for entry in a major tournament should have several beneficial effects. It should operate to spread the filing of contest reports and applications for membership at the national office over a period of several months instead of crowding over 70% into April and May. A higher standard of entry

Drawing in the national contest will also be limited to two subjects from which the speaker chooses one. All topics will be phrased as questions to avoid too general subjects into which previously prepared outlines could be fitted.

Declamations Limited to 10 Minutes

As announced a year ago, the time limit for all declamations now is ten minutes.

Tournament Dates

The national tournament and convention will again be held the first week in May, beginning on Monday, May 2. The place has tentatively been selected, but no announcement will be made until definitely determined that the needed facilities and services will be available.

should result from admitting only those who have met the membership requirements. With the additional membership fees anticipated the national organization will pay for the district tournament cup and banners or equivalent awards.

Chapters should note that for this year at least a student may participate even though he does not hold quite enough credit points for membership at the time of tournament registration. He may file his application with membership fee and certificate will be issued when the credit points he earns in the tournament complete the requirement.

In minor tournament, less than 12 chapters, any student from a school maintaining an active chapter may participate in the NFL district tournament.

Rules for N.F.L. District Tournament—1938

The following rules have been established by the Executive Council for all NFL District Tournaments. A District Chairman may request specific changes to meet local situations and if approved by the National President or National Secretary, the changes become effective in that District as soon as the Chairman advises the chapters concerned thereof.

GENERAL

1. **Eligibility:** Any bona fide undergraduate student carrying 15 recitation periods of work per week in a school maintaining in good standing a chapter of the National Forensic League shall be eligible to participate in this tournament.

Participants in major tournaments, 12 or more chapters, shall hold or apply for NFL membership at the time of registration.

2. **Entry:** Each Chapter shall be permitted two entries in each event; one in Debate.

3. **Registration:** Registration shall be filed with the District Chairman seven (7) days before opening of the tournament, giving name of each contestant and event entered. No later registrations shall be entered under any circumstances.

4. **Fees:** A suitable registration fee determined by the Tournament Committee shall be paid at the time of registration for each student in each event entered. (Fifty cents minimum is recommended to provide funds for procurement of judges.)

5. **Forfeits:** Contestants shall appear at the time their contests are scheduled or forfeit such contests.

6. **Conflict.** A student may participate in two contests. If they are scheduled at the same hour he shall go to that contest in which he is to speak the earlier, and after completing his part there, proceed immediately to the second contest. If the turn assigned to him has been passed, he shall be the next speaker.

7. **Judges:** Preliminary debates shall be judged by single critic judges; final debates and other contests by three judges unless other-

wise agreed to by the participants or their coaches. If there have been more than three preliminary rounds in the individual events, then the final contest shall be judged by five judges.

8. **Protests:** Judges assigned by the tournament committee shall be final unless protested before the contest. If protested, the tournament committee shall hear the protest and its decision shall be final.

9. **Timekeepers:** Timekeepers shall be provided for all contests and each contestant may receive such notice of the passing of time as he may elect.

10. **Disputes:** The District Chairman and two associates designated by him as Tournament Committee shall have full power to adjudicate any disputes or interpretations of the rules.

11. **Trophy:** In major tournaments the Council will authorize the award of the Balfour trophy to the tournament winner determined on this basis:

Each Chapter shall receive one point toward the trophy every time one of its contestants or debate teams participates in a round of the tournament.

12. **Press Reports.** No Chapter shall refer to this tournament as a state tournament, state contest, state champion, state winner, or use similar term unless there is no other state-wide contest association in that event in the state. The tournament should be designated as "NFL District Tournament, Tournament for NFL Chapters, District Tournament of the National Forensic League, or e. g. Wisconsin NFL Tournament." The Executive Council reserves the right to revoke any honors or eligibility gained in the tournament by any chapter falsely publicizing its achievement.

13. **National Eligibility.** Winners of first and second places in each contest in a major tournament, 12 or more chapters having participated in that contest, shall be eligible to en-

ter the national tournament. In minor tournaments, less than 12 chapters participating, winner of first place only shall be so eligible.

14. **Ineligibility.** A student already eligible to participate in a specific event in the national tournament shall be ineligible to participate in that event in the district tournament.

DEBATE

1. **Question.** The question for debate shall be "Resolved; That the several states should adopt a system of unicameral legislation.

2. **Teams:** Each Chapter shall uphold both sides of the question with two speakers for the affirmative and two other speakers for the negative.

3. **Time:** Each speaker shall have 10 minutes for constructive argument and five for rebuttal. Rebuttals shall begin immediately following the constructive speeches, negative opening.

4. **Pairing:** Schools shall be numbered in the order in which they register. In the first round the affirmative of school 1 shall meet the negative of school 2 and so on. In the second round, school 1 shall meet school 3, school 2 shall meet school 4, etc. In succeeding rounds the tournament committee shall draw lots for pairing and sides, avoiding if possible the meeting of schools which have met previously in the tournament. If unavoidable, they shall reverse sides upheld in the previous debate. Whenever possible school shall be assigned opposite sides in successive rounds.

5. **Elimination:** A school shall be eliminated when it has lost three debates in the tournament.

ORIGINAL ORATORY

1. **Original:** This contest shall comprise only orations actually written by the contestants delivering them.

2. **Subject:** Any appropriate subject may be used.

3. **Length:** Orations shall require not more than ten (10) minutes for delivery. Timekeepers shall stand and remain standing at the expiration of the time limit for judges to note the overtime, but that shall not disqualify the contestant.

4. **Quotations:** Not more than 150 words of the oration may be direct quotation from any other speech or writing and such quotations shall be

indicated in a copy of the oration filed with the chairman at the time of registration.

5. **Grouping:** The orators shall compete in such number of groups that not less than four nor more than eight shall be in any one group.

6. **Places:** The tournament committee shall by lot determine the order in which the contestants are to speak.

7. **Rank:** The judges shall rank the orators 1, 2, 3, etc., in the order of excellence. In preliminary rounds all ranks of each orator shall be totaled and places awarded according to the sequence of lowest totals. In the event of a tie, all contestants so tied shall be given the preferred rank. (If two tie for first place, the next highest rank is third.)

To the ranks given by the judges in the final contest there shall be added the places received by the contestants in each of the preceding rounds and the orator having the lowest total shall be given first place. In the event of a tie, the ranks of the orators so tied shall be considered, and the one having the preferred ranking from a majority of the final judges shall be given the place.

First place having been determined, the ranks of the remaining contestants shall be renumbered and second place determined in the same manner. Thereafter the sequence of low totals shall determine the remaining places.

8. **Elimination:** An orator having been twice ranked fourth or lower shall be eliminated. Such elimination shall continue until there remain seven or fewer contestants for the final contest.

EXTEMPORANEOUS SPEAKING

1. **Subjects:** The District Chairman shall obtain from a director of a college or university department of speech a list of 30 topics phrased for contest purposes and based on subjects discussed in standard periodicals during the current school year. The contents of the list shall not be disclosed except as contestants draw their topics therefrom.

2. **Drawing:** One hour before the contest is to begin, the first speaker shall draw three subjects, choose one and return the other two. The remaining contestants shall draw in

Book Reviews

Debate coaches and students will be interested in two books issued by the H. W. Wilson Company in its 1937-38 series. "Unicameralism in Practice" by Harrison Bond Summers contains some illustrative and informative material likely to prove highly valuable to debaters. Bound in a compact little volume this collection of argumentative material is gotten out in highly usable form and puts under one cover many facts which can be used variously as individual teams map out their plan of approach.

The new edition of "University Debaters Annual," compiled as usual by Phelps, contains a debate on one-house legislatures which serves as an admirable model debate showing how the clash of affirmative and negative argument develops in a typical debate on the unicameral system. The volume

contains several other debates on different subjects which are also helpful in teaching beginning debaters the proper argumentative style to use in advancing convincing arguments.

A third new book from the H. W. Wilson Company (New York City) is "Modern Group Discussion" by Lyman and Ellen Judson. This volume traces the development of group discussion, lists its uses and benefits, and gives detailed and authentic instruction on the conduct of the various types of discussion meetings. It is a splendid digest of factual material on the rapidly growing subject of public discussion meetings and evaluates and defines each of the various types of discussion now prevalent in America. "Modern Group Discussion" merits a place in any well stocked high school speech library. —Karl E. Mundt

like manner, in the order of speaking, at intervals of 8 minutes. The entire list of subjects shall be used for the drawing in each group. A contestant drawing a topic on which he has previously spoken in the tournament shall return it and draw again.

3. **Preparation:** As soon as he has chosen a topic the contestant shall withdraw and prepare his speech without consultation and without reference to prepared notes. Reference to books and magazines shall be permissible.

4. **Notes:** No speaker shall take to the platform more than 50 words of notes and the chairman shall be responsible for the enforcement of this rule.

5. **Time:** Contestants shall speak not less than 5 minutes nor more than 7 minutes. Timekeepers shall stand and remain standing to denote the expiration of time and at the close of the contest shall inform the

judges of the names of contestants failing to speak the minimum 5 minutes. Failure to observe time limits shall incur no penalty except that expressed in the ranks of the judges.

6. **Rules** 5, 6, 7 and 8 for Original Oratory shall apply also to this contest.

DECLAMATION

1. **Contests:** Declamation shall be divided into Oratorical, Dramatic, and Humorous divisions and each shall constitute a separate contest within this tournament. Each contestant shall determine the category of his declamation.

2. **Length:** The time limit for declamations shall be 10 minutes.

3. **Selections:** Judges shall be instructed to consider the literary value of the selections used in the Dramatic and Humorous divisions.

4. **Rules:** 3, 5, 6, 7 and 8 for Original Oratory shall apply to these contests.

Chapter News Notes

Dallas Has An Idea

Mr. S. Stanley Knapp, Texas Chairman and debate director at the North Dallas High School has simplified correspondence relative to arranging practice debates. He uses a neatly printed card as follows:

"Dear Debate Coach,

The North Dallas debate teams are ready for practice debates. We would like to meet your team at (place) on (date) at (hour) Please let me have your answer at once."

—NFL—

If you're a lady and disagree with the sentiments expressed in our "coverlogue" this time, you have only a lady to blame! Miss Kathleen Brady, highly efficient debate coach of our Aberdeen, S. D., chapter furnishes the quotation this month which is taken from the writings of another famous lady, Harriet Beecher Stowe. If you have a favorite saying you would like to see on The Rostrum cover, send it in.

—NFL—

The Oldham, S. D., chapter of NFL is sponsoring an intramural debate tournament among its freshman and sophomore debate students with the event being run off in a round robin style with the winning team securing memberships in NFL as its award when they earn their eligibility through interscholastic competition. Oldham's idea of using memberships in NFL as the awards for distinguished service in the intramural contests is one worth imitating in other chapters.

Topeka Holds Large Tournament

Mr. J. Edmund Mayer, nationally known speech director for the Topeka Trojans conducted his fourth and largest invitational tournament at Topeka in December. Statistics show that 98 teams representing 45 schools from five states participated. There were also 23 extemp. speakers, 15 orators, and 10 after-dinner speakers. Coffeyville won the tournament.

—NFL—

Illinois chapters will regret to know that Tom McEllin of West High in Aurora, second high point man in the NFL, has been confined to his bed for a month by streptococcus infection in his throat. He probably will not be able to speak in contests until the latter part of the season. Other Illinois students will miss the stimulus of his superior speaking and hope for his early return even though it means tougher competition for them.

—NFL—

W. Francis English, principal of Carrollton, Mo., high school, writes The Rostrum that on Feb. 19 Carrollton will be host to a speech festival and conference in all of the usual NFL events. Carrollton, Lexington, Liberty, Excelsior Springs, Marshall (all NFL schools) plus Richmond and Higginsville, will participate in the event which will rate teams and individuals in accordance with the degree of excellence they manifest. "Good speech, good fellowship, and a real appreciation of the speech arts" is to be emphasized in this friendly get-together of neighborly rivals.

Something of This—

Look at Wooster

During its first four years of NFL membership the Wooster Chapter had a total of 32 members and degrees. This year alone it has 75, only two less than the highest in the country. What has happened? Its energetic director of speech, Russell L. Caldwell, has popularized NFL membership in the Wooster High School and in turn finds that NFL has popularized his speech program. Listen to his statement:

"We here in Wooster are adding many members, but are setting high standards for them. Out of 135 people out for extra-curricular speech in Wooster High School, only those whose scholastic, character, and citizenship rating is exceptional are even considered for NFL membership. Less than one-third of those out for speech make membership in our chapter. That very fact has added interest, and we have plenty of competition for the honor of membership. Of the many good clubs in the high school NFL is probably most sought after."

The Wooster Chapter has grown phenomenally in the last two years and the speech program in the high school has grown with the chapter. One has helped the other. There is something for other directors to think about who now let their chapters run along with the minimum membership needed to keep in good standing. Again it is true: You get out of anything just what you put into it. Give your students a break and follow Wooster's steps. They are big ones but they lead places

JUST OFF THE PRESS!

Reaching the desk of the Rostrum editor just before final copy for this issue was sent to press, **"The Unicameral Legislature,"** written by Alvin W. Johnson and published by the University of Minnesota Press, Minneapolis, promises to be one of the most fullsome and factual helps to high school debaters of this year's question yet to be produced.

The book sells for \$2.50 in single copies; \$2.00 when used for a text. This new book discussed the development of the movement toward unicameralism since it started in Ohio and Oregon in 1912 and takes up its growth and adoption as well as its functioning in Nebraska. It also discussed unicameralism in England, Canada and other countries and discusses the probable effect of the Nebraska experience upon future legislation along the lines of this experiment in self-government.

Well informed debate squads will want to add this book to their libraries as it is timely and authentic. Professor Johnson is head of the Department of Political Science in Pacific Union College.

The Shawano, Wis., debaters have so far participated in four debate tournaments and won first place in all of them. The north woods air must be especially potent this year for that is a record any chapter can be proud of.

On Dec. 3 and 4, North Judson High School, North Judson, Ind., attended the eighth annual Debate Conference at Purdue University

Something of That

Mundt Announces Congressional Candidacy

A press release discloses that our president, Karl E. Mundt, has announced his candidacy for the Republican nomination for Congressman for the Eastern District of South Dakota. Last year Mr. Mundt lost in the Democratic landslide by 1570 votes in the 1309 precincts. A change of one vote in each precinct would have given him the election by a majority of 1,048! At that, Karl ran 38,000 votes ahead of the Republican presidential ticket. And that shows what good speaking can do!

NFLers will be interested in Mundt political philosophy sum-

med up in this paragraph: "I consider myself a liberal in my political convictions, believing that government should be the servant and not the master of the common people. Government derives its power from the average citizen and the average citizen should ever keep in his hands the power to change his government representatives and to alter or modify the programs and policies established by his delegates in Washington. As power slips from the hands of the average voter into the hands of political officials, true liberalism wanes and the evils of reactionary rulership begin in their worst forms."

From now on the NFL slogan will be "Karl for Congress!"

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By ALVIN W. JOHNSON, Chairman of the Department of
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From the Secretary's Desk

Notice of National Election

The terms of two national directors expire on June 30 and an election according to established procedure will be held during April to choose their successors. Any national officer or district chairman may become a candidate by filing a statement in support of his candidacy with the national secretary. Such statement shall not exceed 200 words and shall be published in the April Rostrum. Any other member may become candidate in this manner if his nomination statement is endorsed by 5% of the active chapters.

New Chapters

The charter committee has authorized charters for the following schools during December:

Logansport, Ind.
Superior-Central, Wis.
Concord, Mass.
Henryetta, Okla.
Spokane, Wash.

Lewis and Clark H. S.
Walsenburg, Colo.
Painesville, Ohio

FOR YOUR BULLETIN BOARD

Each Chapter will receive as supplement to this issue of the Rostrum a chart on which to record its own and its members' progress during the year. Fill it in up-to-date and post it on the bulletin board in your speech classroom where your speech students can watch the growth in membership and points month by month.

Keep it up-to-date!

If you have a large group and need two or more blanks, ask for them.

Charters Renewed

In addition to the list published in the September Rostrum, charters have been renewed for the following chapters this year:

San Bernardino, Calif.
Primghar, Iowa
Independence, Mo.
Foxcroft Academy, Me.
Omaha-Central, Neb.
Dayton-Oakwood, Ohio
Uniontown, Pa.
Highmore, S. D.
Ft. Worth-Arlington, Tex.
Two Rivers, Wis.
Macomb, Ill.
St. Clairsville, Ohio

Members for Ten Years

2006 W. Francis English, Carrollton, Mo., Sept. 30, 1927, at Fayette, Mo.

2082 Harold Bitting, Freeport, Ill., Jan. 25, 1928, at Brighton, Ia.

2636 M. L. Nelson, Luverne, Minn., April 9, 1928, at Miller, S. D.

Simplified Contest Blanks

The Secretary has available simplified blanks for reporting tournaments in which all or nearly all of the participating schools are NFL members. If you are sponsoring such a tournament write the office for a supply of blanks. A few blanks will enable you to report all of the rounds for every contestant direct to the national office so that credit points may be recorded without each chapter again submitting individual reports for each of their students.

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(Price 25c) containing a comprehensive listing of Forensic Societies, current debate questions and winners of all the important oratorical contests held during the past year?

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Five debaters, together with their coach, C. C. Arnold, of Washington High School, Sioux Falls, S. D., motored to Moorhead, Minn., where they participated in the first forensic tournament this season, being held Dec. 2, 3, 4. North Dakota, South Dakota, Minnesota and Wisconsin all entered teams in the tournament. The Sioux Falls debaters gained third place recognition. In the individual rankings, Don

Thompson representnig W.H.S. ranked fifth.

—NFL—

Maplewood - Richland Heights High School of Maplewood, Mo., won the Clayton tournament held on Dec. 11. The debates were on the state subject of "unicameral legislation." Maplewood won each of the six rounds it participated in and is gaining its much deserved victory in the eight-school Clayton tournament.

District Standing

Rank	Up or Down	District	Members per Chapter	Leading Chapter	Members & Degrees
1.	0	Southern Illinois	17.8	Granite City	51
2.	+3	Ohio	14.3	Wooster	75
3.	-1	Wisconsin	13.6	Mayville	60
4.	-1	New York	12.9	Poughkeepsie	77
5.	-1	Northern Illinois	12.1	Maine Township	58
6.	+1	Texas	12.0	North Dallas	40
7.	+1	Colorado	11.9	Casper, Wyo.	38
8.	-2	California	10.8	Fresno-Roosevelt	34
9.	+2	Nebraska	10.6	Norfolk	35
10.	-1	Indiana	10.5	Columbia City	22
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