

Statistical Diet

District Standing

Rank	Up or Down	District—	New Chapters	Av. No. Members	Leading Chapter	Members Degrees
1	0	New York		15.1	Ilion	50
2	0	Missouri	4	13.6	Joplin	105
3	+1	Pennsylvania	4	12.8	Charleroi	86
4	-1	Indiana		12.5	Kewanna	45
5	+2	Ohio	4	11.7	Youngst'n-Chaney	75
6	0	Wisconsin	2	11.4	Mayville	47
7	-2	Michigan		10.2	Adrian	38
8	0	Nebraska	2	9.7	Emerson	32
9	0	Illinois	4	8.5	DuQuoin	42
10	0	Washington	1	8.1	Lewiston	60
11	+1	South Dakota	1	7.9	Presho	36
12	-1	Iowa	2	7.8	Cherokee	38
13	0	California	1	6.8	Phoenix, Ariz.	26
14	0	Minnesota	1	6.5	Mpls-Roosevelt	32
15	0	Colorado		6.0	Gillette, Wyo.	29
16	+2	Oklahoma	1	6.0	Dallas-North Tex.	37
17	-1	Kansas		5.5	Topeka	31
18	-1	Southern	3	4.8	Moorefield, W. Va.	20
19	0	New England	1	2.1	Dover-Foxcroft	9

Our Decalet of Leaders

Coaches

L. D. Schreiber, Charleroi	668	Gordon Dupee, Oconomowoc	526
C. H. Beem, Eagle Grove, Ia.	666	William Musser, Okl-Classen	377
J. C. Aldrich, Webster Grov.	554	Thelma Vazetti, Charleroi-P.	372
Kathryn Moran, Joplin.....	541	Herriet Goldstein, Brnsville	371
William Row, Pittsburg, Kan.	484	Julius Weinburg, DuQuoin	353
E. L. Kimball, Chicago Eve.Y	474	Robert V. Rosa, Riv. R. Mich	335
H. B. Perrill, Hutchinson....	452	Jack E. Wilson, Enid, Okla.	329
Hazel A. Hatch, Enid, Okla.	451	Herbert Porter, Charleroi, P.	322
Mary Blackburn, Granit City	438	Janett Miller, Topeka, Kans.	308
Levi Osterhus, Mpls. Roose.	455	James Rahl, Wooster, Ohio	299

Students

The ten students in the Decalet of Leaders are privileged to enter any contest in the National Speech Tournament.

Going Up

	New	Total
Chapters	10	457
Members	245	12,047
Emblems Ordered	112	7,130
Reports of Contests	2,154	44,957
Memoranda Issued.....	2,586	46,056
Degrees Granted:		
Degree of Honor.....	174	4,258
Degree of Excellence.....	103	2,157
Degree of Distinction.....	56	1,113

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---Publius Syrus



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The National Forensic League Program

1. To encourage and recognize with suitable award a high degree of excellence in the effective use of the spoken word.
2. To work toward the end that every standard high school in America will offer courses in public speaking which will be taught by teachers especially trained for this service.
3. To advocate that speech teachers who coach debate and direct public speaking activities of an extra-curricular nature shall be given the same consideration as is accorded coaches of athletic activities.
4. To develop a recognition for the significance and value of speech training which will give speech courses and speech teachers the same academic rating which is now given to the subjects and instructors of such highly valuable courses as English, History, Science, or Mathematics.

OUR FIFTH AND OUR FINEST

Of one thing there can be little doubt—enthusiastic testimonials come from every side to indicate that our fifth national NFL speech tournament and convention was by far our finest. By adding the extra day to the tournament routine, the rush and the hurry of previous tournaments was eliminated and by including several outstanding educational features, our fifth big national tournament meeting became something much more than a mere competitive tournament—it was, veritably, a great educational conference and demonstration laboratory for the speech arts. Students and coaches not only matched their abilities against other talented speakers from all over America but they met together with some of the nation's leading speech educators and discussed modern developments in speech and evaluated various trends of speech activity.

Speech coaches, college speech instructors, high school principals and superintendents, all who attended the Kent convention-tournament were most eloquent in their praise of its efficient management and educational offerings. With the encouraging experiences of the Kent meeting behind us, plans are already under way to make the 1936 tournament an even more significant event in the program of American speech education. "Our Fifth was our Finest"—let us make our "Sixth our most Significant."

ANENT VOCAL AMBIDEXTERITY!

In publishing the article by Mr. Gibson THE ROSTRUM neither endorses nor condemns the idea it elucidates—the matter of uniform debate regulations is something for the States themselves decide, but Mr. Gibson's article raises some interesting points.

The old problem of whether to use two or three speaker debate teams is a much-argued one and can be settled only by the experiences gained by experimenting with both types. Of late years, the two speaker teams seem to be gaining in popularity. Your Editor can see several reasons for this increase in the use of two speaker teams: (1) Inasmuch as most debate teams now travel by car, the use of two speaker teams permits a coach to drive his car and take two teams with him without over-crowding his car; in this way MORE rather than FEWER debaters are given experience as the coach can take two teams on a trip for a dual debate whereas it might be impossible to transport six debaters, so under the three speaker team regulation he takes but one team. (2) More and more, interscholastic debating is turning to tournament competition with a school playing host to three to a dozen teams in a small invitational tournament; with two speaker teams a debate can be held in approximately an hour instead of something over an hour and a half. Thus in a given day of tournament debating MORE debates can be held and MORE debaters used with the two speaker team than under the three speaker arrangement. (3) Modern Americans are restless creatures! it is difficult to get them to come to listen to a debate lasting for ninety minutes. With two speaker teams, a debate can be held in an hour and altho the audience doesn't pack a hall for a two-speaker debate the brevity of the event does help attract the audience. (4) Many debates are, today, being held before luncheon clubs where the program is very limited; a shortened two-speaker debate can be squeezed into the luncheon club program, but it is impossible to hold a debate in so short a time with three speakers on a side unless the speeches are shortened so much as to lose all significance.

But we started out to write about "Vocal Ambidexterity" and it is in this that we are most interested. Regardless of the number of speakers used, it seems to your editor that it is rather important that ALL speakers be trained to debate BOTH sides. Debating both sides of a question makes for more thorough preparation on the part of the debaters and better equips them to refute opponents' arguments. It keeps the debaters from getting closed minds on the topic being debated. It provides the mental exercise that debating is intended to provide rather than the deep conviction which is likely to come from debating one side only. It does not force any student to argue, permanently, against his favored side and it compels him to study all the facts of both sides of the question before arriving at his own final preference. We recommend its trial by all debate coaches before definitely adopting the "argue-one-side-only" type of debating.

KARL E. MUNDT.

The National Winners

Debate

Sioux Falls, S. D.—First.	Los Angeles, Calif.—Second
Carl Lunquist	Edward Freutel
Herbert Shapiro	Arthur Guy
Mary Perkins, Coach	F. M. Keslar, Coach
Oklahoma City, Central—Third	Topeka, Kans.—Third
Avery Lee	Ed Stevens
C. J. Humphrey	Irving Kass
Harold Netherton, Coach	J. Edmund Mayer, Coach
Dwight, Ill.—Fifth	Omaha-Central, Nebr.—Sixth
	Jacksonville, Ill.—Sixth

Original Oratory

1 Eleanor Kincaid, Joplin, Mo.	5 Duncan Mackintosh,
2 Homer Ogle, Freeport, Ill.	Crawfordsville, Ind.
3 Jack E. Wilson, Enid, Okla.	6 Philip Buchen,
4 Jack Croessmann, Duquoin, Ill.	Sheboygan, Wis.

Extempore Speaking

1 David Goldberg,	4 Dwight Croessmann,
Bakersfield, Calif.	Duquoin, Ill.
2 Bill Musser, Jr.,	5 Janet Miller, Topeka, Kans.
Oklahoma City-Classen H. S.	6 Carl Lundquist,
3 Al Godwin, Jr.,	Sioux Falls, S. D.
Oklahoma City-Classen H. S.	7 Gordon Dupee,
	Oconomowoc, Wis.

Oratorical Declamation

1 Russell Black,	5 Eugenia Hawkins,
Oklahoma City-Central H. S.	Salisbury, Mo.
2 James Harper, Duquoin, Ill.	6 Harvey Swenson,
3 James Barnum,	Luverne, Minn.
San Bernardino, Calif.	7 Charlotte Howard, Harlan, Ky.
4 Wayne Wilson, Enid, Okla.	

Dramatic Declamation

1 Mary Ann Porterfield,	4 Lester Gross, Maplewood, Mo.
Topeka, Kans.	5 Harriet Goldstein,
2 Dorothy Jane Deuell,	Brownsville, Pa.
Peoria-Central, Ill.	6 Lorraine Waggoner,
3 Marion Conrad,	Peoria-Central, Ill.
West Allis, Wis.	7 Edward Hansen, Harlan, Ia.

Humorous Declamation

1 Caroline Groves,	4 Margaret Lund,
Webster City, Ia.	Peoria-Central, Ill.
2 Ann Sullivan, Chisholm, Minn.	6 Virgil Gaines, Dupo, Ill.
3 Betty Jo Larison, Lincoln, Ill.	7 Edwin Townsend,
4 Julia Pitchford,	Luverne, Minn.
Granite City, Ill.	

Debate

Round 1

Won	Lost	Won	Lost
Louisville-St. Xavier, Ky.	Rome, N. Y.	Green River, Wyo.	Mt. Sterling, Ky.
Carrollton, Mo.	Coraopolis, Pa.	Watertown, S. D.	Selinsgrove, Pa.
Omaha-Central, Nebr.	Newark, O.	Topeka, Kan.	Mendota, Ill.
Bakerfield, Calif.	Elgin, Ill.	Springfield, Mo.	Sheboygan, Wis.
Wooster, O.	Twin Falls, Ida.	Ashland, O.	Auburn, Me.
Chisholm, Minn.		Syracuse-Cen. N. Y.	Sioux Falls, S. D.
	Terre Haute-Wiley, Ind.	Dyersburg, Tenn.	
Independence, Mo.	Laconia, N. H.	Milwaukee-Washington, Wis.	
Dwight, Ill.	Omaha-Tech., Nebr.	Frankfort, Ind.	Okla. City-Cen., Okla.
River Rouge, Mich.	Seminole, Okla.	Canton, Kan.	Uniontown, Pa.
Holtville, Ala.	Canton, O.	Upland, Nebr.	Kent-State, O.
Jacksonville, Ill.	Mpls.-West, Minn.	Los Angeles-High, Calif.	Duquoin, Ill.

Round 2

Carrollton, Mo.	Rome, N. Y.	Mendota, Ill.	Watertown, S. D.
Omaha-Central, Nebr.	Coraopolis, Pa.	Topeka, Kan.	Sheboygan, Wis.
Newark, O.	Bakerfield, Calif. (bye)	Ashland, O.	Springfield, Mo.
Louisville-Xavier, Ky.	Elgin, Ill.	Selinsgrove, Pa.	Auburn, Me.
Twin Falls, Ida.		Sioux Falls, S. D.	
	Terre Haute-Wiley, Ind.	Milwaukee-Washington, Wis.	
Chisholm, Minn.	Independence, Mo.	Dyersburg, Tenn.	Frankfort, Ind.
Dwight, Ill.	Laconia, N. H.	Oklahoma City-Central, Okla.	
Omaha-Tech, Nebr.	Wooster, O.	Uniontown, Pa.	
Seminole, Okla.	Canton, O.	Canton, Kan.	Kent-State, O.
Jacksonville, Ill.	Holtville, Ala.	Duquoin, Ill.	Upland, Nebr.
Mpls.-West, Minn.	Mt. Sterling, Ky.	Los Angeles-High, Calif.	
River Rouge, Mich.	Green River, Wyo.	Syracuse-Central, N. Y.	

Round 3

Carrolltown, Mo.	Newark, O.	River Rouge, Mich.	Holtville, Ala.
Omaha-Central, Nebr.	Elgin, Ill.	Mendota, Ill.	Springfield, Mo.
Bakerfield, Calif.	Rome, N. Y.	Sheboygan, Wis.	Auburn, Me.
Louisville-St. Xavier, Ky.		Watertown, S. D.	Ashland, O.
	Coraopolis, Pa.	Topeka, Kan.	Selinsgrove, Pa.
Terre Haute-Wiley, Ind.	Laconia, N.H.	Oklahoma City-Central, Okla.	
Dwight, Ill.	Twin Falls, Ida.	Milwaukee-Washington, Wis.	
Independence, Mo.	Omaha-Tech, Nebr.	Canton, Kan.	Frankfort, Ind.
Wooster, O.	Chisholm, Minn.	Uniontown, Pa.	Upland, Nebr.
Canton, O.	Mpls.-West, Minn.	Los Angeles-High, Cal.	Kent State, O.
Jacksonville, Ill.	Green River, Wyo.	Sioux Falls, S. D.	Duquoin, Ill.
Seminole, Okla.	Mt. Sterling, Ky.	Dyersburg, Tenn.	Syracuse-Cen., N. Y.

Round 4

Omaha-Central, Nebr.	Rome, N. Y.	Watertown, S. D.	Sheboygan, Wis.
Bakersfield, Calif.	Coraopolis, Pa.	Topeka, Kan.	Ashland, O.
Louisville-St. Xavier, Ky.	Newark, O.	Springfield, Mo.	Selinsgrove, Pa.
Elgin, Ill.	Carrollton, Mo.	Mendota, Ill.	Auburn, Me.
Independence, Mo.	Twin Falls, Ida.	Sioux Falls, S. D.	Frankfort, Ind.
Dwight, Ill.	Chisholm, Minn.	Uniontown, Pa.	Dyersburg, Tenn.
Wooster, O.	Laconia, N. H.	Oklahoma City-Central, Okla.	
Omaha-Tech, Nebr.	Terre Haute, Ind.	Kent State, O.	
Jacksonville, Ill.	Seminole, Okla.	Duquoin, Ill.	Canton, Kans.
Mt. Sterling, Ky.	Holtville, Ala.	Upland, Nebr.	Syracuse-Cen., N. Y.
River Rouge, Mich.	Mpls.-West, Minn.	Los Angeles-High, Calif.	
Green River, Wyo.	Canton, O.	Milwaukee-Washington, Wis.	

Round 5

Won	Lost	Won	Lost
Watertown, S. D.	Bakersfield, Calif.	Jacksonville, Ill.	Canton, Kan.
Topeka, Kan.	Wooster, O.	Los Angeles-High, Calif.	Mendota, Ill.
Sioux Falls, S. D.	Independence, Mo.	Louisville-St. Xavier, Ky.	
Dwight, Ill.	Dyersburg, Tenn.		Carrollton, Mo.
Oklahoma City-Central, Okla.		Omaha-Central, Nebr.	Bye
	River Rouge, Mich.		

Round 6

Omaha-Central, Nebr.	Bakersfield, Calif.	Topeka, Kan.
	Okla. City-Central, Okla.	Dwight, Ill.
Watertown, S. D.	Los Angeles-High, Calif.	Sioux Falls, S. D.—River Rouge, Mich.
	Louisville-St. Xavier, Ky.	Jacksonville, Ill.
		Bye

Round 7

Topeka, Kan.	Sioux Falls, S. D.	Bakersfield, Calif.
	Dwight, Ill.	Watertown, S. D.
	Los Angeles-High, Calif.	Los Angeles High-Calif.
		Jacksonville, Tenn.

Round 8

Los Angeles-High, Calif.	Dwight, Ill.	Okla. City-Central, Okla.
Topeka, Kan.	Omaha-Central, Nebr.	Jacksonville, Ill.
		Sioux Falls, S. D.
		Bye

Round 9

Los Angeles-High, Calif.	Sioux Falls, S. D.	Topeka, Kan.
	Oklahoma City-Central, Okla.	

Final Debate

Sioux Falls, South Dakota	Los Angeles-High, California
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Original Oratory

The numbers indicate the number of rounds in which the contestant participated. The sixth round was the final contest in all events except Dramatic Declamation, in which there were only five rounds.

4 Jess Jones, Bakersfield, Calif.	3 Mollie Marinkovich, Chisholm, Minn.
3 Douglas Bryan, Santa Monica, Calif.	6 Eleanor Kincaid, Joplin, Mo.
6 Jack Croessmann, Duquoin, Ill.	3 Don Berkmyer, Webster Groves, Mo.
5 Woodrow Boyer, Elgin, Ill.	3 Gustus Amrose, Syracuse-Cen., N. Y.
6 Homer Ogle, Freeport, Ill.	3 Harold Andrews, Ashland, O.
3 Arthur Varnum, Granite City, Ill.	4 Chrissoula Economides, Dayton-Oakwood, O.
3 Julia Pitchford, Granite City, Ill.	5 Robert Cline, Dayton-Oakwood, O.
5 Helen Bandy, Granite City, Ill.	3 Vincent Desimeo, Ravenna, O.
6 Duncan Mackintosh, Crawfordsville, Ind.	4 Samuel Shapiro, Wooster, O.
5 Keith L. Andrews, Lebaunon, Ind., Pinnel H. S.	4 Anne Holden, Wooster, O.
3 Ralph B. Murphy, New Albany, Ind.	6 Jack Ewing Wilson, Enid, Okla.
3 Ray S. Cline, Terre Haute-Wiley, Ind.	3 Thelma Vazetti, Charleroi, Pa.
3 Maurice Young, Muscatine, Ia.	3 Jack Murray, Glassport, Pa.
3 Charles Welsh, Yates Center, Kan.	3 Robert Palonder, Perryopolis, Pa.
3 Thomas E. Dwyer, Boston-Mission H. S., Mass.	3 Ernest Garis, Stroudsburg, Pa.
3 Leo Landrey, Brookline-St. Mary's H. S., Mass.	5 Keith Conner, Mitchell, S. D.
3 Bernard Carroll, Dearborn, Mich.	3 Herbert Shapiro, Sioux Falls, S. D.
3 George Regis, Chisholm, Minn.	3 Joseph Leslie, Bristol, Tenn.
	3 Gordon Dupee, Oconomowoc, Wis.
	3 Walter Smith, Shawano, Wis.
	6 Philip Buchen, Sheboygan, Wis.

Extempore Speaking

6 David Goldberg, Bakersfield, Calif.	4 James Rahl, Wooster, O.
3 Anna Fern Beckman, Lewiston, Ida.	3 Harold Mirvis, Wooster, O.
6 Dwight Croessmann, Duquoin, Ill.	4 Avery Lee, Oklahoma City-Central, Okla.
3 Georgianna Leigh, East Lynn, Ill.	6 Bill Musser, Jr., Oklahoma City-Classsen, Okla.
4 William Welch, Greencastle, Ind.	4 Betty Escalante, Oklahoma City-Classsen, Okla.
3 Frances Highbarger, Muscatine, Ia.	6 Al Godwin, Jr., Oklahoma City-Classsen, Okla.
6 Janet Miller, Topeka, Kan.	3 Bernard Morissey, Brownsville, Pa.
3 Tom Prewitt Senff, Mt. Sterling, Ky.	3 Samuel Smith, Punxsutawney, Pa.
3 Leo Landrey, Brooklyn-St. Mary's High, Mass.	3 Arthur Jeffrey, State College, Pa.
3 Peggy Dunn, Chisholm, Minn.	4 Noah Fehl, West Newton, Pa.
4 Curtis Larson, Minneapolis-Roosevelt, Minn.	3 Robert W. Simmons, Waynesburg, Pa.
3 Carl Hallquist, Minneapolis-Roosevelt, Minn.	6 Carl Lundquist, Sioux Falls, S. D.
4 Richard Craig, Joplin, Mo.	4 Robert Beckett, Watertown, S. D.
5 Dan Potter, Omaha-Tech, Nebr.	3 Jewel Moore, Culleoka, Tenn.
3 Curtis Foster, Laconia, N. H.	3 Arthur Byrne, Jr., Gainesboro, Tenn.
3 Adele Deragon, Poughkeepsie, N. Y.	3 W. D. Croft, Jr., Millington, Tenn.
3 Thomas Gaggin, Syracuse, N. Y.	6 Gordon Dupee, Oconomowoc, Wis.
3 Robert Lang, Euclid Shore, O.	3 Leo Hartenberger, Sheboygan, Wis.
3 Richard Armitage, Ravenna, O.	

Oratorical Declamation

6 James Barnum, San Bernardino, Calif.	3 Rex Titus, Joplin, Mo.
4 Raymond Rose, Dupo, Ill.	6 Eugenia Hawkins, Salisbury, Mo.
5 Julius Weinberg, Duquoin, Ill.	4 Wm. Galbraith, Poughkeepsie, N. Y.
6 James Harper, Duquoin, Ill.	3 Morton Grossman, Canton, O.
3 Homer Ogle, Freeport, Ill.	5 Roland Showalter, Canton, O.
3 Leonard Schermer, Granite City, Ill.	3 Dale Emge, East Palestine, O.
3 Bob Goebel, Lincoln, Ill.	3 Paul Sanders, Newark, O.
5 Edward Baker, Mendota, Ill.	3 Robert Crosby, Niles, O.
5 Earl Brown, Pittsfield, Ill.	3 Wilbur Le Masters, Ravenna, O.
3 Tim Lowe, Logansport, Ind.	6 Wayne Wilson, Enid, Okla.
3 Robert Beauchamp, Wabash, Ind.	6 Russell Black, Oklahoma City, Okla.
4 Junior McMahon, Topeka, Kan.	3 Harriet Goldstein, Brownsville, Pa.
5 Richard D. O'Neil, Ashland-Holy Family High, Ashland, Ky.	3 Jack Kotler, California, Pa.
3 Lee Ledford, Jr., Harlan, Ky.	3 Hugh A. Kennedy, Latrobe, Pa.
6 Charlotte Howard, Harlan, Ky.	3 Richard Goodwin, Monaca, Pa.
3 Allen Bisbee, Williamsburg, Mass.	5 Noah Fehl, West Newton, Pa.
3 Velora Oman, Paw Paw, Mich.	3 Louis McCabe, Zelienople, Pa.
3 John Anderson, Chisholm, Minn.	3 Joe Johnson, Sioux Falls, S. D.
6 Harvey Swenson, Luverne, Minn.	3 Albert Kriz, Sisseton, S. D.
3 Eddie Johnson, Minneapolis-Roosevelt High, Minn.	3 Benjamin Sims, Bristol, Tenn.
	4 Solomon Kleinman, Milwaukee-Washington High, Wis.

Dramatic Declamation

3 Wayne Arthur, Lincoln, Ill.	3 Mary Lou Fraser, Minneapolis-Roosevelt, Minn.
3 Dorothy Wilson, Olney, Ill.	5 Lester Gross, Maplewood, Mo.
5 Lorraine Waggoner, Peoria-Central.	4 Jack Klein, Canton, O.
5 Dorothy Jane Deuell, Peoria-Central.	3 Jean Finefrock, Canton, O.
5 Edward Hansen, Harlan, Ia.	3 Bruce Thomas, Ravenna, O.
5 Mary Ann Porterfield, Topeka, Kan.	4 Betty Allen, Ravenna, O.
3 Georgia Thayer, South Paris, Me.	4 Helen McGarvey, Wooster, O.
3 Charles Warner, Williamsburg, Mass.	3 Betty McClelland, Oklahoma City-Classsen, Okla.
4 Barbara Smith, Paw Paw, Mich.	
3 Eleanor Pohjonen, Chisholm, Minn.	

- 3 Ellsworth Dawson, Enid, Okla.
 5 Harriet Goldstein, Brownsville, Pa.
 3 Hugh A. Kennedy, Latrobe, Pa.
 3 Sara Ann Levering, Stroudsburg, Pa.
 3 Rachelle Dunkelberger, Gregory, S.D.

Humorous Declamation

- 6 Virgil Gaines, Dupon, Ill.
 3 Doris Lantz, Elgin, Ill.
 6 Julia Pitchford, Granite City, Ill.
 3 Wayne Arthur, Lincoln, Ill.
 6 Betty Jo Larison, Lincoln, Ill.
 6 Margaret Lund, Peoria-Central, Ill.
 3 Don Kemp, Muscatine, Ia.
 6 Caroline Groves, Webster City, Ia.
 3 Mary Washburn, Topeka, Kan.
 5 Junior McMahon, Topeka, Kan.
 3 Albert Mosher, Williamsburg, Mass.
 3 Milton Reed, Paw Paw, Mich.
 6 Ann Sullivan, Chisholm, Minn.
 4 Dolores Webster, Fertile, Minn.
 6 Edwin Townsend, Luverne, Minn.
- 3 Gertude Haverly, Highmore, S. D.
 3 Irene Bourne, Clarksville, Tenn.
 4 Ledora Maddux, Cookeville, Tenn.
 4 Charlotte Zion, Sheboygan, Wis.
 5 Marion Conrad, West Allis, Wis.
- 3 Dedrick Childers, Independence, Mo.
 3 Sarah F. Koontz, Marshall, Mo.
 3 Mary Gozonsky, Laconia, N. H.
 3 Clara Ward, Ossining, N. Y.
 5 Marie Olmstead, Canton, O.
 3 Helen Ward, East Palestine, O.
 3 Katherine Stevens, Ravenna, O.
 3 Jane Lieberman, Youngstown-Chaney, Ohio.
 3 Ann Gallo, Youngstown-Chaney, O.
 3 Frances Kremer, Brownsville, Pa.
 4 Marion Huseman, California, Pa.
 3 Beverly Barnes, Colman, S. D.
 3 Tom Melody, Onida, S. D.
 3 Ruth Bain, Baxter, Tenn.

Chisholm, Minnesota Wins Consolation Debate Tourney

In order to provide more opportunity for debating, Levi Ostefrhus, debate director of Roosevelt High School of Minneapolis, organized an unofficial consolation debate tournament at Kent which was started immediately after the first eliminations were announced. Ten debate teams entered this tournament and a regular debate schedule was run off to determine the victor.

To make the tournament additionally attractive, a number of demonstration and experimental debates were held using various novel debate arrangements and methods. When the smoke had cleared away and the final debate decided, Chisholm, Minn., was announced as the winner of the Consolation Tournament and was awarded an appropriate trophy in the Atrium of the administration buildings at Kent. Washington High of Milwaukee, Wis., was second. The Chisholm coach, Miss Dorothy Will (where there's a Will, there's a way), received the trophy on behalf of her debaters, one of whom flew to Kent by plane in order to arrive in time for the tournament.

NFL

With sixteen entries in it, the Coaches' Discussion Contest, this year, was the largest and the most talented of any held so far. As usual it was won by an Oklahoman—Harold Netherton of Central High School, in Oklahoma City. NFL's genial and loquacious friend, Ted Beard of the University of Oklahoma, managed this section of the tournament, but that didn't help Harold any in his march toward victory—twenty-one high school students from twenty-one states judged the final contest. Incidentally, critics inclined to "blame the judge" would do well to examine the ballots cast in that final contest; with twenty-one judges and eight contestants, every speaker received at least one vote for first and one vote for last place! So, after all, who is to decide which judge is most judicious?

Distinguished Service Awards Granted

Six Chapters receives Distinguished Service Awards at the tournament banquet at Kent. Anna Fern Beckman came clear from Lewiston, Idaho to receive the first such award to a western school. Dorothy Wilson received the award for Olney, Illinois, and Ann Gallo for Chaney High of Youngstown, Ohio. Awards were also made "in absentia" to the chapters at Mayville, Wisconsin, Ilion, New York, and Nott Terrace High in Schenectady.

Mr. Leslie D. Schreiber, national director-elect and Hubert Teitelbaum past national director, both of Charleroi, Pennsylvania, received the Distinguished Service Key. The Key is also awarded Mr. Earl Planty of Ilion, New York, and Mr. C. C. Diettert of North Judson, Indiana, both of whom have served as Chairman of their respective Districts.

For completing ten years of service and accumulating more than twice the number of citations required for the distinguished service Key, National President, Karl E. Mundt, National Secretary, Bruno E. Jacob, were presented the Distinguished Service plaques. It was just ten years ago that the League was being founded, and as charter members and national officers both have served the League continuously ever since.

The Distinguished Service Awards are individually cast of heavy bronze for each chapter or person and mounted on a mahogany desk piece. They are strikingly attractive and convey by their individuality the full implication of the term Distinguished Service Award.

Eveleth, Minnesota Demonstrates Typical NFL Sportsmanlike Attitude

Indicative of the type of good sportsmanship and the spirit de corps which NFL strives to foster among its members, is the following telegram received by the Chisholm, Minn. delegation during the Kent tournament.

"Miss Dorothy Will,

"Chisholm High School Coach,

"National Speech Tournament, Kent, O.

"You are representing Minnesota at the Nation's tournament of winners. We are proud of our speech work in this part of the country and we know we shall be proud of the manner in which you represent us. We urge you to take your responsibility seriously and to outdo yourselves each time you speak. We believe you will win but whether you place in the finals or not, just remember that 'he always wins who does his best.' We want you to know that we are interested in you and that you have our very best wishes for your success. Yea, Chisholm!

"Eveleth Chapter NFL."

Inasmuch as Chisholm eliminated Eveleth in the Minnesota District Tournament and since the two schools are neighborhood rivals on the Minnesota iron range, we feel that it manifests a splendid spirit of sportsmanship on the part of Eveleth to send such a message and the NFL is proud of a school which knows how to lose gracefully as well as how to fight gamely.

An Argument for More Uniform Debate Regulations

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With the fifth national debate championship again coming from the states west of the Mississippi, and prospects very poor for this honor ever coming east, the coaches and debaters of our section have been wondering why they cannot match up to the standard set by these western debaters. In all of the other departments of the national speech contests the eastern states have had their share of the honors. Illinois has been particularly blessed in speech honors, but not so in debate. In fact only one eastern school, Elgin, Illinois, has ever gone as high as second in debate. Mendota, Illinois was third once, but aside from that we have failed to even get into the running.

This condition could be explained by saying that the coaches and students in the eastern section are not as well equipped as those found in the West. However, this argument is exploded by the large number of speech contests won by the eastern states.

It is the belief of this writer that the reason the western states have that final punch that wins national debate championships is found in the fact that the rules of the National debate championship tournament are more advantageous to the states of Oklahoma, South Dakota, Kansas and Nebraska than they are to the eastern schools. To point this out take the state of Illinois.

The school in Illinois that engages in debate must have two full teams of three members each. This means that the coach must prepare six debaters all year. Our rules do not allow a debater to debate on both sides of the question. The state contest is held on Monday and Tuesday the week before the National Tournament. This means that on Wednesday morning we know that we will start for the National Tournament the following Saturday. Along with packing for the trip, and raising the money, the coach has the additional duty of having the debaters completely rewrite their three speeches into two speeches for national tournament. In this rewriting, done in two days time, we always find that some important part of the case must be left out because of lack of time to practice to see what our weaknesses are. We usually find out what is wrong at the National Tournament. While some team that has been debating with a two man team all year will have their case complete we will have many weaknesses due to the change from a three man to a two man team. We are usually eliminated before we find the real mistakes in our arguments.

This statement is subject to correction, but I believe that the majority of schools that have finished high in the National Tournament in the last few years have been two man teams debating both sides of the question. Altus in 1933 was such a team. Oklahoma City in 1934 was also. Sioux Falls in 1935, as also was Los Angeles the runner up. This means that these schools have two good debaters and that these two debaters were represent-

ing their schools. On the other hand the teams from Illinois had four debaters. If the Illinois teams ever hope to win a National Championship under the rules that are now in effect in Illinois they must develop four debaters as good as the two debaters that represent the teams from the West. This is a practical impossibility, and so the teams from Illinois will continue to lose out in the final rounds of the National Tournament because they are giving more students a chance in debate.

Our purpose in the NFL is to give more students a chance in entering speech contests. We do not argue that we should have the three man team, but we do feel that each school entered in the tournament should have four members on their debate teams, and that no debater in the National Tournament be allowed to debate on both sides of the question. If eastern schools are going to stand a chance in future debate tournaments they must enter the tournaments on the same basis as the western schools or lose out.

Why not make rules for national competition so that more students will be given a chance? The clear advantage that has been going to the schools that use two speakers on both sides of the question should either be made universal, or we should not allow a debater to debate on both sides of the question. Probably Illinois will change to this type of debate allowing debaters on both sides, and thus we will have two debaters representing our schools instead of six that we now use. I hope that this will not come however, as it seems much better to train the larger number of students.

Dean Dennis of Northwestern Plans Novel Feature for 1936 Tournament

Dean Ralph Dennis, head of the School of Speech of Northwestern University, attending his first NFL tournament, at Kent was so much impressed with its educational opportunity and offerings that he has volunteered to work up a sixty-minute demonstration period for the educational part of our 1936 meeting. Dean Dennis will provide a demonstration with the help of the Illinois chapters to indicate the newer and more professional trends of declamatory work which are now being perfected.

J. Edmund Mayer of Topeka Is New "Veterans" President

The Veteran's Club, comprised of all NFLers who have attended more than one National Tournament held its annual meeting in Kent and J. Edmund Mayer of Topeka, Kan., was elected as its president for 1935-36. Each year the Veteran's Club grows larger and it provides a splendid opportunity for the "old timers" to get together and exchange yarns concerning the earlier NFL tournaments. President Mayer expects to hold another meeting of his club at a formal banquet occasion during the 1936 tournament.

It Can Be Done

After visiting the recent tournament at Kent one can readily see that New England debating is not on a par with that of the West. However, I do not think that all of us have given up the ghost, and though our spirits concerning NFL, before the tournament, were rather low, it took our own community to shake us out of lethargy. Our city recently demonstrated so well that co-operation on a large basis still exists and that debating and the art of speech are not educational frills, that I think its example deserves some publicity.

After winning the New England NFL district championship, we had a very remote thought of attending the national tournament at Kent. We returned from Boston late Saturday evening and early Monday morning one of the debaters went to the editor of the local paper and stated our desires and possibilities concerning a trip to Kent. The editor of the Laconia Evening Citizen said such a trip was worth while and the needed funds could be secured. He immediately gave a donation and started the publicity. Our superintendent cooperated to the fullest extent and a committee of prominent citizens was organized and, after three days of publicity and cooperation, a sum of \$330 was raised. Everyone in this community of 12,000 knew what we wanted, where we were going, and for what purpose the tournament was being held. The editor of the paper then went one step further and paid all the expenses of a reporter to cover the tournament at Kent. The paper ran headlines of the tournament and our trip, even though we were eliminated in the first four rounds. As a result of this the NFL received a considerable amount of publicity and it ought to be a fairly easy task to keep speech in the foreground here in the future. Such an example of community cooperation for the support of debating is, I think, rather unusual and worthy of some attention. This example may serve as a talking point for some of other schools of NFL in the future. Even though we were eliminated early in the contest, every contributor to the fund with whom I have talked feels that Laconia High School was honored by being invited to the tournament, and that the trip and associations were of inestimable value to our debaters. I think that the decline of NFL in New Hampshire, at least, has ceased and this example will serve to rejuvenate us and prepare better teams for the tournaments of the future.

W. A. Mahoney, Coach of Laconia High.

Three NBC networks—the Red, the Southwest, and the Pacific Coast—carried the program of national tournament winners this year. Complimentary letters have been received from coast to coast. The championship debate was similarly carried by 101 Columbia network stations to a vast high school and adult audience. The NFL appreciated the splendid aid the broadcasting companies are giving to high school speech development.

Convention Tail-Lights

Orchids to Professor E. Turner Stump of Kent College who was responsible for local arrangements during our recent convention-tournament at his fine college. Never once did Mr. Stump lose his composure or his good nature; never once did he fail to iron out any temporary difficulty and all convention attendants were enthusiastic in their praise of his gallant services. NFL owes a vote of thanks to Mr. Stump and we're in favor of stuffing the ballot box to swell the vote, because his services were certainly much appreciated. Let no man say, "You san stump Mr. Stump," because we know it can't be done!

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While passing our votes of appreciation, let us hasten to add our gratitude to President Engleman of Kent State College who demonstrated that he not only believes in the speech education program of America, but that he, himself, is a past master of the art. His eloquent address at the opening banquet was one of the highlights of the convention. Lucky, indeed, are the NFLers who live close enough to Kent to anticipate the day when they can become students on that campus and continue their speech training in such a sympathetic and scholarly atmosphere.

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Not only did South Dakota win the National Debate Championship at the Kent tournament, but to that State also goes the mythical seven league boots offered as a prize to the State traveling the largest number of "man-miles" to the meeting. Twenty-four South Dakotans travelled the necessary 1,100 miles to attend the Kent convention.

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Washington High of Milwaukee, Wisconsin deserves some sort of trophy as the hard luck champion of the tournament. In the first four rounds that school met Dyersburg, Tenn., Sioux Falls, S. D., Oklahoma City-Central, and Los Angeles, Calif. Three of those were the tournament winners and Dyersburg won three of its first four debates. Altogether the opponents of the Milwaukee school won 26 debates. No other team in the tournament met harder teams until the final debates. Frankfort, Ind., DuQuoin, Ill., Syracuse-Central, N. Y., and Kent-State, Ohio, also met exceptionally strong teams in the early rounds—but none encountered both finalist teams and the 1934 champions besides.

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Luverne, Minnesota made a unique record in the Kent tournament. Entered in three events, Luverne High School, placed in the finals in all three divisions, thus maintaining a batting average of 1,000 per cent by "registering" in each of the three events entered. Luverne also claims the youngest contestant in the National—little Eddie Townsend, who celebrated his 15th birthday in Kent, placed seventh in the Humorous Division. Central High School, Peoria, also brought their three contestants into the finals in two different events. Peoria has been "in" for the past several years.

Council Modifies Effect of Credit Point Changes

At one of its meetings at Kent the Executive Council considered the complaints of chapters that the amendments to the constitution changing the schedules of credit points should not apply to contests held prior to the ratification of those amendments. The Council ruled that when the amendments became effective they applied to all contests reported henceforth, irrespective of the date on which the contest was held.

However, since a large number of chapters construed the provisions to apply simply to contests held after ratification and accordingly now find late in the season that the students they thought had qualified for membership or for advanced degrees, lack a few credit points under the new rules the Council has authorized this procedure for the rest of this school year.

Contest held prior to March 1, may be recorded on the basis of the old schedule of credit points if necessary to qualify a student for membership or for an advanced degree for which he has applied. The secretary will change the records for reports already recorded if necessary. Also seniors who hold ten credit points may this year be elected to membership.

Annual Business Meeting Brings Change for District Chairmen

Among other matters discussed at the annual business meeting, it was proposed that District Chairmen should henceforth be elected by the chapters within the District rather than being automatically awarded to the chapter having the largest number of votes. After considerable discussion, a motion recommending this change to the Council was unanimously passed and the Council adopted the rule which will go into effect this spring.

Three committees were appointed to study the various League problems and to make their report at the annual mid-winter Council meeting which will be held in Chicago next December. The committees follow:

Committee on Post Graduate Contestants—Harold Jordan, Watertown, S. D., Chairman; Mrs. Mildred Simpson, Syracuse, N. Y.; Miss Katherine Moran, Joplin, Mo.

Committee on Membership—Levi Osterhus, Minneapolis, Minn., Chairman; Ralph McGinnis, Ravenna, Ohio; R. P. Hibbs, Duquoin, Ill.

Committee on Sweepstakes Award—Edmund J. Mayer, Topeka, Kan., Chairman; O. A. Swanson, Oconomowoc, Wis.; Rankin Jones, Brownsville, Pa.

Committee on Reduced Transportation Rates for 1936—Wiley Peterson, Bakersfield, Calif.

The post graduate committee is to consider making eligible students who graduate at mid-term; the "fees" committee will study the possibility of lowering fees; Mr. Mayer's committee will investigate the advisability of awarding a prize to the tournament school earning the most points. Those interested in any of these matters should communicate with the appropriate committee.

New Chapters

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Port Clinton, Ohio
Johnson City, Tennessee
Primghar, Iowa
Coraopolis, Pennsylvania
Kadoka, South Dakota
Columbia, Missouri
North Park Academy, Chicago
Dillon, Montana
Mt. Carmel, Illinois
Greeley, Kansas
Joaquin, Texas

Mansfield, Illinois
Limon, Colorado
Worthington, Minnesota
Sewickley, Pennsylvania
Dayton-Oakwood, Ohio
Uniontown, Pennsylvania
Glassport, Pennsylvania
Lock Haven, Pennsylvania
Ellensburg, Washington
Rome Free Academy, New York
San Bernardino, California
Whiting, Indiana

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Julius Werner, Poughkeepsie, N. Y.
Jack Podret, Poughkeepsie, N. Y.
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Fort Worth-Masonic, Tex.
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Harold Wantland, Macon, Ill.
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