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THE thing that educated me and gave me my tools for life was not mathematics nor any specific work in the class-room, keen as I was for languages and literature, but the exhilarating discussion in the old Ingelow Room where met the literary society to which I belonged. My foot was on my native heath when it came to debate, then so much a part of educational life.

"What ready speech it gave us, what orderly and coherent thinking, what zest in making one's thoughts come alive on the lips! What do I not owe to those hours when I built up an argument or demolished one and so laid the foundation for extemporaneous speaking, for creative thinking before an audience."

—From "My House of Life"—Jessie B. Rittenhouse
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The Hotter The Fire !

In his address at the NFL banquet in Oklahoma, Senator Gore's sounded a phrase which should be long remembered. He stated that in his experience, the speakers who had been tested in "the fierce furnace of debate" were by all odds the most capable and effective speakers in practical life.

"The fierce furnace of debate"! How vividly it describes the real test to which debating puts the abilities of a speaker! The orator can speak and make his exit; the extemporaneous speaker has but to answer a question or two and leave his task;—but the debater subjects his arguments to the cruel, scrutinizing analysis of opponents who are eager to trip him up and whose very chance for success depends upon their ability to discount the product of his reasoning. Such is the test to which genuinely effective speech in practical life must eventually be subjected and by this test is a speaker best trained in his ability to speak compellingly on the rostrums of everyday business, society, or politics.

I've never been an iron-puddler. But it seems to me that I've heard something to the effect that "the hotter the fire the better the metal". If that's true in making steel, I'm grateful for having remembered correctly; if it isn't true in making steel, it is none the less true in training speakers! That furnace which burns most fiercely, trains and tests most faithfully! Consequently, the permanent superiority of decision debating over no-decision exhibitions; hence, the value of state, district, and national speech tournaments which bring together the best logicians and debaters in the nation's schools to match their wits against each other and to test their abilities in the furnaces of the other side's devastating and withering fire of rebuttal and refutation.

Not every debater can emerge from every fiery debate, a proven piece of forensic metal. But every debater who is subjected to this test emerges that much the better for the heat of battle and that much more competent and able to stand his own in the continuing tests of life which call for speeches and speakers whose abilities and arts will stand the tests of both logic and loquacity.

—Karl E. Mundt.

The National Winners

Debate

DuQuoin, Ill.—First
James Harper
Dwight Croessmann
Dick Dunn
Ruth Weltge
R. P. Hibbs—Coach
Enid, Okla.—Third
Wayne Wilson
Rosella Anderson
Hazel A. Hatch—Coach
Houston, Texas—Fifth
San Jacinto H. S.
John Brandstetter—Coach

Carrollton, Mo.—Second
Jack Jones
Katharine Johnson
W. F. English—Coach
Springfield, Mo.—Third
Horace Haseltine
Charles Brown
Maudeva McCord—Coach
Muskogee, Okla.—Sixth
Parthonia Gregory—Coach
Topeka, Kansas—Seventh
J. Edmund Mayer—Coach

Original Oratory

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|---|---------------------------------------|
| 1. David Cook, Central H. S.
Oklahoma City | 3. Winnifred Quies,
Freeport, Ill. |
| 2. Warren White, Classen H. S.
Oklahoma City | 4. Ruth Weltge, DuQuoin, Ill. |
| | 5. Dick Ross, Luverne, Minn. |
| | 6. Betty Warren, Topeka, Kan. |

Extemporaneous Speaking

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|---|---|
| 1. Dick Breen, Classen H. S.
Oklahoma City | 4. Wm. Welch, Logansport, Ind. |
| 2. Ed Edmondson, Muskogee,
Oklahoma | 5. Louis Saunders, West H. S.
Minneapolis, Minn. |
| 3. Dwight Croessmann,
DuQuoin, Ill. | 6. Katharine Johnson,
Carrollton, Mo. |

Oratorical Declamation

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|---|--|
| 1. Carter Hardwick, Classen
H. S., Oklahoma City | 5. Juan Vargas, Capitol Hill
H. S., Oklahoma City |
| 2. E. Wayne Wilson, Enid | 6. William Wade,
Independence, Kans. |
| 3. James Harper, DuQuoin, Ill. | |
| 4. Pauline Coleson, Fairfield,
Iowa | |

Dramatic Declamation

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| 1. Caleb Peterson,
Peekskill, N. Y. | 4. William Wade,
Independence, Kans. |
| 2. Virginia Kraft, Mediapolis,
Iowa | 5. Ruth Gray Cambridge, Mass. |
| 3. Julia Pitchford, Granite
City, Ill. | 6. Catherine Aaron, Central
H. S., Peoria, Ill. |

Humorous Declamation

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| 1. Julia Pitchford, Granite
City, Ill. | 3. Jack Hayes, Mansfield, Ill. |
| 2. Mary A. Dunaway, Shawnee,
Okla. | 4. Helen Budzanoski, Center-
ville, Pa. |

Tournament Results

Debate

Round 1		Won	Lost
Won	Holdrege, Nebr.	Pueblo-Centennial, Colo.	Casper, Wyo.
Troy, Ohio	Corapolis, Pa.	Maryville, Tenn.	Muskogee, Okla.
Pueblo-Centennial, Colo.	Casper, Wyo.	Denver-Cathedral	Jennings, Mo.
Springfield, Mo.	Birmingham-Ramsey	Shawano, Wis.	Leavitt Inst., Maine
Luverne, Minn.	Leavitt Inst., Maine	Uniontown, Pa.	Paducah-Heath, Ky.
Maryville, Tenn.	Jennings, Mo.	Dwight, Ill.	Berwick Academy, Me.
Uniontown, Penn.	Shawano, Wis.	Youngstown-Chaney, O.	Rome, N. Y.
Muskogee, Okla.	Paducah-Heath, Ky.	Wichita-East, Kans.	Omaha-Central
Denver-Cathedral	Berwick Acad.	Okla. City-Classen	Warren, Mass.
Wichita-East, Kan.	Oklahoma City-Classen	DuQuoin, Ill.	Britton, Okla.
Rome, N. Y.	Dwight, Ill.	Topeka, Kans.	Nashville-Litton
Omaha-Central, Nebr.	Shreveport-Byrd, La.	Paducah-Tilghman, Ky.	Shreveport, La.
Youngstown-Chaney, O.	Nashville, Tenn.	Houston-San Jacinto	Waynesburg, Pa.
Britton, Okla.	Paducah-Tilghman, Ky.	Sioux Falls, S. D.	Riverton, Ala.
Houston-San Jacinto	Waynesburg, Penn.	Fort Collins, Colo.	Jacksonville, Ill.
DuQuoin, Ill.	Memphis-Messick	Omaha-Benson, Nebr.	Memphis-Mes.
Topeka, Kans.	Fort Collins, Colo.	Enid, Okla.	Minneapolis-West, Minn.
Sioux Falls, S. D.	Riverton, Ala.	Eau Claire, Wis.	Winchester, Ky.
Minneapolis-West	Enid, Okla.	Rapid City, S. D.	Mulvane, Kans.
Omaha-Benson, Nebr.	Mulvane, Kans.	Kent-State, O.	Kans. City-Wyandotte
Jacksonville, Ill.	Hot Spring, Ark.	Charlton, Mass.	Hot Springs, Ark.
Eau Claire, Wis.	Winchester, Ky.	Caldwell, Idaho	Bye
Kent-State, Ohio	Bye		
Carrollton, Mo.			
Caldwell, Idaho			
Rapid City, S. D.			
Round 2		Won	Lost
Holdrege, Nebr.	Coraopolis, Pa.	Pueblo-Centennial, Colo.	Casper, Wyo.
Troy, Ohio	Luverne, Minn.	Springfield, Mo.	Corapolis, Pa.
Springfield, Mo.	Luverne, Minn.	Troy, O.	Birmingham-Ramsey, Ala.
Casper, Wyo.	Jennings, Mo.	Leavitt Inst., Maine	Paducah-Heath, Ky.
Leavitt Institute, Me.	Uniontown, Penn.	Shawano, Wis.	Uniontown, Pa.
Maryville, Tenn.	Paducah-Heath, Ky.	Muskogee, Okla.	Jennings, Mo.
Muskogee, Okla.	Shawano, Wis.	Denver-Cathedral	Maryville, Tenn.
Denver-Cathedral	Rome, N. Y.	Wichita-East, Kans.	Warren, Mass.
Wichita-East, Kans.	Berwick Acad.	Okla. City Classen	Omaha-Central
Okla. City-Classen	Dwight, Ill.	Rome, N. Y.	Dwight, Ill.
Warren, Mass.	Youngstown, O.	Berwick-Acad., Me.	Youngstown-Chan
Omaha-Cen., Nebr.	Nashville, Tenn.	Shreveport-Byrd, La.	Waynesburg, Pa.
Shreveport-Byrd, La.	Britton, Okla.	Houston, Tex.	Paducah-Tilghman, Ky.
Houston-San Jacinto	Waynesburg, Penn.	DuQuoin, Ill.	Nashville-Litton, Tenn.
DuQuoin, Ill.	Paducah-Tilghman, Ky.	Topeka, Kans.	Britton, Okla.
Topeka, Kan.	Memphis-Messick	Enid, Okla.	Memphis-Messick, Tenn.
Fort Collins, Colo.	Sioux Falls, S. D.	Minneapolis-West	Omaha-Benson
Sioux Falls, S. D.	Minneapolis-West	Riverton, Ala.	Fort Collins, Colo.
Enid, Okla.	Riverton, Ala.	Jacksonville, Ill.	Sioux Falls, S. D.
Omaha-Benson, Nebr.	Jacksonville, Ill.	Huron, S. D.	Mulvane, Kans.
Mulvane, Kans.	Kent State, O.	Caldwell, Id.	Kans. City-Wyandotte
Kans. City-Wyandotte	Charlton, Mass.	Eau Claire, Wis.	Hot Springs, Ark.
Hot Springs, Ark.	Caldwell, Idaho	Winchester, Ky.	Charlton, Mass.
Carrollton, Mo.	Huron, S. D.	Kent-State, Ohio	Bye
Rapid City, S. D.	Winchester, Ky.		
Eau Claire, Wis.	Bye		
Round 3		Won	Lost
Springfield, Mo.	Troy, Ohio	Muskogee, Okla.	Troy, Ohio
Coraopolis, Pa.	Birmingham-Ramsey	Pueblo-Centennial	Maryville, Tenn.
		Springfield, Mo.	Sioux Falls, S. D.
		Okla. City-Classen	Omaha-Benson
		Enid, Okla.	Denver-Cathedral, Colo.
		Wichita-East, Kans.	Eau Claire, Wis.

Won	Lost	Won	Lost
Houston-San Jacinto	Huron, S. D.	Enid, Okla.	Oklahoma City-Calssen
Kent-State, Ohio	Carrollton, Mo.	Carrollton, Mo.	DuQuoin, Ill.
DuQuoin, Ill.	Rapid City, S. D.	Houston-San Jacinto, Texas	Bye

Round 6		Round 8	
Okla. City-Classen	Rapid City, S. D.	Springfield, Mo.	Topeka, Kans.
Muskogee, Okla.	Kent-State, Ohio	Carrollton, Mo.	Muskogee, Okla.
Houston-Texas	Wichita-East, Kans.	Enid, Okla.	Houston, San Jacinto
Enid, Okla.	Pueblo-Centennial, Colo.	DuQuoin, Ill.	Bye
Carrollton, Mo.	Denver-Cathedral		
Springfield, Mo.	Eau Claire, Wis.		
DuQuoin, Ill.	Topeka, Kans.		

Round 7		Final Debate	
Springfield, Mo.	Wichita-East, Kans.	DuQuoin, Ill.	Carrollton, Mo.

Contest Participants

The numerals indicate the number of rounds in which the contestant participated. The sixth round was the final contest in all events except Oratorical and Dramatic Declamation in which there were seven.

Original Oratory

5 Robert Hine, Beverly Hills, Calif.	3 Eleanor Reid, Cliffside Park, N. J.
4 Denton Harvey, Visalia, California	3 William H. Tompkins, Albany, N. Y.
3 Jean Fonda, Longmont, Colorado	3 Nancy Ohmer, Dayton-Oakwood, O.
6 Ruth Weltge, DuQuoin, Illinois	3 Vincent DeSimio, Ravenna, Ohio
3 Harold Christopher, Dwight, Illinois	3 Harriett MacGillivray, Wooster, O.
6 Winifred Quies, Freeport, Illinois	3 Marjean Franks, Wooster, Ohio
4 Genevieve Larson, Lincoln, Illinois	4 Jackson Underwood, Willow, Okla.
3 Keith Andrews, Pinnell H. S., Ind.	3 Harriet Goldstein, Brownsville, Pa.
5 Sidney Magdanz, Sioux City-East, Ia.	6 David Cook, Oklahoma City-Central
3 John Oakson, Kans. City-Wyandotte	6 Warren White, Oklahoma City-Clas.
3 Ivan May, Topeka-Catholic, Kans.	3 Margaret Carpenter, Glassport, Pa.
6 Betty Warren, Topeka, Kansas	3 Jonas Kauffman, Lewiston, Pa.
3 Charles Welch, Yates Center, Kans.	3 Ernest Garis, Stroudsburg, Pa.
3 Roland E. Shaine, Cambridge, Mass.	3 Ewing Pollock, Waynesburg, Penn.
4 Bernard Carroll, Dearborn, Mich.	3 Don Schrader, Huron, South Dakota
6 Dick Ross, Luverne, Minnesota	3 Kyle K. Fossum, Pierre, S. Dakota
3 Curtis Larson, Mpls-Roosevelt H. S.	4 Bernard Rivin, Scotland, S. Dakota
3 Billy Winter, Columbia, Missouri	3 Ben Sims, Bristol, Tennessee
3 Ellamae Smith, Joplin, Missouri	3 Jimmy Weems, Dickson, Tennessee
4 Charles Brown, Springfield, Mo.	3 Elizabeth Hester, Memphis-Messick
5 Dewey Ziegler, Omaha-Central, Neb.	5 Sam A. Myar, Memphis-Central, Tenn.
3 Wayne Stewart, West Point, Nebr.	3 June Hicks, Kenosha, Wisconsin

Extemporaneous Speaking

6 Sherman Mellinkoff, Beverly Hills	6 Katharine Johnson, Carrollton, Mo.
3 Lee Graham, Taft, California	3 Carl Johnson, Omaha-Technical, Neb.
5 Mayford Roark, Littleton, Colorado	3 Eleanor Reid, Cliffside Park, N. J.
3 William Murphy, Aurora-West, Ill.	3 Paul Wallach, Schenectady, N. Y.
6 Dwight Croessmann, DuQuoin, Ill.	3 Ray Hambleton, Canton, Ohio
4 William Clark, Jacksonville, Illinois	3 Harold Mirvis, Wooster, Ohio
6 William Welch, Logansport, Ind.	3 Lester Harris, El Reno, Oklahoma
3 Barbara Lacquement, Canton, Kans.	4 Rosella Anderson, Enid, Oklahoma
2 William Mentlick, Topeka-Catholic	6 Ed Edmondson, Muskogee, Okla.
3 Aaron Cohen, Lawrence, Kansas	4 Edgar Driver, Oklahoma City-Cen.
3 Margaret Craig, Wichita-East, Kans.	3 Reba June Long, Okla. City-Classen
3 John Madden, Cambridge, Mass.	3 Betty Escalante, Okla. City-Classen
3 Frank Coffin, Lewiston, Maine	6 Dick Breen, Okla. City-Classen
3 Curtis Larson, Minneapolis-Roosevelt	3 Herman Gregg, Charleroi, Pa.
6 Louis Saunders, Minneapolis-West	4 Ross Oviatt, Huron, South Dakota

- 3 Wyman Wumkes, Lennox, S. Dakota
 4 Brandon Rimmer, Chattanooga, Tenn
 3 Frank Clement, Dickson, Tennessee
 3 Sam A. Myar, Memphis-Central, Tenn

Oratorical Declamation

- 3 Roy Danuser, Hot Springs, Ark.
 3 Dorothy Lou Gillam, El Centro, Cal.
 3 Philip Rouse, Fort Collins, Colo.
 7 James Harper, DuQuoin, Illinois
 6 Dick Dunn, DuQuoin, Illinois
 3 Paul Morris, Mansfield, Illinois
 3 Marcel Van Hemert, Winnetka, Ill.
 3 Tim Lowe, Logansport, Indiana
 3 Robert Beauchamp, Wabash, Indiana
 6 Eleanor Shaw, Boone, Iowa
 7 Pauline Coleson, Fairfield, Iowa
 3 Douglas Whitcomb, Lexington, Ky.
 7 William Wade, Independence, Kans.
 3 Mary Ann Porterfield, Topeka, Kans.
 4 Corrine Hobbs, Topeka, Kansas.
 3 Jacob Kaplan, Cambridge, Mass.
 3 Kathryn Lawless, Hingham, Mass.
 4 John Nyquist, Milaca, Minn.
 3 Howard Grossman, Minneapolis-West
 3 John MacRae, Virginia, Minnesota
 3 Vadah Cochran, Holly Springs, Miss.
 3 Ray DeVilbiss, Marshall, Missouri
 4 Walker Winn, Marshall, Missouri
 3 Ellen Schoene, Webster Groves, Mo.
 4 Hannah Baum, Omaha-Central, Neb.
 5 Robert Kerl, West Point, Nebr.

Dramatic Declamation

- 3 Mabel Talley, Hot Springs, Ark.
 3 Anita Pollett, Jonesboro, Ark.
 3 Emily Hammond, Caldwell, Idaho
 7 Julia Pitchford, Granite City, Ill.
 6 Robert Johnson, Lincoln, Illinois
 7 Catherine Aaron, Peoria-Central, Ill.
 3 Robert Putnam, Rochelle, Illinois
 7 Virginia Kraft, Mediapolis, Iowa
 3 Marian Preston, Sioux City-East, Ia.
 7 William Wade, Independence, Kans.
 3 Marjorie Patterson, Topeka, Kans.
 7 Ruth Gray, Cambridge, Mass.
 5 Max Cope, Portland H. S., Maine
 3 Julia Baraga, Chisholm, Minn.
 4 Sylvia Dahl, Fertile, Minn.
 3 Don Johnson, Minneapolis-West,
 3 Ann Moskovitz, Joplin, Missouri
 3 Irene Berliner, Joplin, Missouri
 3 Lester Gross, Maplewood, Missouri
 4 Lee Hewitt, Maplewood, Missouri
 7 Caleb Peterson, Peekskill, N. Y.

Humorous Declamation

- 6 Julia Pitchford, Granite City, Ill.
 6 Jack Hayes, Mansfield, Illinois
 3 Catherine Aaron, Peoria-Central, Ill.
 3 Lyle Bolster, Sugar Grove, Illinois
 5 James Sulek, Humboldt, Iowa
 4 Eleanor Gibson, Red Oak, Iowa
 4 Walter Johnson, Sioux City-East, Ia.

- 3 Roland Day, Eau Claire, Wisconsin
 5 Solomon Kleinman, Milwaukee, Wis.
 3 Donald Lewis, Gillette, Wyoming

- 2 Jack Cox, Rome, New York
 4 Billy Hudson, Duncan, Oklahoma
 7 E. Wayne Wilson, Enid, Okla.
 3 Victor Ramsey, Youngstown-Chaney
 3 James Layton, Wooster, Ohio
 3 Samuel Shapiro, Wooster, Ohio
 7 Juan Vargas, Capitol Hill, Okla. Cy.
 7 Carter Hardwick, Okla. City-Classen
 3 James Kooser, Alverton, Pa.
 3 Ted Zeller, Charleroi, Pa.
 3 Stanley R. Kent, Charleroi, Pa.
 2 Miriam Meiser, Freeburg, Pa.
 3 Leo Engelmeir, Latrobe, Pa.
 3 Bernard Rivin, Scotland, S. Dakota
 3 Ben Sims, Bristol, Tennessee
 3 Jimmy Weems, Dickson, Tennessee
 4 Frank Clement, Dickson, Tennessee
 3 Louis D. Mitchener, Gallatin, Tenn.
 4 Dick Mullins, Murfreesboro, Tenn.
 3 James M. Hayes, Beckley, W. Va.
 4 Anne Pullman, Dallas-North, Texas
 5 Frank Lumwalt, Houston-San Jac.
 6 Donald Eastvold, Eau Claire, Wis.
 3 Gene Horedovitz, Kenosha, Wis.
 5 Solomon Kleinman, Milwaukee, Wis.

- 5 Dedrick Childres, Independence, Mo.
 3 Ann Moskovitz, Joplin, Missouri
 3 Sarah Koontz, Marshall, Missouri
 4 Harold Guller, Maplewood, Mo.
 4 Marion Leach, Omaha-Benson, Nebr.
 3 Evelyn Teper, Albany, New York
 3 Joan Echelberger, Ashland, Ohio
 3 Helen Ward, East Palestine, Ohio
 3 Jane Lieberman, Youngstown-Chaney
 3 Jacqueline Boyd, Wooster, Ohio
 3 John Loy Geary, Ada, Oklahoma
 3 Minnie Jo Curtis, Okla. City-Classen
 3 Janice Huston, Okla. City-Classen

Coaches Contest

1. Harold Netherton, Central H. S., Oklahoma City
 2. John F. Schmidt, East H. S. S.
 3. Russell L. Caldwell, Wooster, Ohio
 4. E. E. Bradley, El Reno, Okla. Sioux City, Iowa

Topeka Wins First National Award for Speech Excellence

One of the features of the 1936 tournament-convention was the awarding to Topeka, Kansas of the first National Award for Consistent Speech Excellence ever granted to a high school in America. J. Edmund Mayer of Topeka, was given a Coaches' Award accompanying the chapter award for his phenomenal work in coaching the Topeka speakers for the six years during which they have been building the record which was thus recognized as part of the activities of the Oklahoma City tournament.

The award was a magnificent silver statue erected on four tall silver columns and in the hand of the figure on top of the pedestal was a gold facsimile of the National Forensic League key. Delegates were universal in their praise of the beauty of this trophy, declared to be the most outstanding speech trophy ever given in America.

The trophies for both the chapter and the coach were given to NFL by Tau Kappa Alpha, senior college honorary speech fraternity, and were accompanied by a congratulatory telegram from Lowell Thomas, president of TKA, who was prevented by professional duties from being in Oklahoma City to present the awards in person.

These awards recognize consistency of work as well as excellence of performance and are based on the records which schools make in national competition at the annual NFL speech tournaments. Topeka's record has been so outstanding that it had secured points enough to assure its receiving this award before the tournament at Oklahoma City was more than half completed. The awarding of this National honor will henceforth to an annual feature of NFL tournaments.

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The North High School debaters of Dallas, Texas, won the city tournament for the fifth consecutive year in April. The two girls did not lose a single judge's vote, while the two boys lost only one. The boys team later won second in the state finals.

Convention Comments

The two "speech hits" of the convention were given during the second night of the banquet. Senator Gore, veteran Oklahoma senator, delighted the audience of 800 or more at the banquet with shafts of wit and wisdom and Congressman Josh Lee of Oklahoma, debate coach who became Congressman, thrilled his auditors by his polished oratory and provoked some serious thought by the inspiration of his splendidly delivered remarks.

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Skeptics or critics who may have thought Lady Luck accounted for Harold Netherton's (debate coach, Central High School, Oklahoma City) phenomenal record of having twice won the National Coaches' Discussion Contest were convinced this time that he must have "something on the ball" because Netherton again emerged victorious this year and won his third national coaches speaking contest—this time from a field of 33 entries. John Schmidt, efficient East High coach from Sioux City, Iowa, crowded him to the limit in this year's classic but Harold was equal to the occasion and the meeting adjourned with Harold following his ancient habit of leaving the room with another first place medal in his hand. We wonder, is it three times and out or is it three times—and the formation of a life-long habit?

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Oklahoma ran true to form again this year and captured the major portion of honors in Oratory and Extemporaneous Speaking; its debate teams also demonstrated the high caliber of speech work being done in Oklahoma. A few convention new-comers were first inclined to attribute Oklahoma's fine record to the fact that the speech of its contestants conformed to speech ideas and training offered in Oklahoma schools. Two significant fallacies were soon apparent in this type of reasoning, however: (1) Oklahoma speech coaches who judged were trained in Iowa, Wisconsin, Michigan, Northwestern, and other graduate schools of speech and so represented a diversified background of speech training in addition to the very creditable type of training offered by Oklahoma institutions and (2)—**and most important**—a study of tournament records in Wooster and Kent, Ohio, and Topeka, Kansas reveals that Oklahoma Contestants were fully as successful in these tournaments as in the meet this year. Those Oklahoma speakers are just naturally good, it appears, and the rest of us will have to "tighten up" or "tag along".

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Sylvester Toussaint, Speech Head of Monmouth College, Illinois, National President of Pi Kappa Delta, and National Honorary Member of NFL, deserves a world of appreciation for once again heading up our judging activities and for his kindness and courtesy in donating his services to the League for this all-important aspect of tournament procedure.

Annual League Business Session Suggests Helpful Procedures

Three convention committees were appointed by President Mundt at the first meeting in Oklahoma City and their reports were given careful consideration at the business session Wednesday morning. Committees were appointed as follows: Convention City, Russell Caldwell, Wooster, Ohio, Chairman, Delbert Reutter, Huron, S. D. and Clarence Miller, Lincoln, Illinois. Tournament Procedure Committee: J. Edmund Mayer, Topeka, Chairman; Mary Elizabeth Perkins, Sioux Falls, and Levi Osterhus, Minneapolis. League Welfare Committee: John Schmidt, Sioux City, Iowa, Chairman; Mrs. Lottie K. McCall, Memphis, Tennessee and E. E. Bradley, El Reno, Oklahoma.

Sioux Fall, S. D. received the popular vote as our next host city unless some equally attractive invitation is received from an Eastern community; suggestions were given to further increase the educational-convention features of our annual meetings; "scouting" was discussed vigorously pro and con and no action taken; a suggestion to increase the length of dramatic selections was voted down; and several other items of League Welfare and Tournament Procedure were referred to the Executive Council for further deliberation. Nearly 300 coaches and students attended the business session.

Believe It Or Not

On his way home from Oklahoma City on May 9th the Secretary drove thru a snow storm at Palmer Lake, 30 miles south of Denver. Snow plows had cleared the road so little delay was encountered, but the frozen element was piled up two and three feet in drifts and a foot on the level.

If the incredulous want verification, let them ask Mayford Roark of Littleton who states that at Raton Pass "There was snow running from two feet deep to six feet in some drifts. The plows were still clearing the road and we passed about ten large buses and trucks stuck in the snow." Colorado can turn on any kind of weather any time.

Distinguished Service Awards Granted

Distinguished Service plaques for having earned forty citations were given at the tournament to Vice-President T. C. Bond of Niles Ohio, Julian C. Aldrich of Webster Groves, Missouri, retiring National Director, each of whom was completing ten years of NFL membership. The Award was also presented to Director L. D. Schreiber of Charleroi, Pennsylvania who holds the added distinction of sponsoring more NFL chapters than any other members.

The Distinguished service plaques were likewise presented to the chapters at Joplin, Missouri; East High in Sioux City, Iowa; and Charleroi, Pennsylvania. Charleroi also received the award in 1936.

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A speech starting with an initial apology might better never have been started.—K. E. M.

Oklahoma Observations

Right at the top of the observations your president-editor has to make concerning our Sixth Annual Speech Convention-Tournament, he wants to state with full emphasis and stress, 'Congratulations to all Oklahoma City school people for the splendid manner in which they handled all tournament details; these should also include Ted Beaird of Norman whose constant advice and assistance helped materially with the tournament arrangements which resulted in such a happy and efficient handling of all tournament details.' Special appreciation should be extended to Elaine Tucker, "Colonel" Grady, Jake Hoover, Dorothy Blake, and Mr. Baker, principal of Classen High School, for the many extra efforts they extended to make the Oklahoma City meeting a ringing success.

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Nobody ever really expects to attend a perfect speech tournament but speaking as chairman of the Good Will and Grievance Committee, your editor wants to go on record as saying the Oklahoma City tournament had fewer real grievances and more general-evidences of real satisfaction than any of the other five preceding tournaments. Either NFL-ers are learning to lose more gracefully or there was less cause for complaint. Certainly, the amount of dissatisfaction was miraculously small for a period of five days of tournament competition for national honors.

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Out of the experience of the O. C. tournament came a new idea which is likely to further improve judging and educational features at our succeeding tournaments. In brief, it is planned to offer a select list of experienced coaches the opportunity to attend these annual tournaments, hereafter, and to serve as judges with a portion of their expenses paid from tournament receipts. These coaches will be invited from among school failing to be eligible for tournament participation and their students will not be entered in the contest events; they will have all other tournament privileges, however, and will comprise a corps of experienced judges from all over the country who can supplement the judges secured from convention states. This will eliminate any possibilities of "geographic bias or provincial speech ideas" from creeping into the tournament and will give contestants the benefit of the judging of the best high school coaches in America.

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Anne Pullman, student in North High, Dallas, Texas, is the best girl debater in that city, and one of the leading five members of the NFL in the nation, having over 350 credit points. She was the official representative of the Texas Centennial Commission at the Oklahoma City Classic and spoke charmingly of Texas at our Monday evening banquet.

Levi Osterhus of Minneapolis and Mary Blackburn of Granite City established two new records of their own in Oklahoma City. Only two coaches in America, these, who have had contestants in ALL six national tournaments. Four other NFL-ers have attended all six tournaments but they have not had contestants entered in them all. These are: Ted Beaird, Norman, Oklahoma; T. C. Bond, Niles, Ohio; Bruno E. Jacob, Denver, Colorado; and Karl E. Mundt, Madison, S. D. A gratifying large list of other coaches have attended five of the six tournaments. The Veterans' Club held an interesting meeting in Oklahoma City, made some valuable suggestions for League Welfare and elected Levi Osterhus as President, Edmund Mayer of Topeka, as Secretary for the ensuing year.

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Miss Joyce Gregory of the South St. Paul Chapter and Mr. Thomas Dale Reed of Hammond, Indiana Chapter showed their interest in the tournament by coming all the way to Oklahoma City although neither had contestants entered. Both took part in the annual coaches contest and were available for judging service and so helped make the tournament a success. Such interest is appreciated.

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When everyone tells us that the Oklahoma City tournament was the best so far we pause to appreciate the colossal task admirably performed by Mr. J. D. Hoover of the Capitol Hill High School in procuring the adequate panel of judges which enable that large tournament to function. Before the tournament opened Hoover had judges assigned for every contest, based upon the registration of our largest previous tournament—60 judges on Monday and Tuesday. Only when the large registration demanded 72 judges at one time was there a little delay in getting some of the contests started. Later on judges were actually waiting for assignments because some coaches insisted upon having out-of-state people judge contests in which Oklahoma contestants were engaged. But the joke was on them, for the Oklahoma contestants actually fared better than they had before with Oklahoma judges. And speaking of a successful tournament, let's not forget the entertainment so successfully carried out by Mrs. Elaine Tucker of Classen High. Two fine banquets with real Indians, good music, decorations, and Oklahoma eloquence. Then a play at Central High one night and a dance another. Here's an official "thank you" to Mrs. Tucker.

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Ruth Gray, Roland Shane and John Madden of the Cambridge High and Latin School not only won first place in the Massachusetts tournament but also first in the New England NFL tournament at Portland. Ruth Gray placed in the finals in the seven round first national contest in dramatic declamation at Oklahoma City, the first New England contestant to reach a final national contest.

From the Secretary's Desk

Diettert Elected National Director

Chester C. Diettert of North Judson, Indiana has been elected National Director and will succeed Julian C. Aldrich of Webster Groves, Missouri who was not a candidate for re-election after three years of faithful service. Leslie D. Schreiber of Charleroi, Pennsylvania was re-elected for a two year term. Mr. Diettert has been District Chairman of Indiana District for eight years.

Mr. Schreiber had 798 first choice votes, Mr. Diettert 307, and E. J. Diller of Youngstown, Ohio, 363. Mr. Schreiber, having a majority of all votes cast was declared elected. His ballots were then distributed according to the second choices marked on them and Mr. Diettert then had 543 against 427 for Mr. Diller.

The terms of the other members of the Council do not expire until June 30, 1937.

District Chairman Receive Badges

The award of the following badges to District Chairman was announced at our annual banquet in Oklahoma City, based on the standing of their respective Districts on April 25th:

Gold

Miss Lucile Stephens, Poughkeepsie, New York.

Silver

Mr. C. C. Diettert, North Judson, Indiana.
Mr. E. J. Diller, Youngstown-Chaney H. S., Ohio.
Miss Sarah A. Ryan, Omaha-Central, Nebraska.

Bronze

Mr. O. A. Swanson, Oconomowoc, Wisconsin.
Mr. W. F. English, Carrollton, Missouri.
Mr. L. D. Schreiber, Charleroi, Pennsylvania.
Mr. James A. Tracy, Fort Collins, Colorado.
Mr. R. P. Hibbs, DuQuoin, Illinois.
Miss Mary E. Perkins, Sioux Falls, South Dakota.
Mr. S. Stanley Knapp, North Dallas, Texas.
Mr. J. Edmund Mayer, Topeka, Kansas.
Mr. Joe Griffin, Newton, Iowa.

Members for Ten Years

630 Minerva Nelson, Luverne, Minn. (Watertown Chapter)
May 8, 1926.
665 O. A. Swanson, Oconomowoc, Wis. (Shawano Chapter)
May 15, 1926.
684 Emery L. Kimball, Central Eve YMCA, Chicago (J. Sterling Morton Chapter) May 17, 1926.
692 Clifford H. Beem, Perry, Iowa (Eagle Grove Chapter)
May 17, 1926.
727 John T. Greenan, East Orange, N. J., May 18, 1926.

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Membership certificate No. 13,000 was issued to Stanley Stiles, East High School, Aurora, Illinois.

500 Chapters Enrolled

The roll of 500 chapters has been filled and the charter committee now is authorizing charters only as vacancies occur. The last charters in the quota were granted to Abilene, Texas and Pierre, South Dakota. The chapters Boonville, Indiana; Pittsburgh-Sacred Heart, Pa.; and Warren-Howland, Ohio did not complete the renewal of their charters and in their stead the committee has granted charters to:

Lewistown, Montana.
Independence, Kansas.
Canton, Kansas.

Seven schools whose charters were scheduled for revocation June 1 agreed to surrender them at once so that their places might be filled in time to permit the new chapters to get their charters before the close of the school term: Manchester, N. H.; Hampton, Iowa; Viborg, S. D.; Shenandoah, Iowa; Okmulgee, Okla.; Austin, Minn.; and Egan, S. D. In their stead the charter committee has granted charters to:

Greeley, Colorado.
Lincoln Academy, Maine.
Crown Point, Indiana.
Jennings, Missouri.
Fremont, Nebraska.
Nineveh-Morris H.S., Pa.
Colman, South Dakota.

Fifteen other petitions are pending before the charter committee to fill additional vacancies caused by charter revocations in June.

300 Credit Points

Mr. Earl Planty, Ilion, New York.
Mr. D. C. Reutter, Huron, South Dakota.

200 Credit Points

Mr. Ralph N. Schmidt, Mayville, Wisconsin.
Mr. Ralph Y. McGinnis, Ravenna, Ohio.
Mr. Joe Griffin, Newton, Iowa.
Sr. M. Evangelista, Cherokee, Iowa.
Mr. Harold M. Jordan, Watertown, South Dakota.
Mr. C. J. Nebergal, Aurora-West, Illinois.
Mr. Judson T. Landis, Fremont, Ohio.
Rev. Edmund Cuneo, St. Vincent's, Pennsylvania.
Mr. Maurice O. Graff, Dwight, Illinois.
Mr. Warren T. Kingsburg, Wichita-East, Kansas.

National Honorary Members Presented

Special keys were presented at the tournament banquet to T. M. Beaird of the University of Oklahoma and Professor S. R. Toussaint of Monmouth College, two of our four national honorary members. Dean Dennis of Northwestern and Dr. Ewbank of Wisconsin were unable to be present and will receive their honorary keys at another occasion.

Statistical Diet

District Standing

Rank	Up or Down	District	Avg. No. Memb's	Leading Chapter	Members & Degrees
1.	0	New York	4 22.7	Poughkeepsie	102
2.	+2	Nebraska	3 21.5	Omaha-Central	49
3.	-2	Wisconsin	3 16.9	Mayville	48
4.	-1	Ohio	6 16.8	Niles	88
5.	-3	Indiana	2 16.1	Bloomington	38
6.	0	Missouri	6 15.0	Joplin	110
7.	0	Pennsylvania	4 14.8	Monessen	67
8.	0	Colorado	6 14.1	Fort Collins	27
9.	+1	Texas-Okla.	11 13.3	Enid	56
10.	-1	Illinois	3 13.1	DuQuoin	66
11.	+1	Kansas	6 12.7	Wichita	62
12.	+3	California	2 12.0	Fresno	26
13.	-2	South Dakota	4 11.7	Sioux Falls	42
14.	+3	Southern	8 9.9	Paducah, Ky.	19
15.	-3	Iowa	1 9.6	Oskaloosa	44
16.	0	Minnesota	2 9.2	Mpls-Roosevelt	44
17.	+2	Washington	2 8.7	Lewiston, Idaho	55
18.	0	New England	7 8.2	Portland, Maine	20
19.	-5	Michigan	0 8.0	River Rouge	28
		National	80 13.5	Joplin, Missouri	110

Our Decalet of Leaders

Coaches	Students
L. D. Schreiver, Charleroi.....802	Harriet Goldstein, Br'nsville 559
Kathryn Moran, Joplin, Mo. 739	James Harper, DuQuoin.....528
C. H. Beem, Perry, Iowa.....666	Dwight Croessman, DuQuoin 516
Wm. Row, Pittsburg, Kans. 656	Wayne Wilson, Enid.....390
J. Edmund Mayer, Topeka.....640	Curtis Larson, Minneapolis 371
Levi Osterhus, Minneapolis.....636	Lester Harris, El Reno.....364
Hazel A. Hatch, Enid, Okla...588	Helen Ward, E. Palestine.....362
J. C. Aldrich, Web. Groves.....579	Warren White, Okla-Classen 360
Lucile Stephens, Poughkeep' 526	Ann Pullman, N. Dallas.....357
Mary Blackburn, Granite Cy. 519	Mary A. Porterfield, Topeka 338

Going Up

Chapters	10	500
Members	605	14,648
Keys	308	8,125
Reports	2,231	55,172
Memoranda	2,720	58,236

Degrees Granted:

Degree of Honor	324	5,581
Degree of Excellence	224	2,952
Degree of Distinction	124	1,551

District Chairmen Elected

The following were elected Chairmen of their respective Districts for the school year 1936-7:

California—LaZelle Smith, Grossmont †
 Colorado—James A. Tracy, Fort Collins *
 Pennsylvania—L. D. Schreiver, Charleroi *
 Washington—Lola M. Berry, Lewiston, Idaho *
 Illinois—R. P. Hibbs, DuQuoin *
 Indiana—D. C. Diettert, North Judson *
 Iowa—Charles Haworth, Oskaloosa
 Kansas—J. Edmund Mayer, Topeka *
 Texas—S. Stanley Knapp, No. Dallas *
 Oklahoma—E. E. Bradley, El Reno
 New England—Wm. Mahoney, Laconia, N. H.
 Michigan—Olympia LaMarca, Dearborn
 Minnesota—Levi Osterhus, Mpls-Roosevelt *
 Missouri—W. F. English, Carrollton *
 Nebraska—H. J. McCabe, Emerson
 New York—John W. Bowe, Syracuse-Vocational
 South Dakota—Mary E. Perkins, Sioux Falls *
 Ohio—E. J. Diller, Youngstown-Chaney *
 Southern—K. H. Harding, Mt. Sterling, Ky.
 Wisconsin—Ralph N. Schmidt, Mayville †

The present chairmen re-elected are marked *; those marked † have served as Chairman in previous years.

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