

New Readings for Spring

Here are a few of the readings listed in our 1937 Spring List.
(supplement to our fall catalog)

HUMOROUS

CAVE-MAN STUFF. Leota Hulse Black. 10 min. A sequel to "The Widow's Mites." 60c

HE WHO LAUGHS LAST. Leota Hulse Black. 12 min. A sequel to "X Marks the Spot." 60c

MERRY WIVES OF WINDSOR. Shakespeare. 10 min. 50c

MIND OVER MATTER. Leota Hulse Black. 11 min. Tommy Tucker gets his work done by a "mind over matter" system. All new characters: Tommy, his mother, his sister and the man she is to marry, also Tommy's pal, Flippy. 60c

PICKWICK ADVISES A SUITOR. Dickens. 8 min. 35c

WHO'S AFRAID OF THE BIG BAD GIANT? Luella E. McMahon. 10 min. A sequel to "Exit the Big Bad Wolf," one of the most successful readings offered last year. 60c

YOUR NAME, PLEASE? Carol Houghton. 10 min. The librarian and some of the patrons of the city library are the characters. Unusually good pantomime. 60c

DRAMATIC

THE LADY OF LYONS. Bulwer-Lytton. 10 min. A cutting from the play. Characters: Melnotte, a young peasant, and the haughty Pauline (whom he has married in the guise of a prince), and Melnotte's mother. 50c

THE LEPERS OF BEN-HUR. 10 min. A cutting from the most pathetic chapter in "Ben-Hur." 50c

A TOAST THAT WE CAN DRINK. Stokes McCune. 11 min. This is the only cutting from the one-act play, "A Toast That We Can Drink" that may be used without the payment of royalty. A tense drama vividly portrayed. During the French Revolution a genteel lady escapes the guillotine, and death comes to La Torche, her most dangerous enemy. Characters: four women. 60c

WHEN THE WHIRLWIND BLOWS. Essex Dane. 12 min. This is the only cutting from the one-act play, "When the Whirlwind Blows" that may be used without the payment of royalty. A dramatic episode of the Russian Revolution. Characters: three women: an aristocrat, her maid and another peasant woman. 60c

ORATIONS

EDUCATION AGAINST CRIME. J. Edgar Hoover. 10 min. "Any school which fails to pound and pound and pound upon the fact that honesty is vital and that crime is filthy is failing in its task to properly educate the children." 50c

THE ENDLESS WAR. Nicholas Murray Butler. 9 min. From a speech delivered in September, 1936. "The war for righteousness, for justice and for moral standards of thought and feeling is an endless war." 50c

THE FAITH OF THE AMERICANS. Franklin D. Roosevelt. 10 min. From an address delivered at Buenos Aires in December. 50c

MARS AND WODEN, INC. Seymour Simon. 9 min. The author with this oration won first in the Illinois Intercollegiate Peace Oratorical Contest, 1935. Dramatic. Forceful. 50c

MEMBERS OF THE JURY, I DEMAND A CONVICTION. Eileen Ferreter. 8 min. The author with this oration won first in the Iowa Intercollegiate Peace Oratorical Contest, 1935. Most appealing. 50c

MOTHERS, THE VICTIMS OF RENEGADE POLITICIANS. J. Edgar Hoover. 8 min. 50c

THE NEXT WAR. John Cudahy, Ambassador to Poland. 7 min. From a radio speech in September. 50c

WAVES. David Sarnoff, President Radio Corporation of America. 10 min. 40c

YOUTH AND CRIME. J. Edgar Hoover. 10 min. From a speech before the Chicago Boys' Clubs in November. Splendid. 50c

In our free catalog are listed many state and national winning readings.

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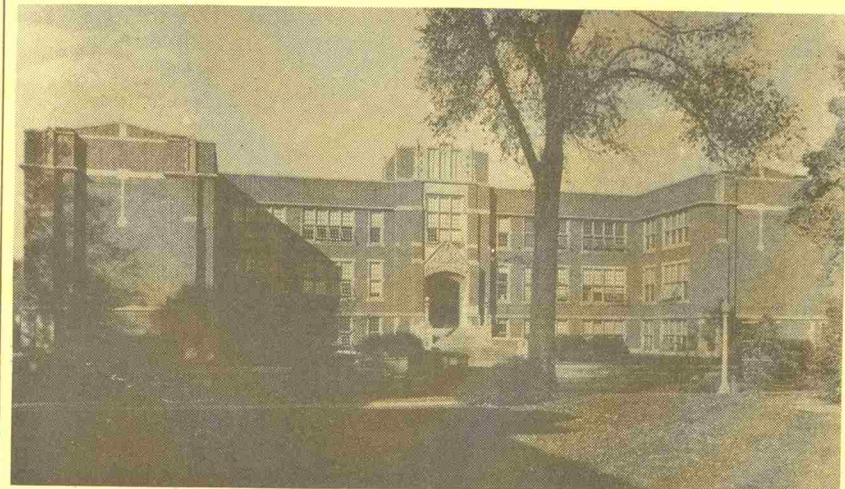
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So Let It Be in Jacksonville!

Students entering the National Speech Tournament to be held at Jacksonville, Ill., May 3 to 7, under the auspices of the National Forensic League should have little difficulty in getting themselves into the proper spirit to gain the most from tournament participation. The whole community is fairly permeated with tradition and historical data pointing to the fact that the real victors in any competitive event are those who learn from that contest.

William Jennings Bryan studied as a boy in the college at Jacksonville . . . the whole record of oratorical and forensic development on the part of "the boy orator of the Platte" is replete with testimony that defeat or victory in a school or college contest is of but the most transitory moment; the thing that really counts is where that oratorical training and practice eventually carries the contestant. Some of you will have the privilege of speaking, in May, in the same college classroom used by the young Bryan when he practiced his early speeches. Every contestant should get a thrill visiting this college campus and catch a vision in this particular tournament of the real value of this national competition—the opportunity it gives to compare merits and match abilities with speakers from throughout the country and the challenge given to best efforts by meeting the nation's premier speakers. When in Jacksonville, remember—Bryan's oratory won few collegiate or scholastic honors and suffered many early defeats but it eventually carried him to top-rank among the statesmen of his day.

The great Lincoln shrine at Springfield is also located conveniently close to Jacksonville. Debaters inclined to mourn the loss of a debate in our National Tournament should remember Lincoln's experiences with Douglas. Although repeatedly topped by Douglas in public debate, Lincoln made no alibis, crabbed no decisions, asked no favors . . . and forged on to completely outdistance Douglas and share with Washington the honor of rating with the country's most beloved and respected presidents.

NFL-ers have repeatedly shown their good sportsmanship; losers in one meet have returned victors in later tournaments. They well realize that whereas few can win, ALL can share in the inspiration and many advantages of a National NFL tournament. So let it be in Jacksonville!

—Karl E. Mundt.

The National Speech Tournament

The Seventh National Speech Tournament for the high schools of America will be held at Jacksonville, Ill., from May 3 to 7, 1937. Under the sponsorship of the National Forensic League the first such national tournament was held at Ripon, Wis., in 1931. Then others followed at Sioux City, Iowa; Wooster, Ohio; Topeka, Kans.; Kent, Ohio; and last year in Oklahoma City. In these six years 380 different schools from 33 states have engaged in one or more of these national events. Last year 153 schools from 29 states from coast to coast gathered in Oklahoma City.

Eligibility

To keep the tournament from becoming too large, eligibility is restricted to the outstanding teams and contestants in each state. Winners of first and second places in the established state contest or in the larger NFL district tournaments are eligible. Winners of first place only in the smaller NFL tournament are also admitted.

In the events other than debate certain entries are provided for NFL Chapters. A Chapter earning the Distinguished Service Award may send a contestant to the tournament to receive it and to participate in the tournament. Whenever a Chapter has completed the enrollment of 100 members or degrees it may also enter a student in any contest. Past tournament hosts may each enter two contestants and the present host school, Jacksonville is granted an entry in each of the six events, including debate.

Special Invitations

While the Executive Council reserves the right to extend special invitations, the provision is reserved primarily for use in cases in which other means of qualifying have not been available. No school in a state in which both state and NFL district tournaments have been held should expect the Council to increase the representation from that state by extending special invitations to additional contestants. Likewise contestants whose eligibility is not clearly established are cautioned not to travel to the tournament city in the expectation of being admitted to contests by special action of the Council.

NFL Membership Not Required

The tournament is open to any qualified contestant in any secondary school. Membership in the League is not required, but a differential in fees is fixed to equalize in part the support of the tournament between member and non-member schools. Registration fee for debate is \$15, for other contests \$7.50; for Chapter schools \$5 and \$2.50.

In explanation of this differential it should be understood that fees cover approximately only the direct expenses of the tournament. The indirect expenses throughout the year are born by NFL Chapters through their national organization, whether they participate in the tournament or not. It is only fair, therefore, that when these schools do qualify contestants for the national event they should pay a lesser fee than those schools supporting the project only when they have a team or contestant to enter.

Jacksonville Welcomes You

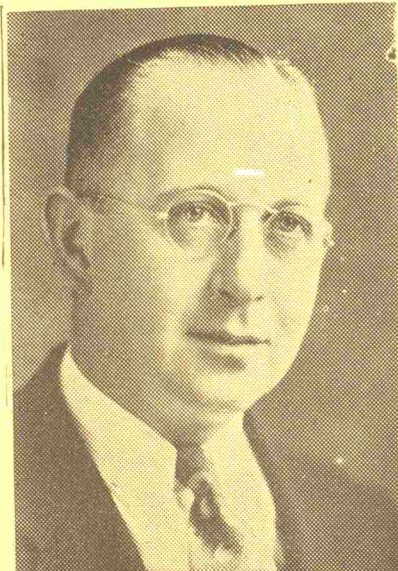
The Board of Education and all connected with the local school system are very happy to welcome to Jacksonville the 1937 Debate Tournament of the National Forensic League.

Jacksonville will be honored by the presence of these splendid young people and their friends during the week of May 3. We gladly place all the facilities which our high school building offers at the disposal of the tournament officials.

Not only our faculty and our student body, but our citizens generally are keenly interested in debating. This tournament will be an intellectual stimulus to us all and it will bring new friendships and new associations which we shall cherish as the years go by.

—DR. R. O. STOOPS.

Accommodations in Jacksonville



Through the efforts of the Chamber of Commerce, rooms in Jacksonville homes will be provided for all tournament contestants and coaches. These will be available on Sunday afternoon for the duration of the tournament. Parties arriving on Saturday should make their own arrangements for that night. Excellent accommodations are available at the New Dunlap for persons preferring hotel service.

To facilitate the assignment of rooms write to Mr. Roy E. Welsh the Chamber of Commerce secretary, as soon as you know you are coming to the tournament stating how many boys and girls, men or women in your group and whether you are coming by auto

or by public carrier. Making these reservations in advance will facilitate your registration and assure your accommodations best suited to your needs.



Travel Arrangements

No convention rate railroad fare is being arranged since this year eastern as well as western roads are granting low fares for 30-day return trip tickets. The rates are approximately two cents a mile for first class accommodations; a cent and a half for day coaches. Consult your local agent for details.

If you drive your automobile, drive carefully. Start early enough to avoid the necessity for excessive speed. Everyone attending the national contests will look to you not to mar its happy occasion by an accident fatality. Rather be safe than sorry.

You are also reminded of the fact that most liability insurance becomes void if the car is carrying passengers for hire or on an expense-sharing arrangement. Special policies are available to cover such trips as these and they give full protection to the passengers as well as the owner of the car.

From the Principal



In coming to Jacksonville for its annual contest meeting, the National Forensic League will find a unified welcome and a fortunate combination of arrangements which will not only serve adequately the needs, but will also permit the efficient management of the League to complete its work with dispatch and pleasure.

The high school students who bring honor to their respective schools through outstanding work in this field of accomplishment and who are to be guests in Jacksonville during the contest week may anticipate with confidence a genuine welcome from Jacksonville High School. We will be ever-mindful of your personal interests.

J. C. MUTCH, Principal.

Newspaper Feature

The Jacksonville Journal-Courier is planning a special edition of the paper for Sunday, May 2nd. All contestants entering the national are requested to send in the following materials as early as possible: newspaper cuts or photographs, newspaper clippings of their accomplishments, and write-up of the coach. This material is needed at once. Send it to the Tournament Editor, Journal-Courier, Jacksonville, Ill.

Jacksonville Will Serve You

Meals

The tournament center will be just two blocks from the business district and good meals may be secured at its restaurants. The high school cafeteria will also be open and accommodate a limited number at a very reasonable rate. Several churches plan to serve noon and evening meals.

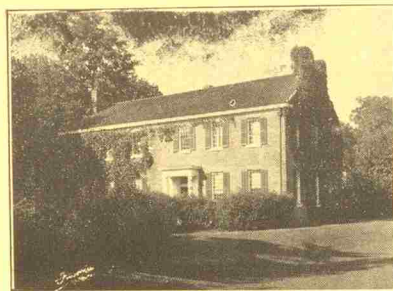


MacMurray College Dining Hall

Informal banquets will be held both Monday and Tuesday evenings in the beautiful MacMurray College dining hall. The charge will be very moderate.

Entertainment

Special provisions are being made for as much entertainment as the tournament schedule will permit. Illinois College will provide an intercollegiate baseball game and a Shakespearean play. MacMurray College is planning a reshewing of the May Day program on Wednesday morning. And the Illinois School for the Deaf will present its band, the only one in the world in which the director and the members are all completely deaf.



Bryan developed his early powers as a speaker.

Contest Rooms

Most of the contests will be held in Jacksonville High School, vacated on Monday and Tuesday, and in a group of churches immediately adjacent. Humorous Declamation will be held in MacMurray College buildings and all Original Oratory on Illinois College campus, some in Beecher Hall where William Jennings

Jacksonville Is Historical

Jacksonville, a city proud of its colleges, churches, and state institutions offers much of historic interest. Illinois College, founded 108 years ago cherishes in Beecher hall the oldest college building west of the Alleghanies. MacMurray College for Women, founded a few years later, was a pioneer among the women's colleges of the middle-west. The first charitable institution in Illinois, founded in Jacksonville, has grown to be the largest School for the Deaf in the world. The School for the Blind in addition to its fine educational record maintains one of the few circulating libraries of Braille books in this country.

The original high school building opened in 1851 was the first free public school in the state of Illinois. Newton Bateman, "the father of public education" in Illinois, served as its principal.

Historically Jacksonville has been the home of many famous men. Stephen A. Douglas practiced law and began his political career in Jacksonville. William Herndon, Lincoln's law partner, attended college here, as did Anne Rutledge. Edward Beecher, brother of Henry Ward Beecher and Harriet Beecher Stowe, was the first president of Illinois College. He was a close friend and associate of Elijah Lovejoy, martyr to the cause of slavery. Other strong Abolitionists established Underground Railway stations in different parts of the city. Richard Yates, Civil War governor, was a native of Jacksonville. Across from the School for the Deaf visitors may see the home of William Jennings Bryan, who attended college and practiced law in Jacksonville. National tournament contestants will speak in the same college hall where that famous orator received his early training. A short distance to the north is the fine old residence of Governor Duncan, fifth governor of Illinois.

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Harold E. Gibson

National Tournament Participants

The participation record of the NFL Chapter is given on the next page with the number of tournament rounds indicated. Since these are carried forward from year to year, even the lowest ranking chapter can look forward to receiving the National High School Forensic Award in time if it continues to develop creditable speakers.

Alabama	Iowa	Missouri
1 Tuscaloosa	8 Cherokee, Mt.	55 Carrollton
Arkansas	St. Mary	3 Columbia
22 Hot springs	5 Elkader	23 Fayette
3 Jonesboro	30 Fairfield	30 Independence
4 Pine Bluff	16 Muscatine	8 Jennings
California	57 Sioux City, East	54 Joplin
40 Bakersfield	Kansas	21 Maplewood
11 Grossmont	10 Atchison	35 Marshall
9 San Bernardino	21 Canton	14 Plattsburg
Colorado	18 Independence	24 Salisbury
11 Fort Collins	35 K.C., Wyandotte	30 Springfield
15 Fort Morgan	7 Lawrence	56 Webster Groves
5 Littleton	4 Pittsburg	Nebraska
3 Longmont	8 Topeka, Catholic	14 Holdrege
22 Pueblo, Centennial	** Topeka	14 Omaha, Benson
12 Denver, Cathedral	29 Wichita, East	74 Omaha, Central
Idaho	Kentucky	52 Omaha, North
19 Caldwell	17 Mt. Sterling	48 Omaha, Technical
3 Lewiston	8 Puducab, Tilgham	12 Wayne
Illinois	8 Winchester	8 West Point
15 Aurora-East	Louisiana	New Hampshire
11 Aurora-West	8 Shreveport, Byrd	14 Laconia
61 Cicero	Maine	New Jersey
3 Dundee	12 Berwick Academy	7 Passaic
24 Dupo	5 Portland HS	New York
90 DuQuoin	16 Leavitt Institute	10 Albany
27 Dwight	Massachusetts	14 Ilion
44 Elgin	19 Cambridge	3 Ossining
34 Freeport	11 Charlton	7 Peekskill
119 Granite City	8 Warren	23 Poughkeepsie
2 Hinsdale	9 Williamsburg	18 Rome
48 Jacksonville	Michigan	15 Saratoga Springs
41 Lincoln	11 Dearborn	11 Schnectady
9 Mansfield	31 Muskegon Hgts.	Nott Terrace
41 Mendota	20 Paw Paw	14 Syracuse, Central
7 Olney	3 Plymouth	North Carolina
5 Pekin	21 River Rouge	4 Greensboro, Curry
98 Peoria-Central	Minnesota	Ohio
5 Potomac	6 Chaska	14 Ashland
11 Rankin	48 Chisholm	35 Bluffton
8 Sandwich	11 Eveleth	66 Canton, McKinley
4 Wood River	13 Grand Rapids	18 Dayton, Oakwood
Indiana	52 Luverne	28 East Palestine
10 Columbia City	78 Mpls. Roosevelt	7 Euclid, Shore
5 Ft. Wayne, Central	28 Mpls. West	8 Fremont
5 Ft. Wayne, Elmht.	3 New Ulm	18 Kent, State
8 Frankfort	11 Stillwater	6 Marietta
6 Hammond H. S.	8 Virginia	4 Marysville
2 Kewanna	Mississippi	11 Newark
6 North Judson	3 Holly Springs	12 New Philadelphia
11 Terre Haute, Wiley		

12 Niles	32 Coraopolis	8 Nashville, Litton
54 Ravenna	12 Glassport	3 Nashville, Central
20 Troy	9 Latrobe, St. Vincent	Texas
7 Wadsworth	11 Monessen	4 Dallas, North
3 Wayland	3 State College	19 Houston, San Jac.
103 Wooster	16 Uniontown	Washington
30 Youngstown, Chaney	28 Waynesburg	6 Wenatchee
Oklahoma	13 West Newton	West Virginia
3 Ada, Senior	South Dakota	7 Clarksburg
26 Altus	8 Colman	9 Moorefield
8 Britton	3 Gregory	Wisconsin
18 El Reno	7 Highmore	25 Eau Claire
59 Enid	24 Huron	58 Kenosha
20 Muskogee	3 Lennox	4 Manitowoc
Oklahoma City	3 Pierre	18 Mayville
7 Capitol Hill	36 Rapid City	22 Milwaukee, Wash.
78 Central	46 Sioux Falls	27 Oconomowoc
90 Classen	7 Sisseton	25 Shawano
8 Seminole	22 Watertown	44 Sheboygan
30 Sulphur	Tennessee	22 West Allis
Pennsylvania	15 Baxter Seminary	9 West Bend
3 Alverton	45 Dickson	Wyoming
10 Ambridge	10 Dyersburg	8 Casper
45 Brownsville	8 Memphis, Central	9 Gillette
35 California	18 Memphis, Messick	
46 Charleroi	21 Memphis, Tech.	

Topeka Wins First National High School Forensic Award



Mary Ann Porterfield, Hart Spiegel, Cliff Stratton, Betty Warren
J. Edmund Mayer, coach

The National Forensic Award

The outstanding speech trophy in America, the National High School Forensic Award will again be presented at the close of the 1937 National Tournament

The award is granted not on the basis of the number of medals won, but on excellence of year-after-year participation in the national tournament. One point is given for each round in which a student participates. The record begins with the first national tournament in 1931 and the points once gained by a school accumulate from year to year until the school receives the trophy.

Granite City Has Lead

Granite City, Ill., which has been represented in each of the six national tournaments, now leads with 119 points. In that time Granite City has entered 25 contestants in the national and 15 of these participated in final contests. Other high achievements are:

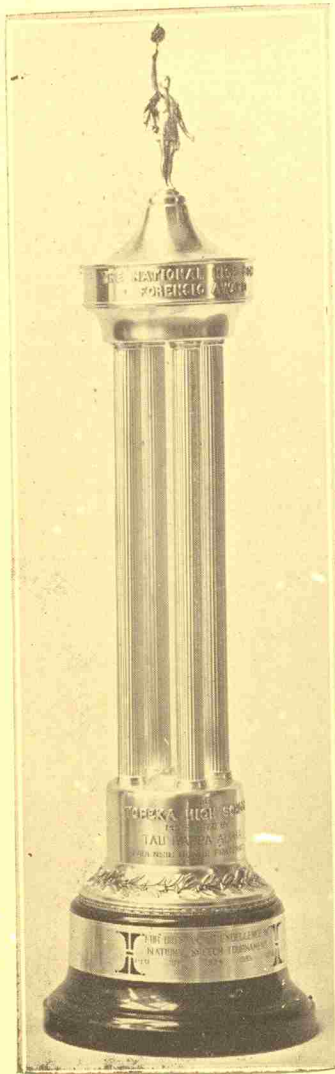
Wooster, Ohio	103
Peoria-Central, Illinois	98
DuQuoin, Ill.	90
Oklahoma City, Classen	90
Minneapolis-Roosevelt, Minn. 78	
Oklahoma City, Central	78
Canton-McKinley, Ohio	66
Cicero, Ill.	61

Tau Kappa Alpha Presents Trophy

The magnificent trophy is the gift of Tau Kappa Alpha, a college forensic honor society of which Lowell Thomas is president. A similar trophy in appropriately reduced size is given to the speech director of the school responsible for the sustained excellence necessary to win the premier award.

Other Trophies and Medals

A handsome plaque, a gold figure on a mahogany panel, will be given to the first place winning school in each of the six tournament contests. Gold medals will also go to the first place winning contestants and coach of the winning debate team; silver medals to the second and third place winners, and bronze medals to all other contestants in final events. In debate the second place team and coach will receive the silver medals and bronze will go to the third and fourth places. The trophies and medals are provided by the Chamber of Commerce of Jacksonville.



The National Winners



DuQuoin National Championship Teams

Dwight Croessman, Bill Case, Mr. R. P. Hibbs, James Harper, Richard Dunn
Ruth Weltge Virginia Allen

Debate

DuQuoin, Ill., Carrollton, Mo., Enid, Okla., Springfield, Mo., Houston-San Jacinto, Texas, Muskogee, Okla., Topeka, Kans.

Original Oratory

David Cook, Oklahoma City-Central; Warren White, Oklahoma City-Classen; Winnifred Quies, Freeport, Ill.; Ruth Weltge, DuQuoin, Ill.; Dick Ross, Luverne, Minn.; Betty Warren, Topeka, Kans.

Extemporaneous Speaking

Dick Breen, Oklahoma City-Classen; Ed Edmondson, Muskogee, Okla.; Dwight Croessmann, DuQuoin, Ill.; William Welch, Logansport, Ind.; Louis Saunders, Minneapolis-West, Minn.; Katharine Johnson, Carrollton, Mo.

Oratorical Declamation

Carter Hardwick, Oklahoma City-Classen; E. Wayne Wilson, Enid, Okla.; James Harper, DuQuoin, Ill.; Pauline Coleson, Fairfield, Iowa; Juan Vargas, Oklahoma City-Capitol Hill; William Wade, Independence, Kans.

Dramatic Declamation

Caleb Peterson, Peekskill, N. Y.; Virginia Kraft, Mediapolis, Iowa; Julia Pitchford, Grantie City, Ill.; William Wade, Independence, Kans.; Ruth Gray, Cambridge, Mass.; Catherine Aaron, Peoria-Central, Ill.

Humorous Declamation

Julia Pitchford, Granite City, Ill.; Mary Dunaway, Shawnee, Okla.; Jack Hayes, Mansfield, Ill.; Helen Budzanoski, Centerville, Pa.

Schedule for Seventh National Speech Tournament

Sunday, May 2

- 1:00 Registration of contestants, assignments to rooms.
9:00 Registration closes.

Monday, May 3

- 9:00 General Assembly, announcements and instructions.
10:30 Debate, Round 1. Preliminaries in Coaches' Discussion.
12:00 Luncheon, Meeting of Executive Council, Board of District Chairmen, and Committees.
1:30 Drawing for Extemporaneous Speaking.
2:00 Oratory and Declamation, Round 1.
2:30 Extemporaneous Speaking, Round 1.
4:00 Debate Round 2; Humorous Declamation, Round 1.
6:00 Banquet. Presentation of Distinguished Service Awards, District Chairman Badges, and District Tournament Trophies.
8:00 Debate Round 3; Semi-finals in After-Dinner Speaking.

Tuesday, May 4

- 9:00 Debate Round 4; Humorous Declamation Round 2.
10:00 Drawing for Extemporaneous Speaking.
10:30 Oratory and Declamation, Round 2.
11:00 Extemporaneous Speaking, Round 2.
12:00 Luncheon. Meeting of Council, Chairmen and Committees.
2:00 Debate, Round 5; Humorous Declamation, Round 3.
3:00 Conference of Debate Judges.
3:00 Drawing for Extemporaneous Speaking.
3:30 Oratory and Declamation, Round 3.
4:00 Extemporaneous Speaking, Round 3.
6:00 Banquet; After-Dinner Speaking finals; Announcement of results in elimination rounds.
8:00 Shakespearean play by Illinois College Dramatic Club.

Wednesday, May 5

- 9:00 Business Convention of the National Forensic League.
10:30 Debate, Round 6.
2:00 Debate, Round 7; Humorous Declamation, Round 4.
2:30 Drawing for Extemporaneous Speaking.
3:30 Oratory, Declamation and Extempore Speaking, Round 4.
7:00 Debate, Round 8; Humorous Declamation, Round 5.
7:30 Drawing for Extemporaneous Speaking.
8:30 Oratory, Declamation and Extempore Speaking, Round 5.

Thursday, May 6

- 9:00 Debate, Round 9.
10:30 Finals in Original Oratory
1:30 Debate, Round 10.
2:30 Finals in Humorous Declamation.
4:00 Finals in Oratorical Declamation.
7:30 Debate Semi-Finals.
8:00 Finals in Dramatic Declamation.
8:00 Drawing for Extemporaneous Speaking.
9:00 Finals in Extemporaneous Speaking.

Friday, May 7

National Championship Debate, time to be arranged.

Past National Champions

Debate

- 1931 Miami, Oklahoma, Mrs. W. S. O'Bannon, coach.
1932 North High School, Omaha, Neb., Nona Robinson, coach.
1933 Altus, Okla., Mrs. Clifford Peterson, coach.
1934 Central High School, Oklahoma City, Harold Netherton, coach
1935 Sioux Falls, S. D., Mary E. Perkins, coach.
1936 DuQuoin, Ill., R. P. Hibbs, coach.

Original Oratory

- 1931 Howard Wilson, Granite City, Ill.
1932 Harold Livingston, Kingman High School, Peoria, Ill.
1933 Gene Davis, Morton High School, Cicero, Ill.
1934 Harvey Schaufler, Glassport, Pa.
1935 Eleanor Kincaid, Joplin, Mo.
1936 David Cook, Central High School, Oklahoma City, Okla.

Extemporaneous Speaking

- 1931 Edward Manthei, West Bend, Wis.
1932 Parnell Mahoney, East High School, Sioux City, Iowa.
1933 Robert Dunham, Sioux Falls, S. D.
1934 Newton Marguiles, Rapid City, S. D.
1935 David Goldberg, Bakersfield, Calif.
1936 Dick Breen, Classen High School, Oklahoma City, Okla.

Oratorical Declamation

- 1931 Howard Wilson, Granite City, Ill.
1932 Howard Smathers, Lexington, Ky.
1933 Harold Stark, Granite City, Ill.
1934 Jack Ewing Wilson, Enid, Okla.
1935 Russell Black, Central High School, Oklahoma City.
1936 Carter Hardwick, Classen High School, Oklahoma City.

Dramatic Declamation

- 1931 Kathryn Harney, Manual High School, Peoria, Ill.
1932 Kathryn Harney, Manual High School, Peoria, Ill.
1932 Pauline Crockett, California, Pa.
1933 Denton Snyder, Humboldt, Iowa
1934 Donald Swanson, Webster City, Iowa.
1935 Mary Ann Porterfield, Topeka, Kans.
1936 Caleb Peterson, Peekskill, N. Y.

Humorous Declamation

- 1931 Ramsey Wieland, Virginia, Minn.
1932 Francis Perkins, Kingman High School, Peoria, Ill.
1933 Caryl Arnold, Grand Rapids, Minn.
1934 Karel Visser, Granite City, Ill.
1935 Caroline Groves, Webster City, Iowa.
1936 Julia Pitchford, Granite City, Ill.

National Tournament Rules

General Rules

1. **Time and Place.** The Seventh National Speech Tournament shall be held at Jacksonville, Ill., May 3 to 7, 1937.

2. **Eligibility.** All contestants shall be bona fide undergraduate students under 21 years of age at the beginning of the tournament.

General eligibility shall be limited to winners of first or second places in state final contests; to winners of first or second places in NFL district tournament contests in which 12 or more Chapters participated; to winners of first place in NFL district tournament contests in which fewer than 12 Chapters participated; to one entry in each event from the 1937 host school; and to schools invited by special action of the Executive Council.

Special eligibility is provided for entry in one event other than debate: for each Chapter receiving the Distinguished Service Award in 1937; for each Chapter possessing an unused certificate of tournament entry given for having enrolled 100 members and degrees; for two contestants from each previous host to the national tournament; and for all contestants eligible to compete in previous national tournaments who are still undergraduate high school students under 21 years of age whether they entered such previous tournaments or not.

3. **Proof of Eligibility** shall be established by certification by the high school principal or superintendent.

4. **Registration.** Contestants shall register with the National Secretary by mail or telegraph before 8 p. m., May 2.

5. **Registration Fee** for debate shall be \$15, for other contests \$7.50. For NFL Chapters these fees shall be \$5 and \$2.50.

6. **Appearance.** All contestants shall appear at the time their contests are scheduled or forfeit such contests.

7. **Judges.** All preliminary contests shall be judged by three judges, final contests by five, except that single critic judges shall be used in the first seven rounds of debate unless otherwise requested by representatives of the participating schools.

8. **Protest of Judges.** Judges assigned by the tournament official shall be final unless protested before the contest. In event of protest, the members of the Executive Council present shall hear the protest and their decision shall govern.

9. **Timekeepers** shall be provided for all contests and each contestant may receive such notice of the passing of time as he may elect. At the expiration of time the timekeepers shall stand and remain standing for the judges to note the over-time, but that shall not disqualify the contestant.

10. **Conflict.** No contestant shall be permitted to compete in more than two events nor twice in one event. The tournament committee shall make the necessary arrangements to permit a contestant to appear in two contests scheduled simultaneously if eligible to compete in both.

11. **Disputes.** The members of the Executive Council present

shall have full power to adjudicate any disputes or interpretations of the rules.

Debate

1. **Question.** The question for debate shall be: "Resolved; That all electric utilities should be governmentally owned and operated."

2. **Teams.** Each school shall uphold both sides of the question with two speakers for each side. It may or not use the same students on both sides of the question at its option.

3. **Time.** Each speaker shall be allowed ten minutes in constructive argument and five minutes in rebuttal. In the final debate the limits shall be nine and four minutes. Speakers shall alternate affirmative to negative; the affirmative opening the constructive argument, the negative opening the rebuttal. Rebuttal shall begin immediately upon conclusion of the constructive speeches.

4. **Sides.** As far as arrangements will permit, a school shall alternately uphold the affirmative and negative in successive debates.

5. **Pairing.** In each round the first school on the list of entries shall uphold the affirmative against the second school; school No. 3 the affirmative against school No. 4 and so on. After each round the first school shall be placed at the bottom of the list. If an odd number of schools have been entered, the last school on the list shall draw a "bye" for that round. No school shall twice draw a "bye."

6. **Exceptions** to this procedure shall be made to prevent, if possible, a school from meeting another school from the same or adjacent state during the first five rounds, or from the same state at any time, or from meeting the same school twice in this tournament.

7. **Scouting.** The tournament will be open and debaters will not be prohibited from attending other debates.

8. **Letters.** Personal letters will not be admissible as evidence in any of the debates.

9. **Elimination.** At the conclusion of the fifth round of debates the judges shall by conference select approximately one-third of the teams to continue in the tournament. Thereafter a school shall be eliminated when it has lost two debates or loses one debate after the ninth round.

Oratory

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

2. **Subject.** The orations may be on any subject appropriate to an oratorical contest.

3. **Length.** Orations shall require not more than ten minutes for delivery.

4. **Quotations.** Not more than 100 words of the oration may be direct quotation from any other speech or writing. A typewritten copy of the oration with quotations indicated shall be filed 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 contestants shall be in any one group.

6. **Speaking Order** shall be determined by lot drawn by the tournament committee.

7. **Regrouping.** After each round the orators shall be regrouped in such manner that as far as possible they will meet with different contestants in the next contest.

8. **Ranks.** The judges shall rank each contestant first, second, third, etc., according to excellence. In the preliminary contests all ranks of each contestant shall be totaled and the places awarded according to the sequence of lowest totals.

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 contestant having the lowest total shall be given first place. First place having been determined, the judges' ranks of the remaining contestants shall be renumbered and second place determined in the same manner; similarly for third place, but thereafter the order of low totals shall determine places.

In the event of a tie, the ranks given by the judges in that round to the contestants so tied shall be considered, and the one having the preferred ranking by a majority of the judges shall be given the place.

9. **Elimination.** A contestant having twice placed fourth or lower shall be eliminated, but all contestants shall compete in the first three rounds without announcement of places being made. Elimination shall continue until there remain seven or less contestants for the final contest.

Extemporaneous Speaking

1. **Subjects** shall be drawn from topics discussed in the Literary Digest, Readers Digest, Forum, and Review of Reviews, published since Sept. 1, 1936. Each member of the Executive Council shall make a list of thirty suitable topics and mail them to the National Secretary. All subjects appearing on two lists shall be taken for tournament use. Neither the topics chosen nor those not chosen shall be made known before the tournament.

2. **Drawing.** One hour before the contest is to begin, the contestant to speak first shall draw three subjects, choose one, and return the other two. For the first three rounds the other contestants shall draw likewise at intervals of eight minutes. For subsequent rounds they shall draw at intervals of one minute. 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 will be permissible.

4. **Notes.** No speaker shall take to the platform more than 50 words of notes, and the chairman shall see that this rule is enforced.

5. **Time.** Contestants shall speak not less than five minutes nor more than seven.

6. **Questions and Answers.** Beginning with the fourth round all contestants shall enter the contest room together. After all have spoken, the chairman shall recall each in turn to the platform and direct one of the other contestants to ask that one a question pertaining to his speech. Reply shall be limited to two minutes. In that manner each contestant shall question and be questioned by one of the

other contestants. Judges shall evaluate the original speech, the pertinence of the question, and the effectiveness of the answer.

7. **Rules 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9 for Oratory** shall also apply to this contest.

Declamation

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

2. **Time.** The time limit for all declamations shall be 12 minutes. (Will be 10 minutes in 1938.)

3. **Rules 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9 for Oratory** shall apply to these contests.

New Plan for National Debate Tournament

A most significantly new procedure will be employed in the 1937 national debate tournament. In the first five rounds qualitative ratings—Fair, Good, Excellent, Superior, Outstanding—will replace win or lose decisions in determining which teams are to continue in the race for national honors.

The plan is a modification of a procedure developed by the University of Colorado last year and used with remarkable success.

All teams will debate in five rounds before any are eliminated. A single debate critic will hear each debate and at the end of the fifth round turn in a rating for each of the ten teams he has heard. The ratings will be compiled and on the basis of these recommendations one-third of the teams will be selected to continue in the tournament.

In making this selection obviously those teams which have been designated as Outstanding by all or nearly all of the five judges who heard them can be placed on the chosen list at once and those which have not been recommended by any of the judges can be eliminated without question. To determine the disposition of the "in between" group the judges will meet in conference and select the number required to fill up the bracket for the remaining tournament rounds.

From that point the tournament will continue in the unusual two-defeat elimination procedure, with one defeat eliminating after the ninth round.

Advantages of the Plan

The plan has several distinct and significant advantages. Most important is the fact that strong teams can meet in the early rounds of the tournament without eliminating each other. Both teams in such a debate can be recommended by the critic as outstanding. Both can win and go on.

Conversely mediocre teams through the circumstance of drawing relatively easy opponents will not remain in the tournament longer than they deserve. The element of luck—good or bad—in drawing opponents will be reduced in its importance in determining the fate of any team.

No team will be eliminated by losing two close debates—and in a national tournament they are likely to be close—or debates in which it regards the decision erroneous. At least three of the five judges who heard that team in five different debates will have to concur that

it is not as good as other teams in the tournament before it is eliminated. Whereas otherwise a judge must alone decide the outcome of a close debate, here he will have both the ratings and the oral reports of four other judges who heard that team against four different opponents to help him to determine his final vote on continuing or eliminating the team.

Finally, this method removes the tension from tournament debating. The participants need not fear each other. They are assured that if they do good work, both they and their opponents can get a superior rating and go on in the tournament. Victory is not gained at the expense of their opponents. Debates can really be friendly. Debaters from far sections of the country can meet and really enjoy the encounter free from the necessity of defeating each other to advance themselves.

This year the procedure will apply only to the first five rounds, so that the technique of operation can be developed in a positive way. It can later be extended to include a second series of debates judged in the same way and so carry the tournament to the quarter finals before the win-or-lose elimination must be resorted to.

National Contest for Coaches

The sixth annual contest for coaches will again be conducted as an after-dinner speaking event, a type which proved so highly successful at Oklahoma City last year. Although general topics for discussion will be announced, the speakers will be given wide latitude in their treatment of them. Only semi-serious discourse will be expected as the purpose of after-dinner speaking is primarily to provide a high type of entertainment through the use of the spoken word. The speeches will be limited to eight minutes.

Any high school instructor may enter the event by registering for it on Sunday afternoon. The entry fee will be \$1.00 and medals will be awarded to all speakers on the final program. Preliminary rounds will take place Monday afternoon and Tuesday. The final contest will be held at the banquet tables Tuesday evening. The judges in the final event will again be 21 high school students from 21 states.

The sponsor of this contest in 1932, T. M. Beaird of the University of Oklahoma and National Honorary Member of NFL, will be in charge.

Tournament Judges

Jacksonville is favorably located with respect to judges for a large national tournament. Not only does Illinois have a multitude of colleges with active departments of speech, but Missouri and Iowa are so near at hand that out-of-state judges will be available to judge Illinois teams. For the latter tournament rounds judges will also be available from Indiana, Michigan and Wisconsin.

All contestants must register in person or by coach representing them at Jacksonville High School before 9 p. m., Sunday, May 2. Contestants living nearby are not exempt. Registration procedure is disbanded at that hour to permit tournament officials to make up the schedule of assignments for the contest rounds. Late registrations will not be accepted.

Instructions to Judges

Debate

The decision shall be awarded to that team which demonstrates the greater proficiency in the art of debate. Proficiency in debate shall include Knowledge of the question, Organization of material, soundness of Argument, Adaptation to opponents' case, force of Rebuttal, and effectiveness of Delivery. No definite percentage of value need be assigned to these factors, but together they shall determine the decision.

Judges are especially reminded that the teams are debating each other, and should not be expected to meet arguments occurring only in the mind of the judge; that a well constructed, well supported comprehensive argument is fully as valuable as good rebuttal; that they should punish severely any misrepresentation of evidence or of opponent's case either by misquoting or by drawing unwarranted conclusions from what really has been said; and that the debate is held not to settle a question of policy, but simply to reveal which of the two teams has shown the greater skill in debate.

The Judges should judge the **debating** rather than the debate. The decision should not be given to the **side** winning the debate, but to the **team** doing the better debating. The judge should not answer the question, "Which side won," but "Which team debated better?"

(For first five rounds only)

Each team should be rated Fair, Good, Excellent, Superior, or Outstanding, according to demonstrated proficiency in debating. The same rating may be given to both teams. (Since one-third of the teams are to be selected for further debating in this tournament, Outstanding rating should be limited to **about** that proportion of the teams heard by each judge.

Original Oratory

Since these orations have been written by the contestants delivering them, the judges should consider Thought, Composition and Delivery. However, as this is a contest in speech rather than in essay writing, the emphasis should be placed on the speech phase. Thought and composition should be considered primarily in the way they are employed to make effective speaking possible.

The orator should not be expected to solve any of the great problems of the day. Rather he should be expected to discuss intelligently, with a degree of originality, in an interesting manner, and with some profit to his audience, the topic he has chosen. He should be given wide latitude in the ideas he expresses, but held closely accountable for the manner in which he expresses them.

The composition should be considered carefully for its rhetoric and diction. The use of appropriate figures of speech, similes and metaphors, balanced sentences, allusions, and other rhetorical devices to make the oration more effective should be noted especially. Use of English should be more than correct; it should reveal a discriminating choice of words and altogether fine literary qualities. It should be especially adapted to oral presentation.

Delivery should be judged for mastery of the usual mechanics of speech poise, quality and use of voice, and bodily expressiveness, and for the qualities of directness and sincerity which impress the oration upon the minds of the audience.

No particular style of delivery is to be set up as the one correct style to which all contestants must conform. Rather each contestant is to be judged upon the effectiveness of his delivery, free to choose or develop whatever style will best give him that effectiveness with his particular oration.

Extemporaneous Speaking

The contestant in extempore speaking should be held accountable for: (1) Strict adherence to the precise statement of the topic he has drawn, and severely discounted for shifting to some other phase of the topic on which he might prefer to speak. (2) Well-chosen information relative to the subject as presented in current periodicals. (3) Organization of this

material according to some logical plan to produce a complete speech within the time allowed. Speeches are to be not less than five nor more than seven minutes in length. (4) Effective delivery, including thereby all the mechanics of speech—poise, quality and use of voice, bodily expressiveness, directness, and the ability to enlist and hold the interest of the audience.

The extempore speech is not to be a memory test of the material contained in any one particular magazine article, but rather an original synthesis of current fact and opinion on the designated topic.

Oratorical Declamation

This contest comprises orations delivered at some other time and place by their authors. The test of the present orator, therefore, is the ability to reproduce not only the words, but also the thought, emotions, and effect of the original orator. Subject matter is not to be judged except as to its appropriateness for a contest of this nature. It may be either new or old.

The mechanics of speech must be observed faithfully: Poise, quality and use of voice, effectiveness and ease of gesture, emphasis, variety, and perfect enunciation. In addition the contestant must be able to interpret the full meaning of the oration and be able to carry the interpretation over into the minds of those who hear him. He must be able to interest the audience, to hold their interest, and to make them feel so thoroughly the vital message of his oration that they incline to forget the contest in their aroused enthusiasm for the object of the oration's appeal.

No particular style of delivery should be demanded of the orator; rather he should be free to select or develop his own style and then be judged according to the degree of perfection he has obtained and his effectiveness in influencing the audience addressed.

Dramatic and Humorous Declamation

The art of declamation is to* be regarded essentially as one recreating the characters and story of the selection presented. The selection itself should be judged for its appropriateness in the contest and its suitability to the particular contestant delivering it. Due consideration should be given to its literary merit. The use of good literature should be favorably noted.

In addition to the usual mechanics of speech—poise, quality and use of voice, ease and appropriateness of gesture, inflections, emphasis, pronunciation, enunciation—the contestants should be observed for their ability to impersonate or interpret characters correctly and consistently. The true artist transforms her whole personality into the personality of the characters and thereby makes them seem living and real before the audience.

Narrative should be vivid and animated so as to be an interesting and integral part of the story rather than just "filler" between the portions of dialogue.

The final test of superior declamation is the ability to use all the factors so successfully and unobtrusely that the hearer really forgets that this is a contest, and in perfectly created atmosphere is carried away to the time and place of the story being unfolded.

For information concerning the National Speech Tournament communicate with Bruno E. Jacob at Ripon College, Ripon, Wis., until April 30; thereafter for the duration of the tournament at Jacksonville High School, Jacksonville, Illinois.

Participation Record

Granite City, Illinois; Roosevelt High in Minneapolis, and Webster Groves, Missouri, have been represented in all six national tournaments.

Freeport, Ill., Peoria-Central, Ill., Topeka, Kans., Luverne, Minn., Omaha-Central Neb., Omaha-Technical, Neb., Wooster, Ohio, Charleroi, Pa., and Shawano, Wis., have participated in five national tournaments.

From the Secretary's Desk

Nebraska Ahead

Long near the top, Nebraska has now taken the lead in district standing based on average membership per chapter. North and Benson Chapters in Omaha and Emerson are chiefly responsible for the final advancement. Colorado and Missouri districts each advanced three places.

Another 100 Points

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The Charter Committee is pleased to announce the granting of charters to the following high schools:

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Donelson, Tenn.	Central High School
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Marysville, Ohio	South Side High School
Waukesha, Wisconsin	

District Chairman Badges

Special badges will be presented to chairmen at the tournament banquet in Jacksonville according to the ranks of their districts held on April 25. The chairman of the highest ranking district will receive a gold badge; the chairman of the next three districts, silver badges; and the next nine, special bronze badges. Help your chairman to receive the highest rank by getting your membership and degree application in well in advance of the deadline, April 25.

Degrees of Distinction

Hazel Morton, Bakersfield	Charles Knight, Shreveport
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District Standing

Up or Rank Down	District	Members per Chapter	Leading Chapter	Members & Degrees
1. +1	Nebraska	14.4	Omaha-Benson	45
2. —1	Wisconsin	13.5	Mayville	58
3. 0	New York	12.4	Poughkeepsie	77
4. +1	California	10.7	Bakersfield	34
5. —1	Ohio	10.6	Niles	54
6. +1	Texas	10.0	North Dallas	34
7. +1	Illinois	9.9	DuQuoin	68
8. —2	Kentucky	9.4	Independence	22
9. +3	Colorado	8.5	Fort Collins	25
10. —1	Indiana	8.1	Ft. Wayne, North	31
11. +3	Missouri	8.1	Joplin	43
12. —2	Pennsylvania	8.0	Charleroi	58
13. —2	Oklahoma	6.8	Enid	34
14. —1	Iowa	6.7	Oskaloosa	32
15. 0	South Dakota	6.6	Presho	23
16. +1	Kansas	6.5	Wichita East	38
17. +1	Tennessee	5.7	Memphis, Messick	20
18. —2	Minnesota	5.6	Minneapolis, Roosevelt	22
19. +2	Michigan	5.2	Muskegon Heights	15
20. 0	New England	5.0	Portland	23
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	New	Total
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