

# HUMOROUS READINGS

By SELECTED AUTHORS

## Shakespeare

**JULIET WAITS.** 1937 cutting. Characters: Juliet and the old nurse. 35c  
**MERRY WIVES OF WINDSOR.** 1937 cutting. Will give opportunity for varied character work. 50c  
**TWELFTH NIGHT.** This cutting won two state contests in 1936 and third at the National, 1936. 50c  
**THE WOOING OF HENRY THE FIFTH.** 1937 cutting. Characters: King Henry; Princess Katharine, who speaks French and broken English; and her lady in waiting. 50c  
**AS YOU LIKE IT.** 30c **TAMING OF THE SHREW** 35c

## Charles Dickens

**ALL IN TWO MONTHS.** From "Oliver Twist." Mr. Bumbles loses out in an argument two months after marriage. 35c  
**DICK SWIVELLER AND THE MARCHIONESS.** From "Old Curiosity Shop." One of the best of the Dickens' readings. 50c  
**PICKWICK ADVISES A SUITOR.** 1937 cutting. 35c  
**BACHELOR PARTY.** New cutting from "Pickwick Papers." 35c  
**BARDELL vs. PICKWICK.** 25c **FESSIWIG'S BALL.** 25c  
**CARD GAME AT BATH.** 15c **INCIDENT IN DR. BLIMBER'S SCHOOL.** 30c  
**CHILD AND A BEAD NECKLACE** 15c **MR. PICKWICK'S PROPOSAL.** 25c  
**COURTSHIP OF MR. BUMBLE.** 25c **MR. WINKLE ON SKATES.** 25c  
**EXTRAORDINARY CALAMITY BEFALLS PICKWICK IN THE WRONG** 25c **PICKWICKIAN HORSEMANSHIP.** 25c  
**BEDROOM** 25c **SAM WELLER'S VALENTINE.** 25c  
**MR. WINKLE.** 25c **A VISIT TO THE BRICKMAKERS** 25c

## Mark Twain

**HOW TOM SAWYER WHITEWASHED THE FENCE.** 35c  
**HUCKLEBERRY FINN JOINS THE GANG.** 1937 cutting. 50c  
**MY GLOVE PURCHASE IN GIBRALTAR.** 1938 cutting from "Innocents Abroad." Characters: the tourists and a saleswoman. 35c  
**PIPES OF THE PIRATE CREW.** 1938 cutting. Tom Sawyer and Joe go pirating and try smoking. Huck Finn furnishes the pipes. 50c  
**TOM SAWYER FAKES A DREAM.** 1937 cutting. Will be a winner. 50c  
**TOM SAWYER SHOWS OFF IN SUNDAY-SCHOOL.** 1937 cutting. 50c  
**ZE BEAUTIFUL SILK.** 1938 cutting. The French guide insists on taking "The Innocents" to the silk stores. 35c  
**CELEBRATED JUMPING FROG** 20c **TOM SAWYER'S LOVE AFFAIR.** 35c  
**IM WOLFE AND THE CATS.** 20c **TOM SAWYER'S VICTORY.** 35c  
**PUNCH, BROTHERS, PUNCH.** 35c **OUR GUIDE IN GENOA AND ROME.** 25c  
**TELEPHONIC CONVERSATION.** 35c

## Booth Tarkington

**JANE.** From "Seventeen." Characters: Little Jane, her mother, and seventeen-year-old Willie. 50c  
**LITTLE GENTLEMEN.** From "Penrod." Characters: Penrod, the barber, pretty little Marjorie, and Mitchie-Mitch. 50c  
**WILLIE'S DRESS SUIT.** From "Seventeen." Characters: seventeen-year-old Willie; his parents; and Jane, his teasing kid sister. 50c  
**BY COURIER.** O. Henry. 50c

## Richard Sheridan

**FIGHTING BOB.** From "The Rivals." Characters: Sir Lucius O'Trigger, Bob Acres, Acres' old servant, and Capt. Jack Absolute. 50c  
**THE SOLDIER LOVER.** From "The Rivals." Characters: Mrs. Malaprop, with her "select words so ingeniously misapplied"; Lydia, her niece; and Capt. Jack. 50c

## Joel Chandler Harris

A genuine flavor of the old plantation permeates these readings from "Uncle Remus." The characters are the old negro and the little boy and the animals that are portrayed in the stories. 35c each.  
**BRER FOX MAKE LIKE HE DEAD.** **HOW MR. RABBIT RAISED THE DUST.**  
**BRER RABBIT NIBBLES UP THE BUTTER.** **BRER RABBIT AND THE TAR BABY.**  
**BRER RABBIT'S RIDIN' HOSS.**

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T was my privilege last year to attend the national contests for the first time, and may I say with all the emphasis that I can command, on the basis of almost forty years of active experience in speech work as student and coach, that I heard at Jacksonville, Illinois, in those contests, the most inspiring demonstrations of effective student speaking it has ever been my privilege to listen to. I want to go again. I want my students to have the opportunity of striving for that privilege as one of the most worthwhile objectives I can direct them towards in their high school careers.—A. E. Keiber of Devonport.





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### N.F.L. Adds National Congress

In line with the underlying policy of the National Forensic League to make itself as significant an educational factor in the lives of America's high school students as possible, the Executive Council has taken steps to add an important educational function to this year's tournament convention.

American high schools are primarily engaged in training students to be functioning citizens in a Democracy. Much study is devoted to History, Civics, Sociology, Economics, and kindred subjects to prepare students to be intelligent citizens. Too little attention is usually paid, however, to training in the actual practice of the processes of self-government. Frequently, high school graduates know what America is all about, but are unable to function as American citizens should. They know what makes their government go, but they lack training and experience in making it go themselves. The NFL Student Congress—the first in which high school students from the nation as a whole will gather in a student legislative body to deal with problems of American government—seeks to provide experi-

ence in this all-important business of self-government. It takes the pages out of the Civics Text and makes them talk—or rather the students will make them talk, and vote, and function precisely as our National Congress in Washington does (or should!) function.

Speech training has long been recognized as of paramount importance in a Democracy. In dictatorial states the ability to salute or goose-step or salome is of major significance but in American Democracy first laurels go to those who can express themselves effectively in public. The Student Congress will give practical experience in actually participating in legislative functions. Students fortunate enough to be members of this First Student Congress in America for High Schools will never forget the thrill of this experience nor the lessons in self-government implanted by this opportunity. It is a genuine educational contribution in America and one which only a National organization meeting in national assembly could possibly provide. No higher honor can come to any student than to represent his school or his state in this epoch-making event.

Karl E. Mundt.

## Eighth National Speech Tournament

**Nation's Best Student Speakers Will Gather at Wooster, O., May 2-6**

The Eighth National Speech Tournament for the high schools of America will be held at Wooster, Ohio—the scene of our third tournament—from May 2 to 6, 1938. The first such tournament was held at Ripon, Wis., in 1931. Others followed at Sioux City, Iowa; Wooster, Ohio; Topeka, Kans.; Kent, Ohio; Oklahoma City, and Jacksonville, Ill. In seven years 445 different high schools from 34 states have engaged in one or more of these national events. Last year alone 163 schools from coast to coast met in Jacksonville.

### Eligibility

Entry is restricted to winners of first and second places in the established state contests and like winners in the major NFL tournament. In the minor NFL tournaments first place winners alone qualify. Invitational tournaments are not included. Eligibility never passes on to a third place winner under any circumstances.

In contests other than debate, additional entries are provided for NFL Chapters as set forth in the rules.

### Special Invitations

While the Executive Council reserve the right to extend special invitation, the provision is for use primarily in cases in which other means of qualifying are not available. No school in a state in which both state and NFL tournaments have been held should ask for a special invitation. Contestants whose eligibility is not clearly established are cautioned not to travel to the tournament city in the expectation of being admitted

by special action of the Council.

### NFL Membership Not Required

This is the national tournament for the high schools of America and hence open to any qualified contestant from a secondary school. Membership in the league is not required, but it does carry the privilege of a lower entry fee. Registration fee for debate is \$20. for other contests \$10; for NFL Chapters, one-half these amounts.

In explanation of this differential it should be stated that fees cover only direct tournament expenses. The indirect expenses throughout the year are borne by NFL Chapters 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.

### Fees Rebated for Judging

Qualified coaches who serve as judges will be rebated registration fees at the rate of \$2 for each contest judged on Monday or Tuesday, \$3 on Wednesday and \$4 on Thursday.

All contestants must register in person or by coach representing them at Wooster High School before 9 p. m., Sunday, May 1. Contestants living nearby are not exempt. Registration procedure is disbanded at that hour to permit tournament officials to make up the assignments to contest rounds. Later registrations will not be accepted.



## Wooster Welcomes You

### Royal Hosts of 1933 Bid You Welcome



Supt. Layton

The public schools of Wooster extend for a second time a warm welcome to the youthful contestants in the 1938 National Forensic League Tournament, in a practical, educational and dignified undertaking.

Come, and enjoy your stay with us as much as we shall enjoy having you.

**C. M. Layton,**  
Superintendent of Schools  
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State of Ohio  
Office of the Governor  
Columbus

Dear Mr. Caldwell:

It is a pleasant privilege for me to extend official greetings to all those attending the National Speech Tournament and the first National Student Congress. Ohio is proud that these two significant events will be held in Wooster.

To those participating in the tournament, and to those who are delegates to the Congress, I extend a most hearty welcome. I am hoping that it will be possible for

me to greet these fine young people when they arrive in Wooster in May.

With kindest personal regards, I am,

Sincerely yours,  
**MARTIN L. DAVEY,**  
Governor.



Principal Smucker

Wooster High School is pleased to extend a hearty welcome to the National Speech Tournament and the National Student Congress to be held here during the first week in May. We recall with pleasure the fine group of young people who visited us at the time of the tournament 5 years ago, and we feel that the experience gained at that time will enable us to better serve the group coming this year. You will find us ready and eager to be of every possible assistance and we trust that not only will we be able to help carry out the details of the tournament with efficiency and dispatch, but that we may make everyone who comes comfortable and happy and eager to return at some future date.

**Vernon J. Smucker,** Principal.

## Greetings!

I take it as an encouraging sign of our times that so many splendid young people are increasingly interested in the fine art of public speech.

The ability to convince one's fellowmen by spoken utterance is, to my mind, an essential part of a liberal education. My life-long interest in the noble art of expression induces a particularly warm welcome to these delegates attending the National High School Speech Tournament and the first National Student Congress. It has been a pleasure to us to open the buildings and campus facilities of The College of Wooster to those attending this tournament.

We hope your visit in Wooster may be a pleasant one, and that many of you may feel like coming back to us for a more extended stay.

**Charles F. Wishart,**  
President, The College of Wooster

## Welcome from the Mayor:

As the Mayor of this city, I send the members of NFL the heartiest welcome to Wooster.

Five years ago, we tried to do our part in making one of the first national speech tournaments a success. Now, we get another chance, this time with a national contest that has met the test of time. There will be more of you, and a National Student Congress besides, but you will find the Wooster welcome as big as the tournament.

Therefore, for all my fellow townsmen, I send you warmest greetings. Good luck to all of you in your state contests. And we'll be looking for you in May.

**Mayor William Long.**





## Wooster Will Serve You

**It Did So, Well, in 1933—It Has Learned More About Your Needs Since**

### Free Rooms in Wooster Homes

Through the coöperation of the Wooster schools, newspaper, and women's clubs, rooms will be furnished without charge in Wooster homes for all bona fide contestants, coaches and congressmen. Non-participating visitors are not inculded. Guests will procure their own meals, of course.

Rooms for the duration of the tournament will be available Sunday afternoon and evening; none earlier. Those who simply must come on Saturday should go to a hotel for the night. Excelent accommodations may be had at reasonable rates at the Ohio, the Bechtel and the Wooster. They are well fitted to care for guests for those who do not desire rooms at private residences.

To secure the best rooming accommodations, send in your requests early, as early as possible. State specifically how many boys, girls, men, or women will be in your party, their names, and how they wish to be grouped. Also indicate whether you are coming by auto or not.

Address all your inquiries about rooms to Mr. Richard Bryan, Office of Superintendent, Wooster, Ohio. He will also personally attend to hotel reservations for you. Do not include these requests in communications to the national office. "First come, first served" so be wise and be early.

### Meals

The high school cafeteria will provide noon meals at very reasonable prices. Various Wooster churches will serve "jitney" suppers, and meals at all hours can be

secured in good restaurants in town.

### Banquets

Informal banquets will be enjoyed both Monday and Tuesday evenings. Good speaking—but not too much of that even—and special entertainment will make both an integral part of the tournament which no one should miss. The charge has been kept to such a reasonable figure—75 cents—that none need miss it. At least one outstanding speaker will be featured. Watch the April Rostrum for announcement.

### Travel Arrangements

No convention rate railroad fare is being sought since usually too few travel by rail to make such rates available. Furthermore, most roads now grant the same low rate for 30-day round trip tickets. Consult your local agent for best route and lowest fare. Wooster is on the Pennsylvania main line.

If you drive your automobile, drive carefully. Start early enough to avoid the necessity of excessive speed. Everyone attending the national contests will look to you not to mar the happy occasion by an accident fatality. Rather, be safe than sorry; you can't win an argument with death.

You are reminded of the fact, too, 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 will give full protectoin to the passengers as well as to the owner of the car.

## News Features

The Wooster Daily Record desires to have a special edition of the paper ready for Sunday, May 1. Hence, all contestants are asked to send in to the Wooster Daily Record the following materials as soon as eligibility has been established: Newspaper cuts or photographs, write-up of their for-ensic accomplishments, and write-ups of the coach.

The Record will feature the student congressmen with a special section and space with pictures news of their activities, platforms, and what have you.

During the tournament the Daily Record will have camera men on the job snapping unsuspecting or willing contestants who look like good picture material—as all will, of course.

### Tournament Issue of Wooster High School "General"

This special paper will contain complete results of the tournament round by round, stories on the finals, pictures of the winners, news articles on the activities of the National Student Congress, and many candid camera views. It will be available to all for just a few cents mailing charge.

## Contests for Coaches

The Sixth annual contest for coaches will again be conducted under the direction of its sponsor, T. M. Beaird. This year, however, it will be held in two divisions: an after-dinner speaking division for men, and a humorous reading division for women. Any coach may register for the contest. Preliminaries will be held Monday and Tuesday. The first place winner in each event will appear on the banquet program Tuesday night.

## Radio Network Programs

For the sixth year both the National Broadcasting Company and the Columbia Broadcasting System will provide nation-wide networks to carry to the high schools of America the final championship debate and the winners in the other five contests. Definite hours for the broadcasts will be assigned later.

## Contest Rooms

Most contests will be held in the Wooster High School which will, by direction of Supt. C. M. Layton, be given over to the tournament exclusively for two days, three if needed. The College of Wooster will also provide excellent rooms and several churches in the immediate vicinity will contribute splendid auditoriums.

## Special Education Features

The tournament schedule has been cleared of all contest Wednesday afternoon to make room for special programs in the nature of speech education. These are being planned by President Mundt and will be announced in the April Rostrum.

## Entertainment

Contestants do not attend a National to be entertained. Wooster will, however, provide for moments of relaxation and will have a group of official hostesses, with Miss Anne Stillings, a College of Wooster student, serving as hostess-in-chief. Anne has been an NFL national participant and knows first hand what speech entertainment should be.

Count on it—you will meet the hostesses, and they will see to it that banquets, dances, and fun in general will be yours.



## The National Forensic Award

### Topeka and DuQuoin Possess America's Outstanding Speech Trophy

The most significant high school speech trophy, the National High School Forensic Award, will again be presented at the close of the 1938 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. One point is given for each round of participation for each student. No points, however, accrue to host privilege entries unless such contestants survive the elimination series. The trophy is not designed to reward the school which has won the most medals, but the school which has year after year qualified a number of students who did excellent work in the national contests though perhaps never actually placing first.

#### Granite City Still Leads

Granite City, Ill., which has been represented in each of the seven national tournaments, leads with 144 points. Granite City has entered 30 contestants in the national and 16 of these participated in the final contests. It has six first place trophies.

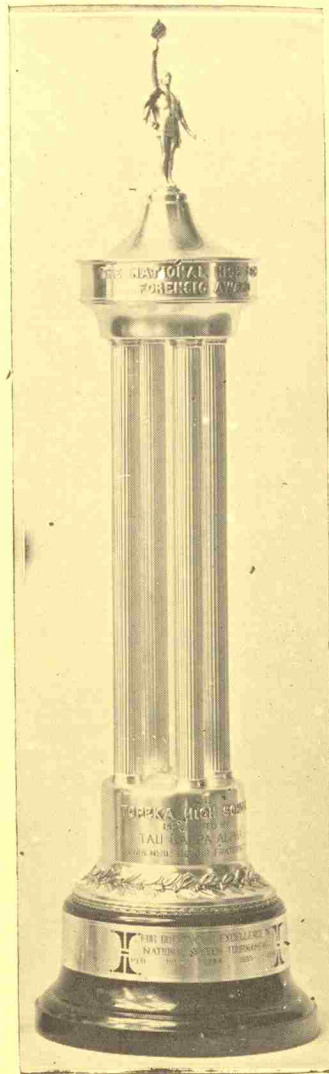
The 1938 contenders are:

Granite City, Ill.	144
Oklahoma City, Classen H.S.	128
Wooster, Ohio	115
Peoria, Central, Ill.	103
Oklahoma City, Central H.S.	96
Sioux Falls, S. D.	83
Minneapolis, Roosevelt H.S.	82

#### 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 presi-

dent. It stands over 30 inches high. A similar trophy in reduced size is given to the speech director responsible for the sustained excellence necessary to win the premier award.



## National Tournament Participants

### Granite City, Ill., and Roosevelt High in Minneapolis Have Been at Every Tournament

The participation of NFL Chapters in the national is here recorded. The numerals indicate the number of rounds in which contestants from that school have participated. The score is carried forward from year to year and the Chapter with the highest total at the end of the tournament receives the National Trophy. Non-member schools are not included in this list.

<b>Alabama—</b>	11 Rankin	<b>Maine—</b>
4 Tuscaloosa	8 Sandwich	10 Auburn
<b>Arkansas—</b>	4 Wood River	5 Portland H.S.
22 Hot Springs	3 Winnetka	16 Leavitt Institute
3 Jonesboro	<b>Indiana—</b>	<b>Massachusetts—</b>
4 Pine Bluff	20 Columbia City	19 Cambridge
<b>California—</b>	5 Ft. Wayne-Central	14 Charlton
40 Bakersfield	4 Ft. Wayne-Elmh.	10 Fall River
30 Beverly Hills	7 Ft. Wayne-North	9 Hingham
21 Grossmont	8 Frankfort	8 Warren
33 San Bernardino	6 Hammond H. S.	19 Williamsburg
<b>Colorado—</b>	12 LaPorte	<b>Michigan—</b>
12 Denver-Cathedral	18 Logansport	29 Dearborn
11 Fort Collins	6 North Judson	34 Muskegon Hgts.
14 Greeley	11 Terre Haute, Ind.	20 Paw Paw
21 Littleton	<b>Iowa—</b>	22 Plymouth
3 Longmont	21 Cherokee-Mt.	21 River Rouge
22 Pueblo, Centennial	St. Mary	<b>Minnesota—</b>
10 Walsenburg	22 Davenport	9 Atkin
<b>Idaho—</b>	5 Elkader	9 Chaska
12 Burley	30 Fairfield	48 Chisholm
19 Caldwell	16 Muscatine	11 Eveleth
3 Lewiston	72 Sioux City-East	13 Grand Rapids
3 Nampa	<b>Kansas—</b>	58 Luverne
<b>Illinois—</b>	10 Atchison	82 Mpls.-Roosevelt
15 Aurora-East	21 Canton	21 Mpls.-West
39 Aurora-West	7 Emporia	3 New Ulm
10 Charleston	36 Hutchinson	11 Stillwater
4 Chicago-Day Y	18 Independence	12 Virginia
69 Cicero	35 K. C.-Wyandotte	10 Worthington
3 Dundee	7 Lawrence	<b>Mississippi—</b>
24 Dupo	5 Lebanon	9 Holly Spring
* DuQuoin	7 Mineral	<b>Missouri—</b>
32 Dwight	29 Newton	10 Brentwood
75 Elgin	20 Topeka-Catholic	58 Carrollton
34 Freeport	*4 Topeka-Senior	3 Columbia
144 Granite City	29 Wichita, East	4 Excelsior Spgs.
2 Hinsdale	<b>Kentucky—</b>	23 Fayette
58 Jacksonville	16 Corbin	40 Independence
3 LaGrange	9 Lexington	8 Jennings
14 Kewanee	9 Liberty	54 Joplin
74 Lincoln	10 Middlesboro	3 Louisiana
9 Mansfield	17 Mt. Sterling	30 Maplewood
41 Mendota	8 Paducah-Tilghman	39 Marshall
10 Olney	31 Winchester	14 Plattsburg
5 Pekin	<b>Louisiana—</b>	28 Salisbury
103 Peoria-Central	21 Shreveport,	56 Springfield
5 Potomac	Byrd H.S.	66 Webster Groves

\*These schools have won the national trophy.



**Nebraska—**

14 Holdrege  
10 Kimball  
34 Omaha-Benson  
74 Omaha-Central  
56 Omaha-North  
52 Omaha-Technical  
12 Wayne  
8 West Point

**New Hampshire—**

14 Laconia  
**New Jersey—**  
7 Passaic

**New York—**

19 Albany  
10 Gloversville  
6 Hornell  
3 Ossining  
7 Peekskill  
23 Poughkeepsie  
31 Rome  
15 Saratoga Springs  
11 Schenectady-  
Nott Terrace  
14 Syracuse-Central  
3 Syracuse-Vocation.  
5 Troy

**Ohio—**

14 Ashland  
35 Bluffton  
66 Canton, McKinley  
18 Dayton, Oakwood  
10 East Cleveland  
34 East Palestine  
13 Euclid-Shore  
18 Fremont  
34 Kent-State  
6 Marietta  
14 Marysville  
11 Newark  
12 New Philadelphia  
21 Niles  
54 Ravenna  
20 Troy  
11 Wadsworth

3 Wayland  
115 Wooster  
33 Youngstown-Chny.  
3 Youngstown-South

**Oklahoma—**

12 Ada-Senior  
26 Altus  
24 El Reno  
62 Enid  
51 Miami  
20 Muskogee  
Oklahoma City  
34 Capitol Hill  
96 Central  
128 Classen  
8 Seminole  
24 Shawnee  
30 Sulphur

**Oregon—**

10 Beaverton

**Pennsylvania—**

3 Alverton  
20 Ambridge  
3 Bentlyville  
51 Brownsville  
30 California  
10 Carmichaels

55 Charleroi  
25 East Pike Run  
12 Glassport  
9 Latrobe, St. Vincent  
3 Lewistown  
11 Monessen  
3 State College  
16 Uniontown-Senior  
3 Uniontown-South  
28 Waynesburg  
13 West Newton

**South Dakota—**

20 Aberdeen  
8 Coleman  
3 Gregory  
12 Highmore  
24 Huron

3 Lennox  
3 Pierre  
36 Rapid City  
83 Sioux Falls  
7 Sisseton  
38 Watertown

**Tennessee—**

18 Baxter Seminary  
35 Bristol  
72 Dickson  
10 Dyersburg  
10 Jonesboro  
6 Kingsport  
8 Memphis, Central  
8 Memphis-Messick  
24 Memphis-Tech.  
3 Nashville-Central  
8 Nashville-Litton

**Texas—**

13 Abilene  
7 Dallas-North  
33 Houston-San Jacinto

**West Virginia—**

13 Bluefield  
7 Clarksburg  
9 Moorefield

**Wisconsin—**

49 Eau Claire  
71 Kenosha  
4 Manitowoc  
24 Mayville  
34 Milwaukee-Wash.  
27 Oconomowoc  
7 Oconto Falls  
3 Shawano  
55 Sheboygan  
22 West Allis  
12 West Bend

**Wyoming—**

8 Casper  
13 Cheyenne  
10 Douglas  
9 Gillette

**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 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 the final events. In

debate the second place team and coach will receive silver medals and bronze will go to the third and fourth places. The trophies and medals are provided by the Board of Trade in Wooster.

For information concerning the National Speech Tournament communicate with Bruno E. Jacob at Ripon College, Ripon, Wis., until Apr. 28; thereafter for the duration of the tournament at Wooster, Ohio.

## Schedule for Eighth National Speech Tournament

### Sunday, May 1

1:00 Registration of contestants, assignment to rooms  
9:00 Registration closes

**Monday, May 2**

9:00 General Assembly, announcements and instructions  
9:30 Joint Session of the National Student Congress to receive the President's Message  
10:30 Debate Round 1. Preliminaries in Coaches' Contest  
12:00 Joint Meeting of Executive Council District Chairmen  
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 Coaches' Contest

**Tuesday, May 3**

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 and District Chairmen  
2:00 Debate, Round 5; Humorous Declamation, Round 3  
3:00 Drawing for Extemporaneous Speaking  
3:30 Oratory and Declamation, Round 3  
4:00 Extemporaneous Speaking, Round 3  
6:00 Banquet. Winners in Coaches' Contests; Address; announcement of results in elimination rounds

**Wednesday, May 4**

9:00 Special debate elimination round  
10:00 Drawing for Extemporaneous Speaking  
10:30 Oratory and Declamation, Round 4  
11:00 Extemporaneous Speaking, Round 4  
2:00 Special Educational Program  
7:00 Drawing for Extemporaneous Speaking  
7:30 Oratory and Declamation, semi-finals  
8:00 Extemporaneous Speaking semi-finals

**Thursday, May 5**

9:00 Debate, Round 7  
10:30 Finals in Original Oratory  
1:30 Debate, Round 8  
3:00 Finals in Humorous and Oratorical Declamation  
3:30 Drawing for Extemporaneous Speaking  
4:30 Finals in Extemporaneous Speaking  
8:00 Semi-formal debates  
8:00 Finals in Humorous Declamation

**Friday, May 6**

National Championship Debate on Columbia network.  
National Contest Winners on NBC network.  
(Time for these programs will be announced later.)



## Ohio Officials Will Help Direct Epoch-Making Event



Karl E. Mundt

The dream of many a high school debater and orator—a seat in Congress—will materialize this year when the first National Student Congress for high schools gets under way in Wooster. Granted that the seat will be in just a make believe congress, it will nevertheless be a real opportunity for the youthful “congressmen” and for several at least, to presage a place in the real Congress later on.

### Congressional Procedure Will Be Followed

General supervision of the Congress will be in the capable hands of T. M. Beaird of the University of Oklahoma, well known to NFL members who attended any of the seven previous national tournaments. Mr. Beaird directed a similar congress for the junior colleges of the Southwest last fall and will be in Topeka in April to observe the Student Congress of the Pi Kappa Delta senior college convention.

Subject to the limitation of time and necessary simplification, the congress will follow the essential procedure of our national legislative body. NFL President Karl E. Mundt will deliver the “president’s message” at the opening session. He will also sign or veto bills as his judgment dictates.

### Ohio Legislator Official Will Help

For the position of consultant, the NFL is fortunate in securing the willing services of the Honorable Frank R. Uible, Speaker of the Ohio House of Representatives. Mr. Uible is a Cleveland attorney and has served three terms in the Ohio Legislature, one as Democratic Floor Leader and Speaker pro tem; another as Speaker. As Speaker he has won a reputation of being markedly fair and liberal in his decisions and generalship. He will also serve as Parliamentarian in the House.

Dean Throckmorton of the Law School of Ohio State University and parliamentarian for the Ohio Legislature will serve in the same capacity for the Senate.

Two regular clerks from the Ohio legislature will serve as Chief Clerk in the Senate and House. NFL coaches and students will serve as assistant clerks, sergeant-at-arms, and pages.



Frank R. Uible

## The Senate

Two Senators from each NFL district or state will make up the august body in the student congress. These are being elected at the district tournaments or by mail vote conducted by the district chairmen.

Vice President T. C. Bond of Niles, Ohio, will preside as President of the Senate. Mr. Bond is sponsor of the oldest chapter in Ohio, has served as National Director for two years and as vice president since 1934. A student president pro tem will serve under his direction.

### The House

Membership in the House will consist of one Representative from each Chapter which has been entitled to cast 50 votes in its NFL history, limited to the first 100 thus seated.

Until experienced student leadership can be developed the Council has decided



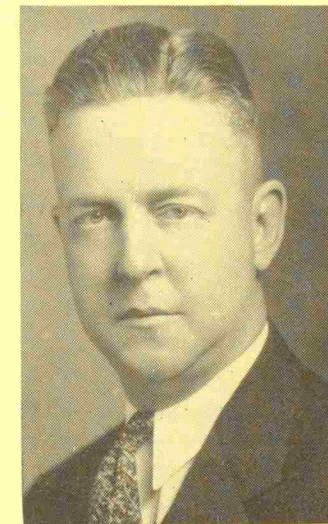
T. C. Bond

to choose a Speaker from our NFL instructors experienced in parliamentary procedure. This year H. J. McCabe of Emerson, Neb., will be “Mr. Speaker.”

Mr. McCabe is a teacher of parliamentary practice, has had extensive experience as chairman of various organizations in eastern Nebraska and served as parliamentarian in practically every assembly with which he has been connected. NFL members will remember that last year he led the Nebraska district to first place in the national organization and that he has one of the biggest chapters in a small high school. A student speaker pro tem will preside whenever the Speaker actually or theoretically is absent.

### National Affairs to Be Subjects of Deliberation

The Congress is not restricted in the scope of its activity. Bills relating to any matter upon which the national congress itself would legislate will be proper subject matter. In addition, the congress will serve as a forum for considering and recommending changes in national tournament, district tournament, congress, or NFL matters generally. Committee hearings will provide tournament participants not in the congress tournament an opportunity to present their view on pending bills and resolutions.



H. J. McCabe



# Tournament Rules

## General Rules

1. **Time and Place.** The Eighth National Speech Tournament shall be held at Wooster, Ohio, May 2 to 6, 1938.

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 state final contests; to winners of first or second places in major NFL tournament contests; to winners of first place in minor NFL district tournament contests; to one entry in each event from the 1938 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 1938; for each Chapter possessing an unused certificate of tournament entry given for having enrolled 100 members and degrees; for two contestants from each previous 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 1.

5. **Registration Fee** for debate shall be \$20. For other contests, \$10. For NFL Chapters these fees shall be \$10 and \$5.

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 five 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 overtime, 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. National Student Congress constitutes an event.

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 the several states should adopt a system of unicameral legislation."

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

3. **Time.** Each speaker shall be allowed 10 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 the 16 teams ranking highest shall continue in the tournament. In case of ties for 16th place, a special round shall be run to reduce to the proper number. Thereafter the losing school in each debate shall be eliminated.

## 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.** Each member of the Executive Council shall make a list of 30 suitable topics, based on national and international affairs and discussed in current periodicals since Sept. 1, 1937. All topics 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 like wise 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 per-

tinence 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 10 minutes.

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

### 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 uses 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 inter-

est, 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.

#### Use Official Blanks

All registrations for entry in the National Tournament must be submitted on the officials blanks signed by principal or superintendent. Blanks may be obtained from the national office, your District Chairman, or the Director of your state league.



## Contest Winners

### California and Ohio Students Win NFL Contest in Introductions

Robert Libott, Beverly Hills junior, was awarded first place by the judges for his introduction for an address entitled "Whither, America?" He is a veteran of some 70 debates besides numerous oratorical, extemporaneous, and impromptu contests. His aim is to achieve distinction as a writer and his efforts in this instance should encourage that ambition. Here are his opening paragraphs:

#### Whither, America?



Have you ever stopped to realize how much is symbolized by the human hand? Hands create, and hands destroy. Hands build up, and hands tear down. Hands are both constructive and destructive.

America is neither more nor less than a Nation of Hands.

Look around you, at home, at work, on the street, and here in this audience. You will see the laborer's hands calloused with honest toil, and the hands of the financier—soft and sleek and smooth. The grasping avaricious hands of the profiteer, and the long, white tapering hands of the artist. The gaunt hand of the beggar, and the nimble fingers of the musician. The damning fist of the soap-box orator, and the benevolent hands of the man of God.

Second place was awarded to Ray Friedl, J. Sterling Morton High in Cicero, Ill., and third place to Edward Vojak, also of Cicero.

The judges in this and the next contest were Dr. Leroy T. Laase of Hastings College, Neb., coach

of national debate and oratory champions; Ethel Mae Gunnison winner of women's national oratory contest and former student of Dr. Laase and President Mundt; and Prof. Geo. McCarthy, Brookings, S. D., past national president of Pi Kappa Delta.

According to these eminent judges, the best introduction for a first affirmative speaker on the subject of Unicameralism was the joint effort of Eileen Curts and Joe Hirschberg of Newark, Ohio. They furnished the editor no biographical material, but their introduction here published will mark them at once as able and certainly interesting debaters.

#### First Affirmative Contact



Do you realize that the last General Assembly of Ohio cost the taxpayers of this state over one million two hundred thousand dollars? Do you know that this same body was in session longer and did less constructive

work than any legislature in our state's history? Do you know that this same group exhibited more open antagonism among themselves and with the governor than has occurred in any previous session? Do you realize that this same state of confusion and inefficiency in legislatures is general throughout the United States?

Quoting from the St. Louis Post Dispatch for June 18, 1937: "With adjournment fixed by both houses of the Texas legislature, the amount of unfinished business on the calendar will force a special session." "Failure of the Minnesota legislature to finish its most essential tasks is nothing

short of a tragedy. A special session will have to be called, and there will be more weeks of jangling, more suspense for the victims of proposed tax levies, more political yammering inflicted on a long-suffering public." "The Michigan legislature has been in session five months, and the outlook for the major issues which deeply affect public interest is gravely uncertain." "The Missouri legislature which just adjourned was shameful for its extravagance, its neglect of needed reform, its increase of taxes, its creation of political jobs, its dawdling and time-killing, and its utter disregard of the people's interests." "In Maryland the finances of the state have become a crazy-quilt, and legislative action so incompetent



as to threaten the state's financial structure." In New York, with the usual wind-up of all night rush, revel, horse play, and beer bottle litter, the 1937 legislature ended a session ragged in performance, pro-

longed by a budget fight that petered out to nothing, leaving a record in which failures or worse stack up against possible achievement." And so it goes.

In view of these facts, we of the affirmative, etc.

Second honor was accorded to David Whitney, Liberty Memorial High School, Lawrence, Kan., and third to Mr. Ralph N. Schmidt, Mayville, Wis.

#### Degree Coupons

While no free degree coupons are issued with certificates of membership after March 31, the coupons issued prior thereto remain valid for one year. Use your coupons as received to build up the chapter voting strength.

## Tournament Judges

Ohio has more colleges and universities than any other state. These will supply as many judges as the tournament will need.

The increasing satisfaction from using our own NFL coaches to judge in contests in which their schools are not entered has led to the extension of their use. This year qualified coaches will be assigned to judge a large share of the up to the semi-finals. They are there, they want to hear the contests anyhow, they might as well judge them. If they can produce winning contestants they should be qualified to judge winning contestants.

Those who wish to serve as judges will be able to recover a considerable portion of their registration fees. They will be rebated \$2 for each contest judges on Monday or Tuesday, \$3 on Wednesday, and \$4 on Thursday. Coaches desiring to serve can file their qualification record with their registration and the judging committee will assign them according to these qualifications and the needs of the tournament.

The extensive use of judges from all over the country should minimize greatly the possibility of a sectional standard in selecting winners almost inevitable when all judges come from the particular tournament area.

#### Ballots for National Election

Ballots for election of national directors will be mailed on the basis of number of members and degrees held by each chapter on Apr. 10. If your applications come in too late to get the free degree coupons, you can by sending them in before Apr. 10 increase your chapter's voice in the selectoin of national directors.



## From the Secretary's Desk

### Election of District Chairmen

Ballots for election of District Chairmen will be mailed with the April Rostrum. Any Chapter may nominate any member by so advising the National Secretary and such name will be included in the published list up to the time of printing the April issue.

The office is an increasingly responsible one, but it has its prerequisites, too. A chairman may enter one contestant in the national tournament. The chairmen of the leading 13 districts on Apr. 25 receive gold, silver and bronze badges. For the year's work a chairman also receives as many as seven citations toward the Distinguished Award both for himself and his Chapter. New national officers also are elected from the group of successful chairmen.

If you have a deserving candidate give the chapters in your district a chance to vote for him by submitting his name.

### New Chapters

The Charter Committee announces the granting of charters to:

Ranger, Texas  
Monmouth, Illinois  
Buhl, Minnesota  
Youngstown, Rayen, O.  
Ferguson, Missouri  
Hyannis, Massachusetts  
Lubbock, Texas

This brings the national membership to 499 chapters, one below the set maximum.

### Degrees of Distinction

Charles Harding, Fresno-Roosevelt  
Mary Ann Busby, Maryville, Mo.  
Jim Burns, Dickson, Tenn.  
Mr. G. B. Barber, Muscatine, Iowa  
Darrell Russel, Canton, Kans.  
Jeanette Coons, Canton, Kans.  
Miss Marion Karrigan, Watertown  
Miss Mary Skidmore, Bunker Hills,

Albert Ford, Fairfield, Iowa  
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Miss Gertrude Smith, Pt. Clinton, O.  
Roland Fowler, Ossining, N. Y.  
Olive J. Wilson, Altus, Okla.  
Robert Whipple, Ft. Collins, Colo.  
Sam Goldenberg, Burlington, Iowa  
John Duvall, Monessen, Pa.  
Evelyn Wood, Oakley, Kans.  
Merwyn Cedar, Superior, Wis.  
Mr. John M. Martin, Dayton, Ohio  
Jack Pearson, Mellen, Wis.  
Dick Calvi, Mellen, Wis.  
Jere Hudson, Shreveport, La.  
Oliver Aubrey, Capitol Hill, Okla.  
Bob Matthew, Winnetka, Ill.  
Anna M. Levy, Holly Springs, Miss.  
Vadah Cochran, Holly Sprgs., Miss.  
Irving Hellman, Beverly Hills, Calif.  
Don Mankiewicz, Beverly Hills, Calif.  
Joan Grether, Dayton-Oakwood, O.  
Laura Wilson, North Dallas, Tex.  
Tom McElroy, North Dallas, Tex.  
Truett Harris, North Dallas, Tex.  
Billy Rentfro, Kimball, Neb.  
Violetta Weems, Dickson, Tenn.  
Catherine Leirer, Logansport, Ind.  
John McGreevey, Logansport, Ind.  
Jack Hight, Logansport, Ind.  
Mary G. Cooley, Shelby, Ohio  
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Dorinda Duncan, Monessen, Pa.  
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Thomas Williams, Abilene, Tex.  
Wanda Mae Clements, Abilene, Tex.  
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Miss Lois Alexander, Hot Spgs., Ark.  
Bill Columbus, Monessen, Pa.  
Douglas Rice, Bluefield, W. Va.  
Don Nilsson, Omaha-Benson, Neb.  
Bruce L. Moore, Omaha-Benson, Neb.  
John Newkirk, Omaha-Benson, Neb.  
Louis H. Uuren, Omaha-Benson, Neb.  
Therese Pick, West Bend, Wis.  
James Fickett, Clyde, Ohio  
Norville Arbogast, Clyde, Ohio  
Marvin Pearce, Clyde, Ohio  
Orrin Franks, Clyde, Ohio

## Attend N.F.L. Summer Conclave

Of national interest for speech is the new Conclave of forensic coaches and high school students to be held at the University of Denver, July 18 to 22. Sponsored by the National Forensic League in cooperation with the Department of Speech and Dramatic Arts at the University the project will afford many unique services to all speech teachers and students. The project is the only one of its kind.

Leaders of the National Forensic League will be in charge of the program which will include the following:

1. Debates by high school students on the 1939 National Question.
2. Lectures by experts on the National Question.
3. Seminar on debate and forensic methods by leading high school coaches.
4. Demonstrations of new debate and forensic methods including the new Speech Experience Progression.
5. Panel discussions and lectures on the new applications of speech and drama to progressive education by leaders in the summer session.
6. An inspiring recreational program of dinners, hikes, and trips in the Rocky Mountains, which are at their grandest in the Denver region.



7. Attendance at the famous Central City Play Festival in an old mining town high in the Rockies.

The fees and costs will be surprisingly low. Inquire of Bruno E. Jacob of the National Forensic League, or Elwood Murray, University of Denver, for special folder.



## Statistics Show—

### District Standing

Rank	Up or Down	District	Members per Chapter	Leading Chapter	Members & Degrees
1.	0	Southern Illinois	22.6	DuQuoin	77
2.	0	Ohio	19.8	Wooster	80
3.	+1	Texas	19.4	Abilene	84
4.	-1	Wisconsin	18.0	Mayville	70
5.	0	New York	15.6	Poughkeepsie	83
6.	0	Northern Illinois	15.3	Maine Township	99
7.	+2	Nebraska	14.2	Omaha-Benson	40
8.	0	Colorado	14.0	Casper, Wyo.	42
9.	-2	California	13.2	Beverly Hills	35
10.	0	Indiana	13.0	Hammond H.S.	32
11.	0	Western Penn.	11.8	Monessen	32
12.	0	Iowa	11.8	Hawarden	44
13.	+3	Oklahoma	11.8	Enid	45
14.	-1	Missouri	11.2	Joplin	43
15.	-1	Kentucky	10.3	Mt. Sterling	34
16.	-1	Michigan	9.2	River Rouge	36
17.	0	Tennessee	7.2	Memphis, Messick	25
18.	+2	Kansas	6.7	Wichita-East	36
19.	0	Minnesota	6.5	Mpls.-Roosevelt	28
20.	-2	South Dakota	6.3	Lennox	27
21.	+1	New England	6.0	Portland, Me.	18
22.	-1	Eastern Penn.	5.5	State College	12
23.	0	Washington	5.5	Logan, Utah	17
		National av.	12.2	Maine Township	99

### Our Decalet of Leaders

#### Coaches

L. D. Schreiber, Charleroi	1047
J. Edmund Mayer, Topeka	914
Kathryn Moran, Joplin	853
R. P. Hibbs, DuQuoin	847
Hazel A. Hatch, Enid	815
R. S. Cartwright, Elgin	741
Mary Blackburn, Gran. City	734
Devi Osterhus, Mpls-Roose	721
Lucile Stephens, Poughkeepsie	718
E. J. Diller, Youngstown-Chy.	657

#### Students

Bill Murphy, Aurora-West	694
Tom McElin, Aurora-West	531
Virginia Allen, DuQuoin	499
Jack Cohen, E. Palestine	341
Eleanor Bishop, Abilene	365
Ruth Lee, DuQuoin	335
Jas. Rizutto, Monessen	331
B. Bernallis, Bentleyville	332
M. Kisinger, Bentleyville	358
Mary McAnaw, Excel. Spgs.	323

### Going Up

	New	Total
Chapters	4	499
Members	366	18,230
Keys	61	9,370
Reports	1463	69,062
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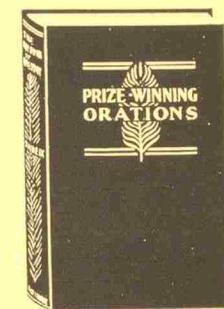
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