### TWO NEW PLAYS by PAULINE PHELPS

whose dramatization of

#### "THE ADVENTURES OF TOM SAWYER"

has been acclaimed "one of the best plays for high school students ever read or seen on the stage."

### OF ROYALTY MERIT but WITHOUT ROYALTY

LITTLE WOMEN. A play in 3 acts. 4 m. 7 f. 1 interior. Full evening. In this dramatization of "the most popular girl's book ever written in America," Louisa Alcott's work is beautifully preserved and the four "little women" faithfully portrayed, as are also the other important characters from the beloved moral. Besides Mr. and Mrs. March and their four daughters, Meg, Jo, Beth and Amy, there are: Laurie, the neighbor boy, who later marries Amy; Professor Bhaer, the German teacher (a strong character part); John Brooke, Laurie's tutor; Aunt March, and Hannah, the maid (two other good character parts) who furnish a large share of the comedy. Act One under the caption, Youth is divided into two scenes, "A Merry Christmas" and "A Telegram"; Act Two, Growing Up, with two scenes, "Aunt March Settles the Question," and "Ten-der Troubles"; Act Three, Maturity, with two scenes, "Heartache" and "Under the Umbrella." Each of these scenes may be used as a separate play. We believe this is the only dramatization of this story offered without royalty, and there is only one setting. If desiring a play with charm and audience appeal, send for a copy of Pauline Phelps' "Little Women." It challenges comparison. The only requirement for the first production is the purchase of 10 copies of the play. Repeat performances, \$2,50 each. 75c

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#### State of California GOVERNOR'S OFFICE

It delights me to learn that the National Forensic League plans to hold its National Speech Tournament in our state—in Beverly Hills, June 19 to 23.

Won't you kindly convey my assurances to the League, its delegates and contestants and their friends that we want them to come and that they will receive our warmest welcome.

With best wishes for the work of the League and each of its members, I am,

Cordially yours,

CULBERT L. OLSON

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### Worth More Than It Costs

Perhaps it was because "it's awful hard to break a horse from eating oats," that I took the other evening off and followed the suggestion I had just read in a newspaper advertisement urging all and sundry to visit the opening session of a new class in adult speaking in Washington. I went over to the hotel ballroom in which this demonstration was taking place and was both impressed and surprised by the fact that over 500 people filled the room to capacity and made standing room a premium. For over an hour I listened to a speech teacher who was no better and no worse than a dozen different people I could pick among my personal acquaintances and when he announced the price of his course of twenty-four lessons I was curious to learn how many of his auditors would follow through and "sign the dotted line." Again, I was surprised. Despite the fact that his tuition fee would make a \$100 bill look like a Chinese flag at a Japanese picnic, more folks crowded forward than he could accommodate in the new class he was forming and he had to organize two classes instead of one. And these searchers after speech perfection were not young people to whom college had been denied. They were mature adults, many of them successful in various lines of endeavor but who had come to realize the handicap they were enduring as a result of an inability to express themselves convincingly in public.

Why do I recite my observations at this meeting? The answer is obvious. Driving home that night, I thought what a wonderful thing it could be if every high school student in America could have been with me at that meeting, listening in, and watching these men and women eagerly seeking an opportunity to pay hard-earned money in geerous quantities to obtain what students in modern high schools today can acquire free of charge. If these students could all be magic-carpeted over to observe such a meeting, debate squads would be overcrowded, speech contests would treble in number and significance, and students of speech would prepare every assignment with an energy and thoroughness which would do justice to another Gettysburg Address. Alert students will avail themselves of every opportunity to develop correct and compelling speech habits in school. Yes, indeed, speech training is well worth more than it costs.—Karl E. Mundt.

### Ninth National Speech Tournament Nation's Speech Classic Will Be Held at Beverly

### Hills, California, June 19-23

The best high school speakers to a third place winner under any in America will gather at Beverly Hills this year for the ninth National Speech Tournament. In the past eight years 498 different high schools from 34 states participated in one or more of these contests. Last year 150 schools from coast to coast met in Wooster, Ohio.

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This will be the first tournament in the west. Previous tournaments were mid-western or mid-eastern: Ripon, Wis., in 1931; Sioux City, Iowa, in 1932; Wooster, Ohio, in 1933, and again in 1938; Topeka, Kans., in 1934; Kent, Ohio, in 1935: Oklahoma City in 1936, and Jacksonville, Ill., in 1937.

Heretofore the tournament was held early in May. To accommodate the need for more travel time a June date, after most schools have closed, was chosen. Relieved of the necessity of returning to classes, students and instructors both will have opportunity to visit the International Exposition at San Francisco as well as some of the many other worthwhile places in California and en route. To attend the tournament this year should be especially educational in every way.

#### Eligibility

Entry is restricted to winners of first and second places in the established state contests and to like winners in the larger NFL tournaments. In the smaller NFL tournaments first place winners alone qualify. No other tournaments qualify. Eligibility never passes on circumstances.

No contestant should travel to the tournament city until his eligibility has been established and registration accepted.

#### **Special Invitations**

While the rules provide for special invitations, they are rarely given except 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.

#### Membership Not Required

This tournament is open to any qualified contestant from any secondary school. Membership in the National Forensic League is not required, but it does carry the privilege of a lower entry fee. Registration fee for debate is \$20, for other contestants \$10. for NFL chapters, one-half these amounts.

Tournament fees cover only the immediate expenses. The indirect expenses throughout the year are borne by the NFL Chapters whether they participated in the tournament or not. It is only fair that when they do qualify contestants for the national meet they pay a lesser fee than those schools supporting the project only when they have a team 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. Last year \$1271 was thus returned.

## **Beverly Hills Welcomes You**

### Intensive Preparations Under Way for Tournament

ture and verdant terraces of Beverly Hills High School will pro- important gathering are comvide the background for the Na- manding the enthusiastic support tional Speech Tournament and of Californians is evidenced by Student Congress in beautiful the following letters:

The rugged Norman architec- Beverly Hills. That the educational, civic and social aspects of this



Mayor Spence

City of Beverly Hills

It is a pleasure to know that the National Speech Tournament will be held in Beverly Hills.

I am writing this letter to welcome you and through you the many high school delegates who I understand are coming here. We are looking forward to the Tournament and assure you of our interest and cooperation.

Sincerely yours,

Edward E. Spence, Mayor

#### Board of Education Superintendent of Schools

We in Beverly Hills, Calif., are looking forward with keen anticipation to the welcome we may give you, the hundreds of contestants and their parents, the coaches and the school administrators who are coming to participate in the National Forensic League Contest to be held here June 19 to 23.

### Superintendent Hummel **Principal Bowhay** We are planning to make your

stay a most pleasant and enjoyable one. We hope you will feel at home with us.

Cordially and sincerely yours. E. J. Hummel.

#### Supt. of Schools.

#### Beverly Hills High School 241 MORENO DRIVE

The Beverly Hills High School extends a cordial greeting to the National Forensic League and will do all it can to make the 1939 tournament an outstanding success.

Our school will be put completely at your disposal and I know from past experience that the meetings are bound to be mutually pleasurable and profitable.

We hope to make your stay in Beyerly Hills a most enjoyable one and trust that we will be able to typify what is meant by western hospitality.

Yours very truly, A. A. Bowhay, Principal.

### **California Offers Many Attractions**



#### Hollywood Radio City

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This is just one of the many educational features that will be available to the contestants who attend the National Speech Tournament. A complete tour of this newest studio has been arranged for NFL visitors as described in the February Rostrum.

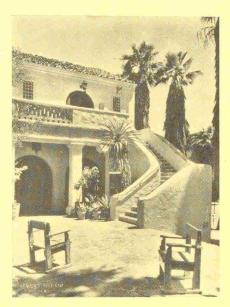
Rising gracefully into the semitropical California sky in the heart of the world's film capital, NBC's new Hollywood Radio City is described by professional photographers as an ideal picture model. It can be photographed with striking effect from almost any angle. The structure is painted a soft green to blend with the sky and shrubbery.

#### Pasadena Playhouse Plans Special Performance for NFL

Contestants and coaches at the tournament will be guests of Mr. Charles F. Prickett, manager, at a special matinee on June 23 in this famous and remarkable theater. Not only a performance, but a tour of the theater plant itself worth \$600,000 with a wardrobe of 800,000 costumes will be this organization's welcome to NFL.

Next vou who come will be thrilled by a tour of the United States battle fleet in San Pedro harbor. On the way you will see the Twentieth-Century Fox studio, and in the evening the Griffith Park Observatory. Another evening will find you in Columbia Square, studio of CBS and at Hollywood Radio City.

Wednesday, Thursday and Friday afternoons will be cleared of contests so that all may come in on these truly worth while parts of the convention. The special plans for Thursday afternoon cannot be released at this time.



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### **Beverly Hills Will Entertain You**

The Homes of Its Citizens Will House You The Stars of Its Studios Will Amuse You

#### Free Rooms in Homes

Through the generous assistance of hundreds of Beverly Hills citizens, all national tournament contestants, congressmen, and coaches will be accommodated without charge in the homes of the community. Non-participating visitors are not included, nor will hostesses be expected to provide meals for their guests.

These rooms will be available Saturday afternoon for the duration of the tournament. Do not impose upon your hostess by coming before you are expected. Hotels are ready to serve you, of course.

#### Rooms Assigned in Advance

Rooms will be assigned as soon as official tournament entry has been completed for the contestant at the national office. The registration form includes a special blank for housing accommodations. Send this with your entry and entry fee to the National Secretary. Approved, it will be sent to Beverly Hills, and you will be notified of the residence assigned you. No rooms will be reserved for contestants or coaches until official tournament registration has been completed.

#### **Register Early**

All schools are urged to complete registration for their contestants and congressmen by mail in advance of the tournament so there will be no waiting in line to complete the details which could just as well have been attended to earlier. Send the official registra-



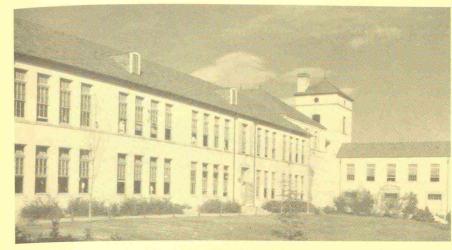
Charles F. Wright Tournament Chairman

tion form, entry fee, and housing blank to the National Secretary, Ripon, Wis., as soon as you can, but not later than June 9. The office will be closed on that day by the secretary's departure for California.

#### **Banquets**

Informal banquets are scheduled for both Monday and Tuesday evening. Beverly Hills has already promised us "A shower of Stars" for entertainment. Now a letter from Tournament Chairman Charles F. Wright suggests a location for one of the banquets that will add glamour to an already intriguing occasion.

Perhaps the next issue of The Rostrum will tell you about it, otherwise it will be kept as a surprise for you when you get there. The charge for each banquet will be modest, 75 cents or \$1, so that all can plan to attend.



Beverly Hills High School

#### Tournament Judges

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Close at hand to Beverly Hills are several large universities with prominent departments of speech. Hundreds of speech teachers from all over the country will be in Southern California for graduate study. The services of many of these will be available to the tournament in addition to the staffs of the universities themselves.

Full coöperation in this important part of a tournament is promised by Dean Ray K. Immel and Dr. Alan Nichols of the University of Southern California; by Prof.J. Arthur Lewis and Dr. Harrison W. Karr of the University of California at Los Angeles; by Dr. Charles F. Lindsley of Occidental college, and Dr. Egbert Ray Nichols of Redlands university.

Qualified coaches will also be used in contests in which their schools are not entered and part of their registration fee refunded for such service. These also will be chosen from every section of the country.

#### **Contest for Coaches**

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The seventh annual contest for coaches will again be under the direction of its sponsor, T. M. Beaird of Oklahoma. It will be held in two divisions: an afterdinner speaking contest for men, and a humorous reading contest for women.

Any high school instructor may register. Entry fee is only \$1. Preliminaries will be held Monday and Tuesday. The first place winners in each event will appear on the banquet program Tuesday

Students! Your coaches have long told you what to do in a speech contest. Now let them show you how to do it. Insist that your coach enter the coaches' contest. Good protection, too! He will have to soften his criticism if you don't win either.

#### Use Official Blanks

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

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### The National Forensic Award

#### Tau Kappa Alpha Presents Magnificent Trophy to Outstanding School Each Year

The most significant high school speech trophy will again be presented at the close of the 1939 national tournament. To carry out this purpose, one point is given a school for each round in which one of its students participates in the national. The points are carried forward from year to year and at the close of each tournament the leading school is granted the National Award.

#### Previous National Winners

Topeka, Kansas	1936
Duquoin, Illinois	
Oklahoma City-Classen High School	1938
Gradionia Gity Glacoen Tright School	

#### Granite City Leads

Granite City, Ill., which has been represented in each of the eight national tournaments, has a commanding lead with 166 points. This school has entered 36 contestants in national tournament and 16 of these participated in the final contests. Granite City also has six first place trophies.

#### The 1939 Contenders

Granite City, Ill.	166
Wooster, Ohio	134
Peoria-Central, Illinois	121
Lincoln, Illinois	107
Oklahoma City-Central	106
Elgin, Illinois	100
Dickson, Tennessee	95
Kenosha, Wisconsin	
Sioux Falls, S. D.	

#### Tau Kappa Alpha Donor

For this award the National Forensic League acknowledges gratitude to Tau Kappa Alpha, a college forensic honor society, of which Lowell Thomas is president and William T. Hade, secretary.

It is a magnificent piece of work -over 30 inches tall, admirably representing the high achievement requisite for its possession. A similar, though smaller, trophy is given to the speech instructor at the winning school.





#### Other Trophies and Medals

A handsome plaque, a gold figure on a mahogany panel, will be given to the first place school in each of the six tournament contests. Gold medals will go to the first place place contestants and to the coach of the winning debate team; silver medals to the second

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and third place winners; and bronze medals to all other contestants in the final events. The students winning first in the individual contests will also receive plagues, replicas of those given their schools.

In debate the second place team and coach will receive silver medals and bronze medals will go to the third and fourth places. The trophies are provided by special appropriation made by the City Council of Beverly Hills.

### National Student Participants

The numbers designate the accumulated rounds of participation in all national tournaments. Only NFL Chapters are listed.

#### Arkansaa

22 Hot Springs 3 Jonesboro 4 Pine Bluff

#### California

- 40 Bakersfield
- 40 Beverly Hills
- 6 El Centro 30 Grossmont
- 11 Hollywood
- 38 San Bernardino
- Colorado
- 25 Denver-Cathedral
- 11 Fort Collins
- 31 Littleton
- 3 Longmont 22 Pueblo-Centennial
- 10 Walsenburg

#### Idaho

- 16 Buhl
- 32 Caldwell
- 13 Lewiston 9 Nampa

#### Illinois

- 27 Aurora-East 51 Aurora-West 15 Charleston T.C. 69 Cicero 38 DuQuoin\*\*\* Dundee 24 Dupo 32 Dwight 100 Elgin 58 Freeport 166 Granite City 2 Hinsdale 63 Jacksonville 19 Kewanee 3 LaGrange 107 Lincoln 13 Mansfield 41 Mendota 10 Olney
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121 Peoria-Central 3 Pinckneyville 5 Potomac 8 Sandwich 4 Wood River 3 Winnetka Indiana 30 Columbia City 14 Ft. Wayne-Central 4 Ft. Wayne-Elmhurst 17 Warren 25 Ft. Wayne-North 22 Hammond 22 LaPorte 29 Logansport 12 North Judson

- 36 Terre Haute-Wiley
- Iowa 10 Burlington
- 35 Cherokee 58 Davenport 5 Elkader 30 Fairfield
- 16 Muscatine 3 Oskaloosa
- 72 Sioux City-East

#### Kansas

- 21 Canton 36 Hutchinson 35 Kansas City-Wyandot 3 New Ulm 4 Pittsburg 3 Topeka Sr. \*\*\*
- 20 Topeka-Catholic 29 Wichita-East

Kentucky 26 Corbin 12 Lexington-Clay 14 Middlesboro 30 Mt. Sterling 8 Paducah-Tilghman 13 Shepherdsville 31 Winchester Louisiana

3 Alexandria 32 Shreveport 10 Auburn 10 Augusta 5 Portland Massachusetts 19 Cambridge

Maine

- 14 Charlton
- 30 Fall River
- 9 Hingham
- 25 Williamsburg

#### Michigan

- 29 Dearborn
- 34 Muskegon Hgts.
- 20 Paw Paw 31 Plymouth
- 21 River Rouge

#### Minnesota

- 9 Aitkin 12 Chaska 48 Chisholm 10 Cloquet 11 Eveleth 13 Grand Rapids 58 Luverne 85 Mpls.-Roosevelt 82 Mpls.-West 6 Moorhead TC 11 Stillwater 24 Virginia 29 Worthington Mississippi 9 Holly Springs Missouri
- 22 Brentwood
- 71 Carrollton 3 Columbia
- 15 Excelsior Spgs. 61 Independence
- 8 Jennings
- 54 Joplin
- 10 Lexington
- 15 Liberty

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- 3 Louisiana
- 40 Maplewood
- 39 Marshall
- 14 Plattsburg
- 28 Salisbury
- 56 Springfield

66 Webster Groves

#### Nebraska

3 Emerson

- 14 Holdrege
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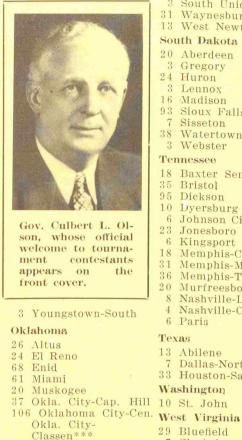
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New York

- 19 Albany
- 10 Gloversville
- 6 Hornell
- 9 Ossining
- Peekskill
- 42 Poughkeepsie
- 49 Rome
- 15 Saratoga Spgs.
- 14 Syracuse-Central 3 Syracuse-Vocational
- 5 Troy

#### Ohio

22 Ashland 3 Bath 35 Bluffton 70 Canton-McKinley 24 Davton-Oakwood 20 East Cleveland 34 East Palestine 13 Euclid-Shore 18 Fremont 3 Greensburg 44 Kent-State 10 Lima-South 6 Marietta 17 Marysville 9 Massillon 11 Newark 12 New Philadelphia 27 Niles 42 Ravenna 20 Troy 21 Wadsworth 3 Wayland 134 Wooster 45 Youngstown-Chaney in the second se



6 Ponca City

31 Seminole

24 Shawnee

30 Sulphur

Pennsylvania

20 Ambridge

16 Bentleyville

51 Brownsville

10 Carmichaels

15 East Pike Run

33 California

68 Charleroi

12 Glassport

12 St. Vincent's

3 Lewistown

10 Masontown

29 Monessen

16 Uniontown

10 Lock Haven

3 State College

3 Derry

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- 3 South Union 31 Waynesburg
- 13 West Newton
- South Dakota
- 20 Aberdeen
- 3 Gregory
- 24 Huron
- 3 Lennox 16 Madison
- 93 Sioux Falls
- Sisseton
- 38 Watertown
- 3 Webster

#### Tennessee

- 18 Baxter Seminary
- 35 Bristol
- 95 Dickson 10 Dyersburg
- 6 Johnson City
- 23 Jonesboro
- 6 Kingsport
- 18 Memphis-Central
- 31 Memphis-Messick
- 36 Memphis-Technical
- 20 Murfreesboro
- 8 Nashville-Litton 4 Nashville-Central
- 6 Paris

#### Texas

- 13 Abilene
- 7 Dallas-North 33 Houston-San Jacinto

#### Washington

- 29 Bluefield 7 Clarksburg 9 Moorefield

#### Wisconsin

- 49 Eau Claire 94 Kenosha 4 Manitowoc 27 Mayville 34 Milwaukee-Wash. 31 Oconomowoc Oconto Falls 36 Shawano 89 Sheboygan 10 Two Rivers 10 Waukesha 22 West Allis 12 West Bend Wyoming 8 Casper 29 Cheyenne
- 10 Douglas 9 Gillette

\*\*\*National Trophy Winner

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## International Exposition Beckons



#### Golden Gate International Exposition

Dear Mr. Jacob:

I wish to extend to you and your convention delegates a cordial invitation to visit the Golden Gate International Exposition while you are in California.

With best wishes, I am, Sincerely yours,

Leland W. Cutler, President

Another reason for coming to the National Speech Tournament this year. To the north of the recently completed San Francisco-Oakland Bay bridge—itself a marvel of engineering-is gleaming Treasure Island, the unparalleled setting for the Golden Gate International Exposition.

This fair will be a cultural rather than a commercial one, laying its stress on the romance and glamour of the storied Pacific. The history, customs and recreations of their people will be featured.

Peru's exhibit will show the national tournament visitors the Golden Age of the Incas. Objects valued at more than \$1,000,000 never before outside of Peru will will be on display. Japan will feature the story of silk. The Sultan of Johoe will send his own world famous bagpipe band. Natives of the East Indies will demonstrate their crafts and customs.

Yes, many and varied will be the cultural advantages to be secured for those attending the national tournament.

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#### Screen Tests for Talented

#### Dear Mr. Wright:

Thank you so much for letting me know about the forthcoming Speech Tournament. I assure you that I will do all in my power to attend as many of the programs as possible.

I am double interested, first, because I am sure that among so large a group we are sure to find some truly worthwhile new material for the motion pictures and, secondly, because it was not so many years ago that a gold medal won at just such a contest started me on a career that has brought me great happiness.

Please know that if there is any way in which I can serve, all you need do is to call me and I'll do my best to help you in this worthy undertaking.

May I congratulate you on the splendid work that you are achieving.

> Cordially yours, Oliver Hinsdell. Talent Director. Paramount Pictures. Inc.

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## National Student Congress

#### Second Annual Session at Beverly Hills J. Edmund Mayer of Topeka Elected Speaker

Shortly after the 76th Congress of the United States adjourns, the Second National Student Congress will convene in Beverly Hills on June 19. Presiding over the austere Senate will be Vice President T. C. Bond of Niles, O. At the same time, Mrs. Elaine Tucker of Classen High School in Oklahoma City, Chief Clerk of the House, will call that body to order and administer the oath of office to Speaker J. Edmund Mayer of Topeka, Kans.



#### T. C. Bond

Mr. Bond did a most splendid piece of work in presiding over the Senate last year. Genial, dignified, calm, but precise in his manner, he conducted the sessions as a model of parliamentary procedure.

For the speakership the Council chose Mr. Mayer of Topeka, well known as a great debate coach, but also well versed and experienced in parliamentary practice. He has helped organize student congress for colleges for four years and will direct a high school congress in Kansas.

Mr. H. J. McCabe of Emerson, Neb., served as speaker last year and the House passed a resolusion requesting his services again. However, the Council felt that since this position was not traditionally attached to a constitutional office as is the presidency of the Senate, that the opportunity of presiding over the House should be passed around among NFL instructors of ability.

National President Hon. Karl E. Mundt, Congresman from South Dakota will deliver the president's mesage at the opening joint session. T. M. Beaird of the University of Oklahoma will again have general supervision of the congress. K. V. Griffin of Wadsworth, Ohio, will be back at his job as Chief Clerk in the Senate and Mrs. Eugene Zander of Ripon, Wis., will again have charge of the secretarial details for both houses.

#### Follow Congressional Procedure

The regular procedure of bills through committees and both houses will be followed though naturally simplified.. Each member of the House may introduce one bill or resolution; each Senator, two. If these are sent to the national office before June 1, they will be mimeographed and mailed to all members of the Congress for advance study. The bills may pertain to any matter upon which the Congress of the United States itself might legislate.

Bills will be referred to committees as follows: Agriculture, Appropriations, Foreign Affairs, Commerce, Judiciary, Military and Naval, Social Welfare, Ways and Means, NFL. Each member will serve on one committee. Members should refer to the November Rostrum for the proper form for bills and resolutions. None should exceed 200 words.

#### 50 Votes Entitles Chapter to Elect Congressman

Whenever a Chapter completes the enrollment of 50 members or degrees it receives a certificate to elect one of its members to the House of Representatives. Thus a Chapter which has enrolled 100 members or degrees will receive two certificates to the congress, but may use only one a year so as to spread out its participation.

To give all who are elected a reasonable chance to enter actively into the debate, the House this year will be limited to 50 members—the first 50 who file their acceptances at the national office.

Registration fee of \$2.50 to help cover cost of the congress must accompany registration.

Certificates of entry have been mailed to all Chapters now entitled to them, nearly 200. Others will be mailed to chapters attaining the 50 mark in total membership. Consult the September Rostrum to find out how many members and degrees your chapter had at the beginning of the year and you can determine how many more you need to obtain a seat in the National Student Congress. Two Senators from Each District

In the Senate each district may seat two Senators. District Chairmen will conduct the senatorial elections during April. If your Chapter has a candidate, let your chairman know at once and then open his "campaign" among the other chapters to get the support of their votes in the election.

### Congress a Tournament Entry

A seat in the Congress will constitute a tournament entry, and the rule limiting a student to participation in two events will apply. Sessions and committee meetings will run concurrently with the tournament from June 19 to 23. While a student who is eligible to participate in both may do so, it is hoped that most members will give undivided efforts to congressional preparation

#### Credit Points and Citations

Credit points for participation in the Congress will be given on the basis of one point for each session (usually two a day) attended and one point for each speech made on the floor of either house. A citation toward the Distinguished Service Award is also given for entry in either house.

#### **Congress Highly Praised**

The Congress at Wooster last year was highly praised by everyone observing its brilliant performance. The opinion often expressed there that this was the highest form of speech activity, the most vital, interesting and practical, will be confirmed by those who are fortunate enough to take part in the Congress to meet in California or even to sit in its galleries and see the American statesmen of tomorrow grapple in a real way with the problems of today.

### Special Contest in Poetry or Radio

#### Those Eliminated Tuesday Will Have Another Chance in a Different Field

editor of Pictorial Review and radio poetry reader of note, came to Wooster and conducted a novel contest in the reading of poetry. It met with such approval on the part of students and coaches alike that it is booked again for this year, subject only to the availability of Mr. Malone to come to California to direct it. If he is unable to be with us this year, a contest of a similar nature in a different field will be substituted. Radio announcing has been suggested.

As it begins on Wednesday morning after two-thirds of the teams and contestants have been eliminated, this contest provides these students with an opportunity to try their abilities in a new field, discovering abilities they probably never knew they possessed.

The fact that it is impromptu gives everyone the same chance and puts students entirely "on their own" even more than the regular tournament events. The entry fee will be nominal, \$1 or \$2, just enough to cover the costs of judging. Like other contests, everyone will have two appearances before elimination begins.

Last year Mr. Malone gave the winner in poetry a beautiful pair of book-ends and had the winners appear with him on his Mutual network program. If poetry is the event this year he will do the same, but the network will be NBC.

So in true NFL never-say-die it was a poem by a chap named Kip-

Last year, Ted Malone, poetry spirit, contestants who are "out" on Tuesday will be "in" again on Wednesday in a new and different contest where once more they will grow by trying and perhaps open for themselves the road to "fame and fortune" by finding out what they can really do well.

#### "Poetry Ain't for Panty Waists!" By Ted Malone

"Poetry ain't for panty waists!" So spoke my taxi driver and slid the cab into

- an exclamation point as the traffic signal blinked its eye.
- I really hadn't anticipated such a philosophical
- observation from the six feet of bone and brawn

that filled the driver's seat. In fact . . . it stopped me.

- Since that morning in January I've heard those words ring
- through my mind a number of times. In school I never cared much for poetry.

Somehow I had the idea it was sissy stuff.

Poetry was a lot of fancy talk about flowers and birds and lovesick swains.

It was too sing-songy to have any real manly qualities in it.

- Generally speaking poetry was the bunk.
- It wasn't until I was out of college and making my living
- in radio that I found out its real strength.
- Then I discovered poetry is like a strand of wire . . .
- it can be used to light a city-

it can be used to sing a note and set a symphony in tune-

it can be used to electrocute a man.

When Gene Tunney was stretched flat on the canvas in Chicago and the crowd thought Dempsey had won

ling that lifted Tunney to his feet

- and to world championship. Gene Tunney tells the story
- that he was out on the floor, he was through,
- when for some reason he's never been able to explain,
- "If." the lines of Kipling's poem, kept beating through his brain:
- "If you can force your heart and nerve and sinew
- To serve your turn long after they are gone
- And so hold on when there is nothing in you
- Except the Will which says to them, 'Hold On!' "
- And Gene Tunney climbed to his feet and whipped
- the Menassa Mauler and retired from the ring undefeated.

"Poetry ain't for panty waists!" If you are laboring under a misappre-

hension as I was in schooltake a few minutes to read the pri-

- vate journals of almost any of the great poets of history. True
- they wore lace on their cuffs but you will find most of them were
- as red-blooded a set of men as ever walked the
- earth.
- More than that you'll find they were the most interesting characters
- in their time. They loved adventure. They would fight a duel
- for any lovely lady; they would defend the beggars and defy the kings
- even if the royal executioner lopped their heads off
- between the second and third stanzas.
- You must not interpret this to imply poety is a short cut
- to a school riot, nor that it is the invariable virtue of
- the town bully. It would be a virtue even in a town bully

but this is all another way of saying, "Poetry ain't for panty waists!" Poetry is the strand of silver wire-It requires two things to be of any service.

First a source of energy . . .

second an outlet for the current it carries.

The poets are the source; you, the

readers of poetry, are the outlets.

- You are the motors and the irons and the globes
- that spin or warm or glow as the magic current of living becomes yours.
- A faulty motor sputters and stops, a bad iron won't heat.
- a poor globe burns out; but in no case is it the fault
- of the silver strand of wire or the current of genius . . .
- it always comes back to the cab driver's comment-
- "Poetry ain't for panty waists!"

Who is it for?

- Poetry is the strongest form of language man has yet created.
- It can fill a coward's heart with courage.
- It can change defeat into success. It can transmute ugliness
- into beauty. It can change a cry into a song.
- Poetry is for a boy or girl who sees life as an adventure.
- Too many times life is so littered with little monotonous incidents . .
- we are apt to get so busy on the little path we're worrying along
- we forget all about the great highways-and mountains-and oceans beyond.
- If someone mentions them we are so occupied with our
- little things-we say the rest is bunk Poetry is for the boy or girl who isn't content
- with the paltry, petty, commonplace things-who wants adventure who wants to see the biggest moun-
- tains and the broadest seas.
- who wants a life filled with the best of everything

that life has to offer.

It takes a strong soul for that Adventure.

"Poetry ain't for panty waists!"

#### Register by Mail

Registration on the official form with entry fee attached should be mailed to the national office as early as possible and not later than June 5. Registration details on arrival in Beverly Hills will be virtually eliminated by this procedure.

### **Traveling to California**

#### How to Travel

Inasmuch as all transportation agencies are offering special inducements to travel to California for the International Exposition. lowest rates will be available to NFL contestants bound for Beverly Hills. Consult your local railroad agent. He will be glad to help you plan your trip and you will be surprised at the low cost of a round trip ticket, even on the fast air-conditioned trains.

If you drive your automobile vou ned make no special preparations except to have the car in good mechanical condition and equipped with good tires. The main transcontinental highways are all paved or hard surfaced. Even in the sparsely settled regions you will find service stations every 20 miles.

If time is a factor, US 66 is the shortest between St. Louis and Los Angeles, 1975 miles. US 40 through Colorado is the most scenic. At Salt Lake City take US 91 past Boulder Dam.

You can drive 500 miles a day by daylight, but don't buy cheap oil. You will find satisfactory ac-

#### Room Assignments When You Register

Guest rooms in Beverly Hills homes will be assigned to contestants and coaches only as they complete official registration. Mail your entry blanks to the national office well in advance of the tournament and have your room waiting for you when you reach Beverly Hills on June 17. Register early enough and you will have the name and address of your hostess before you leave home.

#### Information

For further information about the National Speech Tournament communicate with Bruno E. Jacob National Secretary at Ripon College, Ripon, Wis., until Friday. June 9; thereafter at Beverly Hills.

For information about arrangements at Beverly Hills, communicate with Charles F. Wright, Tournament Chairman, Beverly Hills High School.

commodations at tourist camps. Most of them are both comfortable and clean. Rates for furnished cabins will average about 75c a day per person. The best camps fill up early.

Drive carefully! Start early enough to avoid the necessity for excessive speed. Enjoy the marvelous scenery through which you will pass. Stop to see some of the wonders of the west. Take your time and the trip will add a year to your educational growth.

Please remember that everyone attending the tournament will look to you not to mar the happy occasion by a fatal accident. Be safe rather than sorry. You might be a good speaker, but you can't win an argument with death!

#### National Executive Council

- Hon. Karl E. Mundt, National President, Madison, S. D., and Washington, D. C.
- T. C. Bond, National Vice President McKinley High School, Niles, O.
- Bruno E. Jacob, National Secretary, Ripon College, Ripon, Wis.
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## National Tournament Rules

#### General Rules

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1. Time and Place. The Ninth National Speech Tournament shall be held at Beverly Hills, Calif., June 19 to 23, 1939.

2. Eligibility. All contestants shall be bona fide undergraduate students under 21 years of age on May 1. Debate eligibility shall be limited

to winners of first and second places in state final contests; to winners of first and second places in NFL district tournaments in which ten or more chapters participated in this contest; to winners of first place in such tournaments of less than ten chapters; to one entry from the host school; and to schools invited by special action of the Executive Council.

Other Contests shall be governed by the foregoing provisions and the following: One entry for each chapter receiving the Distinguished Service Award in 1939; for each Chapter possessing an unused certificate of tournament entry given for having enrolled 100 members and degrees; and for each District Chairman's chapter. A student who won a contest qualifying for entry in the national tournament remains eligible to enter or re-enter such contest if still an undergraduate high shool student.

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

4. Registration. Contestants must be registered with the National Secretary before 8 p. m. June 18.

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.

8. Protest of Judges. Judges assigned by the tournament officials 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 contest-

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 arangements 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 United States should form an alliance with Great Britain."

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."

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#### 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 admissable 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 manned that as far as possible they will meet with different contestants in the next contest.

8. Ranks. The judges shall rank cach 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, 1938. 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.

### **Tournament Schedule**

#### Saturday, June 17

P. M. Registration and assignment to homes.

#### Sunday, June 18

Eve. Registration closes at 8:00

#### Monday, June 19

A. M. General Assembly; Opening Session of National Student Congress; First round of debates.

- P. M. Debates, contests and congress.
- Eve. Banquet "shower of stars."

#### Tuesday, June 20

A. M. Debates, contests and congress.

P. M. Debates, contests and congress.

Eve. Banquet and tournament dance.

#### Wednesday, June 21

A. M. Debates, contests and congress.

P. M. Trip to Fox Studios and U.S. battle fleet.

Eve. Visit Griffith Park Observatory.

#### Thursday, June 22

A. M. Debates, contests and congress.

P. M. Special feature announced later.

Eve. Visit Columbia Square and Hollywood Radio City.

#### Friday, June 23

A. M. Contest finals, semi-final debates, and contests.

P. M. Special performance and tour at Pasadena Playhouse.

Eve. Championship debate; sine die adjournment of congress

A precise schedule of all events will be contained in the tournament program distributed at Beverly Hills.

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 10 minutes.

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

### From the Secretary's Desk

#### Regulation Governing Distinguished Service Award Revised by Executive Council

In authorizing silver and gold Distinguished Service plaques in addition to the bronze heretofore given, the council has also revised the services recognized. Some were dropped and others added. The previous regulation listed 26 services; the present one 29.

Instead of limiting the number of citations of any one kind which a Chapter might count toward the requirements for the award, the revised regulation allows chapters citations only once a year for most services. This shoud encourage a diversified and continuing program of useful activity.

If your chapter has not begun to accumulate citations toward one of these distinctive awards, begin now by filing applications for those earned within the past year. Then plan a definite program to include as many as possible of the services next year and receive your Distinguished Service Award in 1940.

#### Regulation No. 14

Year as District Chairman0-4
Year as National Officer
Editor of The Rostrum
Assistant Editor
Coach of national winner 3-
Managing District NFL tourna-

ment .....1-3 Major article in The Rostrum.....1 Talk on NFL before convention..1-3 Service at National tournament..1-3 Submitting declamation accepted

2. A bronze Distinguished Service plaque shall be granted to any Chapter earning 50 citations according to the following schedule; a silver plaque for 150 citations, and a gold plaque for 300 citations. Only one application for citations may be filed each year for each service except those marked\*.

\*Each citation earned by a mem-

ber \_\_\_\_\_1 \*Filing complete credit point re-

port of a tournament \_\_\_\_\_1 Entry in NFL district tournament or congress \_\_\_\_\_1 Official service therein \_\_\_\_\_1 Each entry in national tournament. 1 Public Award of certificates and

keys ......1 Presentation of three speech programs before civic organizations. 1

Attendance at evening debate equal to one-fourth of school

enrollment .....1 Inter-chapter meeting with twothirds of each chapter in attend-

National Student Congress ......1 Return of membership list before

a year ......1 Holding tournament in which 8 schools and 24 contestants

Other service approved by council 1-5

3. In cases of variable number of citations to be granted, the National Secretary shall determine the number, subject to review by the Executive Council. Citations approved shall be returned to the chapter and retained until the number requisite for an award has been attained, then filed at the national office.

4. Requests for Citations must be filed within one year from the date of the service.

### Pennsylvania Congress Makes the Headlines

When the Chapters of Western Pennsylvania held their first Student Congress at California State Teachers College Mar. 10-11, District Chairman D. K. Shirey of Derry certainly sold the idea to the Pittsburgh Sun-Telegraph. On Friday that metropolitan paper carried an eight column headline on the front page "Student Legislature at California" and three large photographs of congressional groups. News from Spain, Washington, and Czecho-Slovakia took second place.

On Saturday still larger headlines proclaimed "Student Legislature Acts" and the story with four large pictures took more than half of the front page.

It is a hopeful sign for speech activity when it can command such recognition from the public press. Perhaps it is the form of the activity, student congress, that captures the interest of others. If so, it seems doubly certain that the National Forensic League "started something" when it inaugurated its National Student Congress at Wooster last May.

Indiana, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Ohio, Oklahoma, and Tennessee Districts have already scheduled similar legislatures. Chairmen of other districts are missing an opportunity to give a practical and appealing turn to their speech programs if they neglect this important activity.

#### **Election of District Chairmen**

Ballots for the election of district chairmen for next year will be mailed with the April Rostrum. If your chapter wishes to enter a candidate, simply send his name to the national office and it will be listed in the April issue.

While the chairmanship involves work and responsibility, it also carries with it the opportunity for leadership and creative work. Chairmen receive up to seven citations toward the Distinguished Service Award for themselves and their chapters; bronze, silver or gold watch charms, and the privilege of entering one contestant in the national tournament. Next year two chairmen also will be chosen candidates for the Executive Council.

#### New Chapters

The charter committee announced the granting of charters to the following schools:

Webb City, Mo. Youngstown, Ohio Scienceville H. S. Woonsocket, S. D. Port Washington, Wis. Munhall, Pennsylvania

Colfax, Washington San Francisco, Calif. Lowell H. S. Murfreesboro, Tenn. Malverne, New York

Kilgore, Texas

#### Mansfield Chapter "Makes" the Picture Page

When one of our smaller chapters, Mansfield, IIII., held an allday practice tournament on Feb. 25, The Daily Pantagraph of Bloomington, a city of 30,000 spread the event over an entire page in 18 pictures of contestants in action and their coach, Mrs. Bly Pace. It was just an interclass tournament, but Mrs. Pace writes "This experiment was the best thing we have tried." The freshmen won it, so watch Mansfield for the next three years.

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### **Statistical Page**

#### **District Standings**

Up or	New Members per	Leading Chapter	Members
			- osices
1. +2 Ohio		7 Wooster	
2. —1 Pennsylvani	ia 123.4	ł Monessen	
3. O Texas		ł Abilene	74
4. 0 Wisconsin		2 Mayville	
5 0 Oklahoma	19.1	Enid	62
$6. \pm 2$ South. Illing	ois 117.1	DuQuoin	72
7. —1 Iowa		B Hawarden	61
8. +3 Indiana		Ft. Wayne-North	
$9 \pm 1$ Colorado		) Casper, Wyo	50
103 North. Illing	ois15.7	Maine Township	
11 2 New York		) Poughkeepsie	72
12. 0 California	2	) Beverly Hills	30
13. 0 Nebraska		Omaha-Benson	54
14 + 2 Missouri	1	Carrollton	33
15 —1 Kentucky	1 11.0	) Lexington	33
16 —1 Tennesse	3 10.5	Dickson	24
17. 0 Kansas	9.4	Salina	35
		Watertown	
19. 0 Minnesota	1 9.2	Mpls-West	40
		Portland, Me.	
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#### Coaches

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#### Students

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P. Hibbs, DuQuoin, Ill572	John Amott, Ft. Scott, Kas500
dmund Mayer, Topeka, Kas. 565	Harlan Dix, Wooster, O
I. Diller, Youngstown518	Kathleen O'Brien, Bentleyville 402
sell Caldwell, Wooster, O505	Dick Goodman, Lincoln, Ill
ile Stephens, Poughkeepsie491	Joe Mohr, Wellington, Kas
S. Cartwright, Elgin, Ill	Martin Rosenberg, Charleroi377
. H. Row, Pittsburg, Kas474	Ralph Phelps, N. Dallas, Tex374
i Osterhus, MplsRoosevelt409	Holbert Carroll, Charleroi

#### Going Up

	New	Total
Chapters	10	499
Members	344	20.709
Keys	57	10,386
Reports	1,388	79.850
Degrees of Honor	131	9,315
Degrees of Excellence	54	5,344
Degrees of Distinction	340	2,948

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