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" ONESTY is one part of eloquence: we persuade others by being in earnest ourselves".

—Hazlitt.



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9:00 a. m. National Championship Debate, C B S Network.

1:00 p. m. National Contest Winners, N B C Network.

Friday, May 8, Central Standard Time.

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An Opportunity For Practice

In a great many of our schools, the last month of school is a slack period in so far as speech contests are concerned. Yet many disciples of the spoken art would welcome an opportunity once again to match their wits before His Majesty, The Auditor! Spring finds the school speaker at his best with a full season's experience behind him and able to speak with his maximum effectiveness. But where? And when? And, to whom?

Here is a procedure which not only gives these speakers practical experience but which has definite value to the whole community. It is an easy procedure to follow—it merely calls for the speech director or a committee from the NFL chapter to act as a "booking agency" for securing actual speaking dates for the school's most effective speakers. This committee contacts a number of organizations in the community such as the Kiwanis, Rotary, Lions, or Exchange Club; the local chapter of the Izaak Walton League; the women's clubs; lodges; young people's church organizations; chambers of commerce; P. T. A. groups, or before the grade school student bodies. Always though on some subject of interest to the group. Of course, no charge is made for this service but it is wonderful experience for the speakers and provides some fine programs for these auditors. Frequently, the speakers can give very interesting talks on the "Scope and Significance of the Modern Speech Program", and in this way do much to further interest the community and its citizens in the speech program of their school.

A few chapters have had some fascinating and fruitful experiences in thus projecting the school's speech program into the every-day life of their communities. It is a procedure which cannot be too highly recommended. It provides actual speaking experience before genuine audiences and as this program is developed it might well become just as vital a part of the school year activities as the debate season or the speech contests. Good speakers are rare before any regularly meeting groups; your chapter can render the double service of providing good speakers for local groups and of giving your student speakers the most practical kind of speech experience and training. —Karl E. Mundt.

NFL District Tournament Winners

Massachusetts

Held at Williamsburg, March 27th.

Debate

Warren, first
Charlton, second

Oratory

Roland Shaine, Cambridge
Sheila Swenson, Williamsburg

Extempore

John Madden, Cambridge
Walter Daby, Worcester-North

The Balfour trophy will be awarded to Cambridge.

Oratorical

S. Paul Haddad, Worcester-North
Katherine Lawless, Hingham

Dramatic

Ruth Gray, Cambridge
Irene Dow, Worcester-North

Humorous

Robert Bergmark, Charlton
Rita Doherty, Cambridge

Illinois

Held at Lincoln, April 9-10-11th.

Debate

DuQuoin, first
Jacksonville, second

Oratory

Winifred Quies, Freeport
Ruth Weltge, DuQuoin

Extempore

William Clark, Jacksonville
Bill Murphy, Aurora-West

Oratorical

Bob Goebel, Lincoln
Paul Morris, Mansfield

Dramatic

James Harper, DuQuoin
Julia Pitchford, Granite City

Humorous

Jack Hayes, Mansfield
Catherine Aaron, Peoria-Central

New England

Held at Portland High School, Maine, April 11th

Debate

Berwick Academy, Maine
Myer Alpert, Bangor, Me.

Oratory

Francis Shea, Portland, Me.

Extempore

Oratorical

Jacob Kaplan, Cambridge, Mass.

Dramatic

Max Cope, Portland, Me.

Humorous

Mary Gozonsky, Laconia, N. H.

Wisconsin

Held at Ripon College, April 17-18.

Debate

Shawano and Sheboygan tied for first

Oratory

Dorothy Rees, Oconomowoc
June Hicks, Kenosha

Extempore

Solomon Kleinman, Milwaukee-Wash.
Roland Day, Eau Claire

Oratorical

Charlotte Zion, Sheboygan
Don Eastvold, Eau Claire

Dramatic

Charlotte Richberg, Manitowoc
Ruth McGonagle, Kenosha

Humorous

Robert Wright, Oconto Falls
Charlotte Zion, Sheboygan

Sheboygan won the Balfour cup for extensive participation

Oklahoma

Held at Oklahoma College for Women, Chickasha, April 24-25

Debate

Enid, first
Classen H. S., second

Oratory

Wayne Wilson, Enid
Warren White, Classen H. S.

Extempore

Ed Edmondson, Muskogee
Leon Davis, Classen H. S.

Oratorical

Carter Hardwick, Classen H. S.
Juan Vargas, Capitol Hill H. S.

Dramatic

Lillian Canon, El Reno
Delores Mayhall, Central H. S.

Humorous

Mary A. Dunaway, Shawnee
Loy Geary, Ada

Ohio

Held at Kent State University, April 16-17-18

DebateKent State H. S., first
Youngstown-Chaney, second**Oratory**Harriet MacGilvary, Wooster
Vincent DeSimeo, Ravenna**Extempore**Ray Hambleton, Canton
Ann Holden, Wooster

The Balfour Tournament trophy was won by Wooster

OratoricalJames Layton, Wooster
Victor Ramsey, Chaney H. S.**Dramatic**Gale Nickolet, Canton
Watson Watts, Paris Twp.**Humorous**Joan Echelberger, Ashland
Jacqueline Boyd, Wooster**Pennsylvania**

Debate tournament held at State College, April 16-18. Other contests for the Western Division held at California State Teachers College, April 6-7; for the Eastern Division at Allentown Preparatory School, April 4.

DebateUniontown, first
Waynesburg, second**Western Division****Oratory**Margaret Carpenter, Glassport
Shuyler Robertson, Sewickley**Extempore**Harriet Goldstein, Brownsville
Beatrice Keller, California**Oratorical**Leo Engelmeier, St. Vincent
James Kooser, East Huntingdon**Dramatic**Marion Huseman, California
Mary E. McCreary, California**Humorous**Helen Budzanoski, Centerville
Jane Dryburg, Centerville**Eastern Division****Oratory**

Alice Olewine, Slatington

Extempore

James Shumaker, So. Whitehall

Oratorical

Robert Wertman, Catasauqua

Dramatic

Dorothy Smith, Catasauqua

Humorous

Norman Tice, Catasauqua

Nebraska

Held at Central High School, Omaha, March 12-13.

DebateOmaha-Central, first
Omaha-Technical, second**Oratory**Dewey Ziegler, Central
Louis Hartz, Technical**Extempore**Earl Machaby, Benson
Roy Meyers, Council Bluffs**Oratorical**Ruth Finer, Central
Richard Swenson, North**Dramatic**Laura Schlueter, Fremont
Julian Caffrey, Central**Humorous**Marion Leach, Benson
Ruth Waddington, North

The Balfour trophy for extensive participation was won by Benson High of Omaha.

Kansas

Held at Emporia April 18.

DebateWichita-East, and K. C. Wyandotte HS
By Ex. Council selection**Oratory**Betty Warren, Topeka
John Oakson, K. C. Wyandotte**Extempore**Aaron Cohen, Lawrence
Barbara Lanquernont, Canton**Oratorical**William Wade, Independence
Corrine Hobbs, Topeka**Dramatic**William Wade, Independence
Marjorie Patterson, Topeka**Humorous**Stanley Hamilton, Wichita-East
Ansel Hugo, Independence**From the Secretary's Desk****Election of District Chairmen**

Ballots are enclosed with this issue for the annual election of district chairmen. The following members have been nominated but any member may be voted for too.

C. C. Diettert, No. Judson, Ind.	James A. Tracy, Fort Collins
Levi Osterhus, Minneapolis	O. A. Swanson, Oconomowoc
Ray Cowell, Anacortes, Wash.	Ralph N. Schmidt, Mayville, Wis.
Lola M. Berry, Lewiston, Idaho	A. E. Meyer, Sheboygan, Wis.
Marion A. Wallace, Ossin'g, N.Y.	Mary E. Perkins, Sioux Falls
John Bowe, Syracuse, N. Y.	Warren T. Kingsbury, Wichita
L. D. Schreive r, Charleroi, Pa.	Mary E. Hamilton, Omaha-No.
O. A. Rodefer, Waynesburg, Pa.	H. J. McCabe, Emerson, Nebr.
P. W. Clarke, Moorefield, W. Va.	J. W. Brandstetter, Houston
Thos. D. Reed, Hammond, Ind.	J. Edmund Mayer, Topeka, Kans.

Mark your ballot at once and mail it to the national office. Each ballot will count as many votes as the chapter has active members and degrees on record on May 25th.

Honorary Members

The California Chapters have elected Professor E. R. Nichols of the University of Redlands Honorary Member. For three years Professor Nichols has conducted the California tournament and NFL members everywhere recognize his name as the editor of the Inter-collegiate Debate series of annual volumes.

Procurement of Chapter Honorary Keys Opitonal

The Executive Council has directed that Chapters may elect honorary members without procuring the key at time of election.

New Chapters

The Charter Committee announces the authorization of charters the following schools:

Holdrege, Nebraska	Fresno, California
Seminole, Oklahoma	Roosevelt High School
Emporia, Kansas	Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
Youngstown-South, Ohio	Central High School
Berea, Ohio	Hopkins Academy, Mass.
Shawnee, Oklahoma	Pueblo, Colorado
Oklahoma City, Okla.	Centennial High School
Capitol Hill High School	Hollis, Oklahoma
Altus, Oklahoma	Liberty, Missouri
Charleston, Mississippi	Virginia, Minnesota
Terre Haute, Indiana	West Bend, Wisconsin
Wiley High School	Ada, Oklahoma
Groton, Massachusetts	Jonesboro, Tennessee

1937 Question for Debate

The N. U. E. A. Debate Committee announces the wording of the debate question for next year as follows:

"Resolved: That all electric utilities should be governmentally owned and operated."

The will accordingly be the official question for the NFL tournament for 1937.

Statistical Diet

District Standing

Rank	Up or Down	District	Av. No. Memb's	Leading Chapter	Members & Degrees
1.	0	New York	17.6	Poughkeepsie	84
2.	+1	Indiana	14.0	Bloomington	34
3.	+1	Ohio	13.7	Niles	88
4.	-2	Nebraska	13.6	Omaha-Central	33
5.	0	Wisconsin	12.9	Mayville	47
6.	0	Missouri	12.8	Joplin	109
7.	0	Pennsylvania	10.7	Monessen	67
8.	+7	Colorado	10.4	Douglas, Wyo.	24
9.	+3	Illinois	10.0	DuQuoin	59
10.	-2	Texas	9.5	North Dallas	42
11.	+2	Dakota	9.4	Sioux Falls	42
12.	-2	Kansas	9.3	Topeka	59
13.	+1	Iowa	8.5	Oskaloosa	31
14.	-5	Michigan	8.0	River Rouge	28
15.	-4	California	7.7	Bakersfield	21
16.	0	Minnesota	7.5	Mpls-Roosevelt	38
17.	+1	Southern	7.4	Paducah, Ky.	18
18.	+1	New England	7.2	Portland, Me.	16
19.	-2	Washington	6.5	Lewiston, Idaho	54

Decalet of Leaders — The Second Ten

Coaches		Students	
Kathryn Moran, Joplin.....	734	Harriet Goldstine, Br'nsville	544
L. D. Schreiber, Charleroi.....	708	James Harper, DuQuoin.....	461
C. H. Beem, Perry, Iowa.....	666	Dwight Croessmann, DuQu'n	440
William Row, Pittsb'g, Kan.	656	Lester Harris, El Reno.....	351
Levi Osterhus, Minneapolis	632	Helen Ward, E. Palestine.....	349
J. Edmund Mayer, Topeka	630	Ann Pullman, N. Dallas.....	339
J.C. Aldrich, Webster Groves	578	Curtis, Mpls-Roosevelt.....	333
Hazel A. Hatch, Enid, Okla.	569	Clifton Stratton, Topeka.....	329
Lucile Stephens, Poughk'psie	506	Mary Porterfield, Topeka.....	323
E. L. Kimball, Chicago EveY	498	Jane Lieberman, Youngst'n	323

The students ranking in this Decalet of Leaders are invited to participate in the national tournament.

Going Up

Chapters	23	500
Members	440	14,043
Keys	106	7,817
Reports	2,166	52,941
Memoranda	2,223	55,516
Degrees Granted:		
Degrees of Honor	230	5,257
Degrees of Excellence	143	2,728
Degrees of Distinction	89	1,427

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