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Our Lucky Seventh!

In certain speculative games, not frequently mentioned in educational journals (!), seven is considered a lucky number; and so it most certainly has proved to be in the history of NFL Speech Tournaments. Our Jacksonville tournament was our biggest and our best; considered from every angle it was the most universally successful in the history of the League.

Throughout the tournament, sportsmanship like losing and modest winning were the unbroken rules of competition. Our hosts had done everything possible to contribute to the pleasure and happiness of the meet and contests were won and lost with the same spirit of friendly rivalry. The committee on Good Will and Grievance was as unnecessary as an olive wreath at an Indian war dance.

Each tournament has taught the League management additional lessons in tournament administration and planning. The Jacksonville tournament was no exception to the rule. From it, has been learned that "bigness" is not an insurmountable object to efficiency; the 1937 tournament was our biggest and was run the most efficiently of all. New lessons on effective housing of tournament participants were also learned from the Jacksonville tournament and will be passed on to host cities in the future.

Our 1938 tournament will also include definite and valuable educational features by nationally recognized speech leaders; it will be a combination tournament-convention and educational speech conference on high school speech problems. The Veterans' Club is planning something special for the 1938 tournament.

Due to the conflicting speech convention in Madison, Wisconsin, fewer judges from out-of-state colleges were available than ordinarily; but the judging went on with a minimum of complaint and with general satisfaction. How? NFL coaches were used more extensively than customarily. In the next tournament still more of our own coaches will be used and a procedure developed for reimbursing qualified judges from among our own ranks who are invited to serve as judges. Some coaches will be invited in as judges with expenses paid, who do not have contestants in the meet, and all District Chair-

men will be encouraged to attend the next tournament-convention-conference. All in all, our lucky seventh taught us much and was thoroughly a most enjoyable affair.

To Harold Gibson, speech director at Jacksonville, Principal James Mutch, Superintendent R. O. Stoops and all of Jacksonville go our profound thanks and admiration for giving us our most successful tournament.
—Karl E. Mundt.

Our Business Meeting

Wednesday morning's business session of the tournament brought out some interesting discussions on league development and stimulated the customary amount of impromptu oratory and individual debating.

The committee on Tournament Betterment was comprised of R. P. Hibbs, DuQuoin, Chairman, Russell Caldwell, Wooster, and Holle DeBoer, Greeley. Recommendations included a suggestion that more educational features be added to the next tournament; use of NFL judges be increased with an increased entrance fee demanded, rebates from which are to be made to coaches who judges; and that extemporaneous contests be altered to reduce further any possibility of memorized speeches. Russell Caldwell stirred up a young revolt by suggesting that the declamatory section be eliminated from future tournaments; he and E. E. Bradley of El Reno, Okla., comprised a "two-man gang" to promote this "reform" but their tribe did NOT "two-man gang" to promote this "reform" but their tribe did not

The League Welfare Committee was Mary Blackburn, Granite City, chairman, Levi Osterhus, Minneapolis, and Carl Jackson, Minneapolis. Its recommendations proposed tightening the degree requirements for advanced degrees and measures to assure more prompt filing of contest reports.

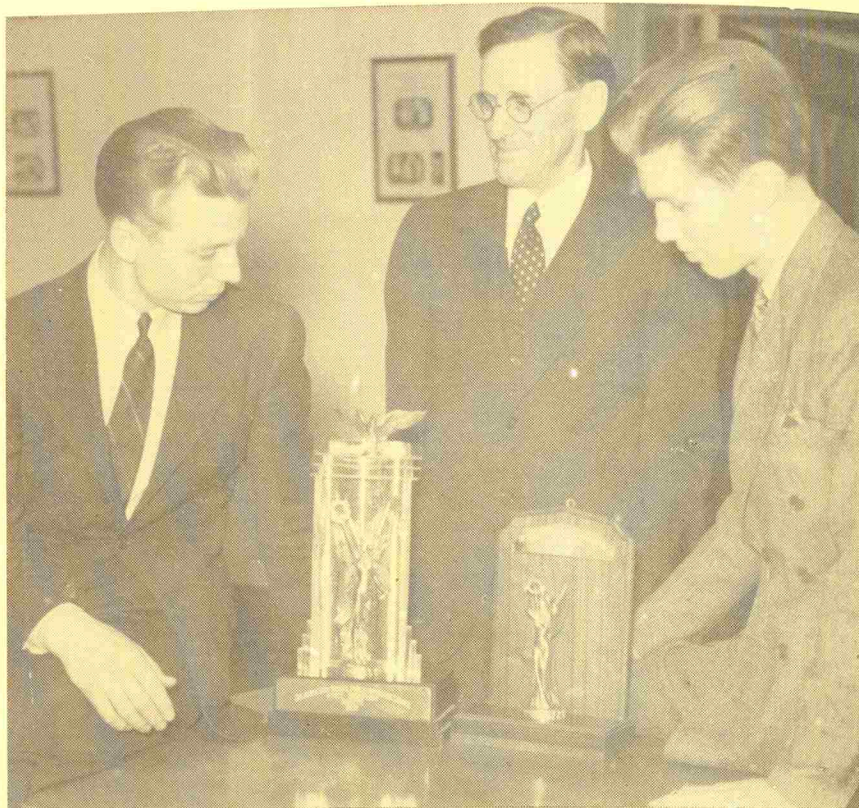
The committee on constitution and by-laws was made up of J. Arthur Nelson of Omaha-Benson, chairman; H. W. Mathison of Eau Claire, and K. V. Giffen of Wadsworth. No important changes were proposed in the existing Book of Laws and Regulations.

C. E. Gady (colonel to you!) of Oklahoma City, and John Schmidt of Sioux City comprised the committee on next year's convention city. Bidders thus far for the privilege of entertaining us in 1938 include Ft. Wayne, Ind., (definite), and, tentatively, Sioux City, Iowa; Detroit, Mich., Wichita, Kans., and Omaha, Neb. California urged the group to consider convening on the west coast at least "one year in ten." The Executive Council will decide upon the tournament city at its mid-winter meeting in New York City in connection with the annual convention of the Teachers of Speech Association.

—NFL—

Missing persons at Jacksonville: J. Edmund Mayer of Topeka; Wiley K. Peterson of Bakersville, **Governor Horner of Illinois**; Dean Dennis; H. L. Ewbank; Sylvester Toussaint; Mary 'Liz Perkins of Sioux Falls (But Sioux Falls was there with emphasis!) and three-time after dinner winner of coaches' contest, Harold Netherton of Oklahoma City.

The National Winners



Warren White, Col. C. E. Grady, Ned Nedved

Debate

Classen High School	Elgin, Ill.—Second
Oklahoma City, Okla.—First	Carol Kohler Doris Ollman
Warren White Ned Nedved	John Amott Doris Lantz
Col. C. E. Grady, Coach	R. S. Cartwright, coach
DuQuoin, Ill.—Third	Aurora-West, Ill.—Third
Bill Case Virginia Allen	Bill Murphy Tom McElin
Dwight Croessmann	C. J. Nebergal, coach
R. P. Hibbs, coach	Eau Claire, Wis.—Sixth
Sioux Falls, S. D.—Fifth	Winchester, Ky.—Sixth

DuQuoin Wins National Trophy

Qualifying a debate team and seven individual contestants, only one of which was in the national last year, DuQuoin amassed 61 points to bring its total for five national tournaments to 151. DuQuoin won the debate championship last year and extempore speaking this year. R. P. Hibbs is the coach to produce the phenomenal rise of new forensic stars.

Original Oratory

1. Howard Grossman, West High Minneapolis, Minn.
2. Warren White, Classen High, Oklahoma City, Okla.
3. Bill Case, DuQuoin, Ill.
4. Bob Johnson, Lincoln, Ill.
5. John Steward, Dearborn, Mich.
6. June Patterson, Cliffside Park, N.J.
7. Henrietta Sadler, Liberty, Mo.



Howard Grossmann

Dramatic Declamatoir

1. Virginia Kraft, Mediapolis, Ia.
2. Garth Hite, Marengo, Iowa
3. Charles Carshon, Central H.S. Oklahoma City, Okla.
4. James Christensen, Harlan, Ia
5. Rosemary Fox, El Reno, Okla
6. Jean Patterson, DuQuoin, Ill.
7. Glenn Fielding, Lincoln, Ill.



Virginia Kraft

Extempore Speaking

1. Dwight Croessmann, DuQuoin, Ill.
2. Charles Brown, Springfield, Mo.
3. Bill Murphy, Aurora-West, Ill.
4. Gene Dennis, Sioux Falls, S. D.
5. Jane Dunlap, Jacksonville, Ill.
6. Wilma Rains, DuQuoin, Ill.
7. Jack Leach, Capitol Hill H.S., Oklahoma City, Okla.



Dwight Croessmann



Julia Pitchford

Humorous Declamation

1. Julia Pitchford, Granite City, Ill.
2. William Connell, Hingham, Mass.
3. John MacGregor, Charleston, Ill. Teachers College H.S.
4. Wayne Jung, Sheboygan, Wis.
5. Jean Patterson, DuQuoin, Ill.
6. Ralph Parker, Lincoln, Ill.
7. Dick Goodman, Lincoln, Ill.

Oratorical Declamation

1. Francis Butler, St. Cloud, Minn.
2. Bob Johnson, Lincoln, Ill.
3. Lee Hewitt, Maplewood, Mo.
4. Don Easvold, Eau Claire, Wis.
5. John Mundt, Sioux Falls, S. D.
6. Dalton McAlister, South H.S., Ft. Wayne, Ind.
7. Frank G. Clement, Dickson, Tenn.

Twice in National Finals

Elgin High School holds the distinction of being the only high school which has twice placed a team in the national final debate. In 1934 the school met Central High of Oklahoma City and this year Classen High also of Oklahoma City. R. S. Cartwright produced both of the championship caliber teams.



John Amott, Mr. R. S. Cartwright
Carol Kohler, Doris Lants, Doris Ollman

National Tournament Results**Debate**

In the first five rounds teams were rated, Fair, Good, Excellent, Superior, or Outstanding. Teams with an average rating of Superior were continued in the tournament; those with a composite of four Superior ratings and one Excellent were placed into a special round, winner continue, loser eliminated; the remaining teams were eliminated at the conclusion of the fifth round.

Advanced

Oklahoma City, Okla.,	Aurora-West Ill.	O G O O O
Capitol Hill H.S.	Newton, Kans.	S S S O S
Miami, Okla.	DuQuoin, Ill.	O S S O O
Bristol, Tenn.	San Bernardino, Cali.	O E O S O
Eau Claire, Wis.	Elgin, Ill.	S S O O O
Plymouth, Mich.	Corbin, Ky.	E O O S S
Mpls.-West H.S. Minn.	Springfield, Mo.	O O G O O
Houston-San Jacinto, Tex.		

Special Round

Sheboygan, Wis.	Kent-State, Ohio	E G S O O
Winchester, Ky.	Sioux City-East, Ia.	O G O S E
Okla. City-Classen H.S.	Shawnee, Okla.	E S G O S
Topeka-Catholic	Sioux Falls, S. D.	E S G O O
Watertown, S. D.	LaPorte, Ind.	O E E S S
Davenport, Iowa	Omaha-Benson, Neb.	O S E O G

Eliminated

Wooster, Ohio	E E E E G	E. Cleveland, Ohio	G E G S G
Jonesboro, Tenn.	E E F O E	Marysville, O.	S O F E E
Hueytown, Ala.	E S E E E	Cheyenne, Wyo.	E G F E S
Brentwood, Mo.	G G E G O	Groversville, N. Y.	G S E G F
Webster Groves, Mo.	S S F S O	Ionia, Mich.	E S O E G
Fall River, Mass.	G G F S F	Columbia City, Ind.	G E E O E
Littleton, Colo.	G G S O G	Shreveport, La.	G G S G G
Jacksonville, Ill.	S E O F O	Kimball, Neb.	F S E S F
Walsenburg, Colo.	S G G S G	Twin Falls, Idaho	E E G G S
Worthington, Minn.	F O S E O	Douglas, Wyo.	S E G E E
Carmichaels, Pa.	F S F E F	Princeton, Ind.	E F S S G
Abilene, Texas	G G G E E	Ambridge, Pa.	G E G S G
Beverly Hills, Calif.	S S G S E	Independence, Mo.	E F O O E
Kenosha, Wis.	S E E E S	Rome, N. Y.	E E G E S
Odessa, Wash.	F F F G F	Middleboro, Ky.	G F S S E
Fremont, Ohio	O G S E S	Union City, N. J.	G F E G E
Beaverton, Ore.	F G F G E	Williamsburg, Mass.	F G G G F
Mt. St. Mary, Cherokee, Ia.	G G E O S	New Boston, N. Hamp.	G G F — G

Won**Round 5**

Oklahoma City, Classen H.S.	Catholic-Topeka, Kans.
Shawnee, Okla.	Sioux City, Iowa
Winchester, Ky.	Sheboygan, Wis.
Watertown, S. D.	Omaha-Ben., Neb.
Kent-State, Ohio	Davenport, Ia.
Sioux Falls, S.D.	La Porte, Ind.

Lost**Won**

Okla. City-Cap. Hill	Watertown, S. D.
Springfield, Mo.	Houston-San Jacinto, Tex.
Sioux Falls, S. D.	Newton, Kans.
Miami, Okla.	Mpls.-West, Minn.
Elgin, Ill.	San Bernardino, Calif.
DuQuoin, Ill.	Kent-State, Ohio
Shawnee, Okla.	Plymouth, Mich.
Aurora-West, Ill.	Bristol, Tenn.

Round 6

Winchester, Ky.	Eau Claire, Wis.	San Bernardino, Cal.	Okla. City Cap. Hill
Oklahoma City-Classen H.S.	Corbin, Ky.	Elgin, Ill.	Newton, Kans.

Round 7

Won	Lost	Won	Lost
DuQuoin, Ill.	Mpls.-West, Minn.	Round 9	
Corbin, Ky.	Kent-State, Ohio	Eau Claire, Wis.	San Bernardino, Cal.
Aurora-West, Ill.	Houston-San Jacinto, Texas	Okla. City-Classes HS.	Springfield, Mo.
Plymouth, Mich.	Okla. City-Classes HS.	DuQuoin, Ill.	Winchester, Ky.
Springfield, Mo.	Shawnee, Okla.	Sioux Falls, S.D.	Aurora-West, Ill.
Winchester, Ky.	Miami, Okla.	Round 10	
Sioux Falls, S. D.	Bristol, Tenn.	DuQuoin, Ill.	Eau Claire, Wis.
Eau Claire, Wis.	Watertown, S. D.	Elgin, Ill.	Sioux Falls, S. D.
Round 8		Aurora-West, Ill.	Springfield, Mo.
San Bernardino, Calif.	Corbin, Ky.	Classen, Okla., Bye	
Springfield, Mo.	DuQuoin, Ill.	Round 11	
Sioux Falls, S.D.	Miami, Okla.	Okla. City-Classes	DuQuoin, Ill.
Okla. City-Cap. Hill,	Plymouth, Mich.	Elgin, Ill.	Aurora-West, Ill.
Okla. City-Classes HS	Elgin, Ill.	Final Debate	
Aurora-West, Ill.	Winchester, Ky.	Oklahoma City-Classes	Elgin, Ill.
Eau Claire, Wis.	Shawnee, Okla.		

The numbers indicate the number of rounds in which the contestant participated. Six rounds were held in all events.

Oratory

5 Robert Hine, Beverly Hills, Calif.	4 Harvey Crawford, Salisbury, Mo.
4 Ruth Mellenkoff, Beverly Hills, Calif.	4 Donald Turner, Omaha-Benson, Neb.
3 Stuart A. Mace, Littleton, Col.	4 Rich. Abernathy, Omaha-Benson, Neb.
3 Max Warr, Burley, Idaho	4 Roy Alley, Omaha-North, Neb.
4 Woodrow Janda, Cicero, Ill.	6 June Patterson, Cliffside Park, N. J.
6 Bill Case, DuQuoin, Ill.	3 Wm. Tompkins, Albany, N. Y.
5 Harold Christopher, Dwight, Ill.	3 Donald L. Halladay, Oswego, N. Y.
3 Doris Lantz, Elgin, Ill.	3 Henry Hofacker, Wooster, Ohio
3 Carol McClelland, Jacksonville, Ill.	3 Bill Little, Ada, Okla.
6 Bob Johnson, Lincoln, Ill.	6 Warren White, Okla. City, Classen, Ok.
3 Genevieve Larson, Lincoln, Ill.	4 Marg. Ledbetter, Okla. City-Cent., Ok.
5 Don Wollett, Peoria-Central, Ill.	3 William Dudzak, Brownsville, Pa.
3 Bud Axtell, Auburn, Ind.	3 Lorraine O'Brien, Brownsville, Pa.
4 Bill Rivkin, Davenport, Iowa	3 Donald Rasmussen, Beresford, S. D.
3 Richard Klas, Sioux City, East, Iowa	3 Louis French, Yankton, S. D.
3 David French, Emporia, Kans.	3 Jimmie Weems, Dickson, Tenn.
3 Lorraine Barnett, Topeka, Kans.	3 Nancy Glascock, Maryville, Tenn.
3 Margaret Shroyer, Topeka, Kans.	3 Eulysie Smith, Whitehaven, Tenn.
6 John Steward, Dearborn, Mich.	3 Arlene Forst, Mayville, Wis.
3 Bernard Carroll, Dearborn, Mich.	5 Solomon Kleinman, Milwaukee-Wash. Wisconsin
6 Howard Grossman, Minneapolis, West	5 Dolores Keshena, Shawano, Wis.
3 Vadah Cochran, Holly Springs, Miss.	3 Walter Phelan, Cheyenne, Wyo.
6 Henrietta Sadler, Liberty, Mo.	

Extempore Speaking

3 Elaine Colvin, Greeley, Colo.	3 David Justice, Logansport, Ind.
3 Robert Barday, Louisville, Colo.	3 Dorothea Guenther, Davenport, Ia.
3 Walter Hugins, Littleton, Colo.	3 Dale Harter, Sioux City-East, Iowa
3 Jack Roper, Burley, Idaho	5 Charles Hall, Lebanon, Kans.
3 Richard Allen, Aledo, Ill.	3 William Tullis, Winchester, Ky.
6 Bill Murphy, Aurora, Ill.	3 Ben Haig Bagdikian, Stoneham, Mass.
4 John Clark, Jacksonville, Ill.	3 Clyde Ebling, Dearborn, Mich.
6 Jane Dunlap, Jacksonville, Ill.	3 Edith Mettetal, Plymouth, Mich.
6 Dwight Croessman, DuQuoin, Ill.	3 Brandon Rimmer, Duluth, Minn.
6 Wilma Rains, DuQuoin, Ill.	3 Ed Larkin, Luverne, Minn.
4 Ruth Lee, DuQuoin, Ill.	5 Rolland Redlin, Minneapolis, Minn.
4 Richard Juby, Elgin, Ill.	3 Roosevelt High School
5 James Bandy, Granite City, Ill.	3 Elliot Rosenfield, Minneapolis, Minn.
3 Katharine Crofts, Fort Wayne, No. Ind.	3 West High School

4 Mary F. McAnnaw, Excel. Spgs., Mo.	(Classen)
6 Charles Brown, Springfield, Mo.	3 Bill Thomas, Salem, Ore.
4 Carl Johnson, Omaha-Tech., Neb.	3 Paul W. Horn, Charleroi, Pa.
3 Donald L. Halladay, Oswego, N. Y.	3 Holbert Carroll, Charleroi, Pa.
3 Donald Kramer, Euclid, Ohio	6 Gene Dennis, Sioux Falls, S. D.
4 Robert Kreider, Wadsworth, Ohio	3 Kenneth Canfield, Yankton, S. D.
3 Dominic Iannarelli, Wooster, Ohio	3 Gaston Cogdell, Abilene, Texas
6 Jake Leach, Okla. City, Okla.	3 Ralph Phelps, Dallas-North, Texas
Capitol Hill High School	5 Frank G. Clement, Dickson, Tenn.
3 Clarabeth Holt, Okla. City., Okla.	3 Stuart W. Maker, Knoxville, Tenn.
Central High School	3 Jean Lewis, Memphis-Tech., Tenn.
3 Reba June Long, Okla. City, Okla.	4 Elizabeth Bostian, Bluefield, W. Va.
Classen High School	3 Camille Clayton, Bluefield, W. Va.
3 Russell Holloway, Okla. City, Okla.	3 Ruth Whiffen, Sheboygan, Wis.

Oratorical Declamation

4 Bill King, Grossmont, Calif.	3 Charles Youmans, Dearborn, Mich.
3 George Mukai, Grossmont, Calif.	3 Cyril Hauser, Luverne, Minn.
5 Maynard Robinette, Greeley, Colo.	6 Frances Butler, St. Cloud, Minn.
3 Melba Parker, Burley, Idaho	3 Leon Cordle, Louisiana, Mo.
5 Grant Sawyer, Twin Falls, Ida.	6 Lee Hewitt, Maplewood, Mo.
3 Albert Olson, Wilder, Ida.	3 Robert Towner, Horell, N. Y.
4 Woodrow Janda, Cicero, Ill.	3 Jack Deal, Syracuse-Vocat., N. Y.
5 Randall Robertson, Granite City, Ill.	3 Robert Towner, Hornell, N. Y.
3 Robert Austin, Jacksonville, Ill.	3 Donald Kramer, Euclid, Ohio
3 George Wrisley, La Grange, Ill.	3 Martha Jane Thomas, Niles, Ohio
6 Bob Johnson, Lincoln, Ill.	3 Betty DeJute, Niles, Ohio
4 William Suager, Fort Wayne, Ind.	3 Marilyn Johnston, Wooster, Ohio
North Side High School	4 James Parks, Dustin, Okla.
6 Dalton McAister, Ft. Wayne, Ind.	5 Max Murphy, Okla. City-Cent., Okla.
South High School	3 Geo. Brown, Okla. City-Classes, Okla.
3 Tim Lowe, Logansport, Ind.	3 Maynard Kisinger, Bentleyville, Pa.
3 Sam Gilman, Davenport, Iowa	6 John Mundt, Sioux Falls, S. D.
3 Wallace Henry, Sheldon, Iowa	3 Thurman Hall, Chattanooga, Tenn.
3 Robert Harnel, Sioux City, East, Iowa	6 Frank Clement, Dickson, Tenn.
3 Conrad Schadt, Williamsburg, Ia.	5 Jimmie Weems, Dickson, Tenn.
4 Edith Bell, Mineral, Kans.	3 Eddie Phelps, Bluefield, W. Va.
4 Lorraine Barnett, Topeka, Kans.	6 Don Eastvold, Eau Claire, Wis.
3 Mary Kolar, Wichita-Cathedral, Kans.	3 Eugene Horedovitz, Kenosha, Wis.
3 Lawrence Cross, Albany, Ky.	3 Lucille Maaske, Mayville, Wis.
3 Andrew Hill, Shreveport, La.	3 Eugene Behling, Oconto Falls, Wis.
3 Eleanor Davis, Charlton, Mass.	z

Dramatic Declamation

3 Mir. Gupelman, San Bernardino, Calif.	3 Rose Solomon, Turners Falls, Mass.
3 Jim Souther, San Bernardino, Calif.	3 Sherm. Lloyd, Muskegon Hts., Mich.
3 Dorothy Thompson, Greeley, Colo.	4 Elizabeth Fulton, Virginia, Minn.
3 Melba Parker, Burley, Idaho	3 Anna May Levy, Holly Springs, Miss.
4 Betty King, Charleston, Ill.	3 Dorothy Collins, Liberty, Mo.
6 Jean Patterson, DuQuoin, Ill.	3 Robert Hoffelt, Maplewood, Mo.
5 Julia Pitchford, Granite City, Ill.	3 Eileen Walsh, Albany, N. Y.
3 Mary Gaomer, Jacksonville, Ill.	3 Margaret Walter, Hornell, N. Y.
6 Glenn Fielding, Lincoln, Ill.	3 Jacqueline Boyd, Wooster, Ohio
3 Mary Hovey, Olney, Ill.	3 Harriet MacGillivray, Wooster, Ohio
4 Cillia Korish, Roodhouse, Ill.	3 Betty Leake, Youngstown, So., Ohio
3 Mercedes Schmidt, Cherokee, Ia.	3 Virginia Sugg, Ada, Okla.
6 James Christensen, Harlan, Iowa	6 Rosemary Fox, El Reno, Okla.
6 Garth Hite, Marengo, Iowa	6 Charles Carshon, Okla. City, Okla.
6 Virginia Kraft, Mediapolis, Iowa	Central High School
5 Sara Anne Larson, Onawa, Iowa	5 Betty Evans, Okla. City, Okla.
3 Patricia Neighbors, Hutchinson, Kans.	Classen High School
3 Edith Bell, Mineral, Kans.	3 Ann Fluber, Okla. City, Okla.
3 James J. Nunes, Harwich, Mass.	Capitol Hill High School

- 3 Esther Feinberg, Charleroi, Pa.
- 3 Helen Budzanoski, Centerville, Pa.
- 5 Helen Gibbs, Highmore, S.D.
- 3 Blanche Botzer, Morristown, S. D.
- 4 Jack Jeglum, Volin, S. D.
- 3 Hilda Nichols, Baxter Sem., Tenn.

Humorous Declamation

- 3 Mildred Durham, Grossmont, Calif.
- 3 Dorothy June Thompson, Greeley, Colo.
- 3 Eleanor Carver, Nampa, Ida.
- 6 John McGregor, Charleston, Ill.
- 5 Patricia Stevens, DuQuoin, Ill.
- 6 Jean Patterson, DuQuoin, Ill.
- 4 Richard King, Granite City, Ill.
- 3 Julia Pitchford, Granite City, Ill.
- 3 Athena Geneatos, Jacksonville, Ill.
- 6 Ralph Parker, Lincoln, Ill.
- 6 Dick Goodman, Lincoln, Ill.
- 5 Wallace Henry, Sheldon, Iowa
- 4 Laura May Lunsford, Emporia, Kans.
- 6 Wm. Connell, Hingham, Mass.
- 3 Elmer Hitt, Dearborn, Mich.
- 3 Ruth Garvin, Chaska, Minn.
- 3 Mary Jane Sieben, Hastings, Minn.
- 3 Mildred Hoffman, Kellogg, Minn.
- 3 Eleanor Ann Heins, Carrollton, Mo.
- 4 Sarah F. Koontz, Marshall, Mo.
- 3 Alfred Sanders, Albany, N. Y.
- 3 Emlyn Griffith, Rome, N. Y.
- 3 Billie Cotton, Decherd, Tenn.
- 3 Violetta Weems, Dickson, Tenn.
- 3 Kathryn Shupe, Bluefield, W. Va.
- 4 Margaret Austin, Milwaukee-Wash.
- 3 Patricia O'Meara, West Bend, Wis.
- 3 Ed Hum, E. Palestine, Ohio
- 3 Robert Morey, E. Palestine, Ohio
- 3 Edward A. Fusco, Niles, Ohio
- 3 Barbara Nagy, Youngstown, Ohio
- Chaney High School
- 3 Margaret McMillan, Ada, Okla.
- 3 Frank Olson, Enid, Okla.
- 3 Margaret Harrison, Broken Bow, Okla.
- 3 Dorothy Mebs, S. Uniontown, Pa.
- 3 Helen Budzanoski, Centerville, Pa.
- 3 Jane Dryburg, Centerville, Pa.
- 3 Helen A. Pettignen, Sioux Falls, S. D.
- 5 John Hueners, Vermillion, S. D.
- 3 Eleanor Keeble, Bristol, Tenn.
- 3 Wallace Coon, Charlotte, Tenn.
- 5 Jim Burns, Dickson, Tenn.
- 4 Bertha Mae Hopper, Memphis, Tenn.
- Messick H.S.
- 3 Marjorie Riordan, Milwaukee, Wis.
- Washington High School
- 4 Robert Wright, Oconto Falls, Wis.
- 6 Wayne Jung, Sheboygan, Wis.

A Book No Speaker Can Afford to Miss!

Dale Carnegie's sensational best-seller, "How to Win Friends and Influence People" (Simon & Schuster, New York City, \$1.98), is a book no student of effective speaking can afford not to read.

While, not essentially a book on speech techniques, it is nevertheless a book written by a master speech teacher and it is a book which discusses valuable devices for influencing human behavior. Dale Carnegie has taught adult speech classes in New York City for years; he approaches the whole problem of speaking from the viewpoint of one who recognizes it as a device for securing support and winning sympathetic acceptance for the speaker's arguments.

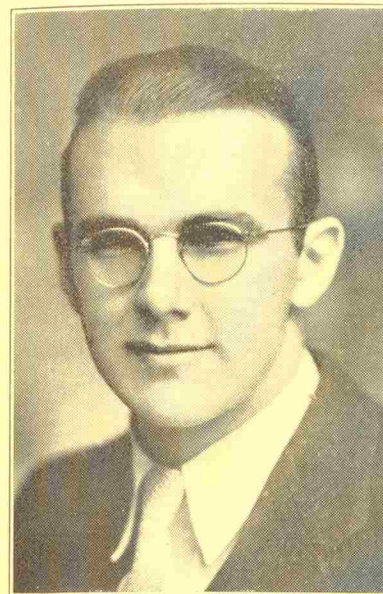
Replete with interesting examples of case illustratoins of techniques which have proved effective in influencing people, this book gives the student speaker practical suggestions in the important art of winning arguments and securing conviction. As a scrap book of interesting anecdotes it is a valuable accessory to any speaker's "tool kit"; as a treatise on what not to do and what to do in influencing human behavior it is invaluable. It should have a place in every high school library and should be supplementary reading material in every high school speech course.

—Karl E. Mundt.

—NFL—

Julia Pitchford not only reached distinction and eternal fame for herself and Granite City, Ill., by being the first to twice win a National Champoinship in an individual event (humorous reading), but she popularized herself and her Indian Melody (Shoney, Money, "Ump Pa") by her highly effective services as a song leader at our second banquet.

Who's Who in NFL



Ralph N. Schmidt, Sr.
Wisconsin District Shairman
Mayville, Wis.

N.F.L. Record

Came to Mayville, a school of 250 enrollment, in 1932, found that 21 members and degrees had been enrolled in previous five years and that Mayville Chapter ranked 227 out of 332 active chapters. Last fall, 1936, four years later, Mayville had 121 members and degrees and ranked 33rd out of 419 active chapters. Already this year 36 new members and degrees have been added.

Was District Chairman in 1934 and 1935, and now again in 1936-37.

Chapter won Distinguished Service Award in 1935 and again this year.

Won Individual Distinguished Service key this year.

Qualified debate teams for nationals in 1932 and 1933, but lacked financial backing.

Speech Beliefs

1. Effective speaking is **sincere** speaking.
2. Simplicity is more to be desired than effusion.
3. The best case is the one that is easiest to understand and most straight-forward.
4. Declamation requires voice, mind and **body**—"repressed emotion" school does not produce **good** declaimers.

Favorite Speech Activity

Debate—coach all other forms at request of students.

Biography

Born, Nov. 25, 1910. Graduated from Milwaukee Washington High School, June, 1927. Varsity football player at 14. Captain of football team at 15. High School debate career due to H. W. Maule. Just one year of high school debate work. Graduated from Carroll College, June, 1932. Coach at Mayville for past five years.

—NFL—

Hats off to the Jacksonville newspapers! Another World war couldn't have secured more front page space than was accorded to the Jacksonville convention. A special edition with final results was printed and distributed promptly at the second night's banquet.

Convention Tail-lights

Despite the fact that the Jacksonville tournament was the first in some time when we have not enjoyed an address by the Governor of the state which was our host, our annual opening banquet was a decided success. The pleasant environment of the beautiful McMurray College Dining Hall, the excellent cuisine, and the inspiring address of the Rev. Mr. Pontius combined to make it a most memorable occasion.

—NFL—

Speaking of the banquet, recalls the fact that those who contend that speakers are not singers would have received a severe jolt at either one of the Jacksonville banquets. At least from the standpoint of volume and enthusiasm, the world's premiere choral group could not have excelled the warblers at our seventh convention.

—NFL—

Ted Beaird is the new president of the Veterans' Club; Joyce Gregory the new secretary. They promise "something doing" at our next convention. A sizeable group of "five-termers" attended the Illinois convention and a select "Upper Crust" of old-timers is to be organized at the 1938 meeting.

—NFL—

DuQuoin is hard to stop! Dwight Croessmann of DuQuoin, leader of last year's championship debate team, was the 1937 national champion in extemporaneous speaking. Close behind him came Missouri's youthful Will Rogerian speaker, Charles Brown.

—NFL—

John Schmidt of Sioux City proved that perseverance wins and that victorious coaches in speech demonstrations still come from the Middle West. John won first place, this year, in the coaches' free-for-all.

—NFL—

Leslie Schreiber, executive councilman from Pennsylvania, missed the 1937 convention due to illness. Julian C. Aldrich, former councilman, missed the convention because of official duties at Webster Groves but he served as one of the final judges in the championship debate.

New Chapters

Oshkosh, Nebraska
Mineola, New York
Highland, New York
Logan, Utah
Fort Worth, Texas
Polytechnic H.S.
Newton, Kansas
Sidney, Neb.
Kimball, Neb.
Trenton, New Jersey
Fort Smith, Arkansas

Claysville, Pennsylvania
Brentwood, Missouri
Corbin, Kentucky
Moorhead, Minnesota
Teachers College H.S.
Bristol, Tennessee
Burley, Idaho
Middlesboro, Kentucky
Auburn, Nebraska
Fall River, Massachusetts
Hobart, Oklahoma

From the Secretary's Desk

Election of District Chairmen

Ballots are enclosed as supplements to this issue of the Rostrum. Each Chapter should mark its ballot and return it to the national office at once. It will count as many votes for the designated candidate as the chapter has members and degrees on record on **May 31**. Hence, get in your remaining applications now rather than after that date so as to give your chapter its maximum influence in electing the chairman for next year.

The following have been proposed for chairmen in the various districts, but any member may be voted for.

Wisconsin—Donald Olson, Shawano; Ralph N. Schmidt, Mayville.

Nebraska—Don Warner, Norfolk.

Ohio—E. J. Diller, Chaney H.S.; Russell L. Caldwell, Wooster.

New York—Albert L. Swank, Peekskill; John E. Howell, Troy; Marion Wallace, Ossining.

Illinois—C. J. Nebergal, Aurora-West. E. J. Morgan, Maine Twp. H.S.

Kentucky—Richard C. Brand, Ronceverte, W. Va.; K. H. Harding, Mt. Sterling, Ky.

Colorado—James A. Tracy, Fort Collins.

Pennsylvania—E. E. Patterson, Centerville; E. Marjorie Harvey, Monessen; Mary Evalyne Jenkins, Bentleyville.

Missouri—L. W. Welden, Maplewood.

Iowa—A. E. Keiber, Davenport; John H. Schmidt, Sioux City.

Oklahoma—E. E. Bradley, El Reno.

Kansas—Warren T. Kingsbury, Wichita.

Minnesota—Levi Osterhus, Minneapolis-Roosevelt.

Tennessee—John R. Hovious, Nashville-Central.

District Chairmen for next year are to be elected at this time. It is an office which carries increasing responsibility in the League. But it also has its privileges and rewards. A chairman may receive from one to seven citations toward the Distinguished Service Award for his work as chairman and conducting the district tournament. The chairman of the thirteen highest ranking districts also receive state chairmen badges at the national tournament. The Council has also agreed that next year each chairman will be given one courtesy entry in the national tournament in addition to any entries his chapter might regularly qualify.

Members for 10 Years

T. C. Bond, Niles, Ohio, May 11, 1927.
Lucile Stephens, Poughkeepsie, New York, May 31, 1927.
Helen D. Williams, Columbia, Mo., May 31, 1927.
Frederick S. Meckley, South Whitehall, Pa. Slatington Chapter member May 25, 1927.

Statistical Page

District Standing

(As of April 25)

1. +1 Nebraska	20.8	Omaha-Benson	57
2. —1 Wisconsin	19.3	Mayville	69
3. 0 Texas	18.8	North Dallas	59
4. 0 Ohio	17.2	Wooster	67
5. +2 Illinois	16.4	DuQuoin	88
6. —1 New York	16.3	Peekskill	89
7. +1 Kentucky	14.4	Ronceverte, W. Va.	34
8. +4 Missouri	14.1	Joplin	91
9. +4 Iowa	14.1	Hawarden	48
10. —1 Colorado	13.7	Fort Collins	33
11. —5 California	12.5	Fresno-Roosevelt	43
12. —2 Indiana	12.4	Ft. Wayne-North	32
13. +1 Oklahoma	12.3	Enid	49
14. +1 Kansas	10.6	Wichita-East	39
15. —4 Pennsylvania	10.4	Monessen	85
16. 0 South Dakota	9.6	Presho	38
17. 0 Michigan	8.9	Plymouth	27
18. 0 Minnesota	8.9	Eveleth	31
19. 0 Tennessee	8.9	Memphis-Messick	21
20. 0 New England	6.2	Portland, Maine	28
21. 0 Washington	4.9	Lewiston, Idaho	15
National Av.	15.2	Joplin, Mo.	91

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(As of May 17)

Coaches

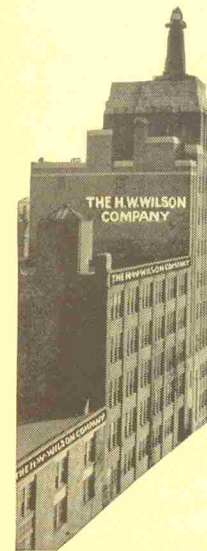
L. D. Schreiver, Charleroi.....	909
Kathryn Moran, Joplin	853
Wm. H. Row, Pittsburg	825
J. Edmund Mayer, Topeka.....	780
R. P. Hibbs, DuQuoin	746
Hazel G. Hatch, Enid	724
Levi Osterhus, Minneapolis.....	700
Mary Blackburn, Gran. City.....	691
Lucile Stephens, Poughk'psie ..	615
R. S. Cartwright, Elgin.....	605

Students

Dwight Croessman, DuQuoin ..	919
Warren White, Classen HS.....	627
Bob Johnson, Lincoln	621
Chas. Brown, Springfield.....	550
Julia Pitchford, Granite.....	536
Bill Murphy, Aurora-West.....	534
Tom McElin, Aurora-West.....	501
Bill Case, DuQuoin	480
Stanley Kent, Charleroi	437
R. Abernathy, Omaha-Ben.....	417

Going Up

	New	Total
Chapters	13	487
Members	642	16,460
Keys	143	8,632
Reports	3034	63,378
Degrees of Honor	424	6,587
Degrees of Excellence	249	3,577
Degrees of Distinction	147	1,905

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