

# The Adventures of Tom Sawyer

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WITHOUT ROYALTY

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AN ancient wise man said,  
"To criticize another man's oration is a simple thing, but to make a better one in its place is a task exceedingly difficult."





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## A Worth While Book

"How to Judge Speech Contests," by James Noble Holm. (160 pages, \$2.00). Platform News Publishing Co., Portland, Maine.

Despite the fact that speech contests have been growing in size and significance most steadily for the past ten years and the further fact that the success of a good speech contest depends largely upon the caliber and consistency of the judging of its contestants, up to date no thoroughly acceptable book has been available for the purpose of setting up judging standards and providing a uniform basis for deciding these contests.

Professor Holm's timely and thorough book, "How to Judge Speech Contests," fills this long felt need in a splendid manner. It is more than a manual on how to judge contests; it is a review of the entire contest field, discussing all the various types of endeavor in which speech contests are now being held. It is an invaluable book for a contest manager and a highly informative book for those who judge contests. No speech coach can read this book without being better prepared to train his students in effective speaking because by setting up satisfactory standards for judging, the book also suggests standards to be approached by those who would speak well and rate highly in contest work.

National Forensic League members will remember Mr. Holm as a former NFL coach and he draws heavily upon this experience and upon NFL contest judging instructions and experiences in preparing his excellent book. It should have a place in the library of every high school and college conducting an up-to-date program of speech education and contest speaking.

—Karl E. Mundt.

The debate question announced by the N.U.E.A. Committee for next year is:

"Resolved; That the United States should form an alliance with Great Britain."

## The Winners For 1938

### Debate

Elgin, Illinois—First

Doris Ollman

John Amott

R. S. Cartwright, coach

Seminole, Oklahoma—Second

Joe Harold Sterling

Keith Marshall

H. B. Mitchell, coach

Sheboygan, Wisconsin—third

Nathan Hefferman

John Sokoll

Archie Kuntze

A. E. Melzer, coach

Worthington, Minn.—Third

Robert Hansberger

Payson Wolff

Alois F. Kiefer, coach

### Original Oratory

1 Robert Hine, Beverly Hills, Cal.

2 Dalton McAlister, Ft. Wayne-South, Ind.

3 Ruth Irene Stoke, Freeport, Ill.

4 Bill Green, Madison, S. D.

5 Tom McElm, Aurora-West, Ill.

6 Loren Hotz, Shawano, Wis.

7 John Bystrom, Moorhead, Minn.

8 Francis S. Andrews, Norway, Maine

### Extempore

1 Reba June Long, Okla. City-Classsen, Okla.

2 Bill Murphy, Aurora-West, Ill.

3 Russell Holloway, Okla. City-Classsen, Okla.

4 Robt. Strotz, Aurora-East, Ill.

5 Dan Garrett, Ponca City, Okla.

6 Chas. Weiland, Aurora-East, Illinois

7 John Sokoll, Sheboygan, Wis.

8 Ruth Lee, Du Quoin, Ill.

### Oratorical Declamation

1 Marg. Freerksen, Freport, Ill.

2 John Parkhurst, Peoria-Cen, Ill.

3 John Brummet, Du Quoin, Ill.

4 Bill King, Grosmont, Calif.

6 Sam Gilman, Davenport, Ia.

7 Robert Miller, Ebensburg, Pa.

### Dramatic Declamation

1 Jack Edwards, Hollywood, Cal

2 Edw. H. Armstrong, Wauwatosa, Wis.

3 W. Karrenbauer, Massillon, O.

4 Jas. Cristensen, Harlan, Ia.

5 Hale Coffeen, Decorah, Ia.

6 Virginia Allen, Du Quoin, Ill.

7 Dorothea Maurer, Peoria-Central, Ill.

8 Violetta Weems, Dickson, Tenn.

9 Joan Grether, Dayton-Oakwood, Ohio

### Humorous Declamation

1 Dick Goodman, Lincoln, Ill.

2 Wayne Barkman, Harlan, Ia.

3 John Parkhurst, Peoria-Central, Ill.

4 Billy Canfield, Oklahoma City-Central, Okla.

5 Craig Huston, Columbus Jct, Ia.

6 Billy Pfeiler, Sheboygan, Wis.

7 Jim Burns, Dickson, Tenn.

8 Ralph Parker, Lincoln, Ill.

9 Eileen Price, Du Quoin, Ill.

### Distinguished Service Awards Granted at Wooster

#### Keys

E. J. Diller, Chaney H.S., Youngstown, Ohio

A. E. Melzer, Sheboygan, Wisconsin

Russell L. Caldwell, Wooster, Ohio

R. P. Hibbs, Du Quoin, Ill.

#### Plaques

Williamsburg, Mass.

Lincoln, Illinois

Carrollton, Missouri

Sheboygan, Wisconsin

Poughkeepsie, New York



## Eighth Annual Tournament Successfully Concluded at Wooster

**Elgin Wins Debate Title Over Seminole, Okla.  
Classen High of Oklahoma City, Receives Big Trophy**

Larger, smoother running, and better judging characterized the national tournament at Wooster, twice our host city. Contestants from 150 schools in 28 states were represented. Sixty-two teams again were entered in debate and fifty contestants started in each of the five individual contests.

### Elgin Wins Debate

Three times in the final debate—against Central High of Oklahoma City in 1934, Classen High of Oklahoma City in 1937, and Seminole, Okla., in 1938—Elgin, Ill., converted its two second places into a national championship in the final event of the 1938 tournament, the debate on the Columbia network on May 6. The Elgin team composed of Doris Ollman, a member of the 1937 team, and John Amott was coached again by R. S. Cartwright.

Second place winners from Seminole were Joe H. Sterling and Keith Marshall, coached by Harland B. Mitchell.

### Classen Receives Tau Kappa Alpha Trophy

With entries in every event, Classen High of Oklahoma City came up from second place at the start of the tournament into first at its close to receive the beautiful National Award for consistent excellence in national speech tournaments. Classen participated annually since 1934 and has won championships in debate, oratorical declamation, and two in extemporaneous speaking. Altogether Classen has had 30 entries in the national and brought 17 of them into the

semi-final or finals rounds.

### Granite City Close Second

With an unbroken record of contestants in every national tournament Granite City entered the 1938 national with six contestants and only the exceptionally large delegation of Classen entries kept the Illinois city from this year receiving the coveted trophy in recognition of consistent superior work. Classen led at the conclusion of the tournament with 171 points against 167 for Granite City and 141 for Wooster.

### Coach Judging Successful

The experiment of having most of the judging done by our own coaches worked very well. The tabulation sheets show more consistent judging than usual and there were few complaints to adjust.

### Substantial Rebates on Fees

Rebates of registration fees to coaches for judging were made in cash to 72 coaches at the tournament in the amount of \$851. In addition checks were mailed to 45 others for an amount of \$401—total rebate \$1,252. Full accounting of the tournament receipts and expenditures will be published in the fall.

With refinements in procedure the rebate system undoubtedly will be continued. Effort will be made to effect a more equal division of judging opportunities to all who wish to serve and are qualified to do so. Also definite rule seems necessary to prevent protesting qualified judges simply on the basis of sectional residence.

## Cartwright of Elgin Produces Effective Speakers

As a producer of championship caliber debate teams, R. S. Cartwright of Elgin, Ill., holds a distinction no other can claim: Thrice in his six years of coaching at Elgin, he has placed a team in the National Finals, winning this year the National Championship.

Cartwright graduated from Simpson College in 1923 with an enviable record as a debater. As a varsity debater for four years, he gained invaluable experience in this field of speech which has stood him in good stead as a coach.

Debate was not the only field in which Mr. Cartwright applied his speech training. Beginning his junior year in college he served as a Chautauqua superintendent for five summers, field representative for Simpson College for five summers; and in Elgin the last three summers he has sold real estate.

With this practical background it is no small wonder that Cartwright in his eight years of coaching at Thomas Jefferson High School, Council Bluffs, Iowa, and his six years at Elgin has made so outstanding a record.

That record includes state champions in oratory, extemporaneous speaking, humorous reading and debate. Although participating in a section of the country where the competition is outstanding, Cartwright's debate teams have won 80 per cent of all tournament and state league debates. Last year's Elgin squad engaged in 165 debates with other schools and this season has already participated in 127. In debate last



year Elgin's record included: first in the Augustana College Invitational Tournament; first in Northern Illinois High School Conference; first in the Illinois NFL District Tournament; first in the Illinois Open State; and second in the National, losing the final debate three to two. Although hard hit by graduation, this year Cartwright's teams have won first in the Wheaton College Tournament including 28 schools from three states, and second in the Augustana College Invitational Tournament including twenty-six schools from two states.

Mr. Cartwright has long hailed the NFL as the motivating force behind the rapid development of high school forensics, and in turn the NFL salutes Mr. Cartwright for his contribution to its success.



## Student Congress Outstanding Event in the Tournament

Brilliant Debates in Both Houses  
Night Sessions Held in Response to Demand

From the formal opening in a joint session to hear the president's message to the "76th Congress," to the hour of a regretful sine die adjournment, the National Student Congress wrote a record of splendid high school speaking and thinking. During ten sessions, numerous committee meetings, and serious corridor conferences, the members of both houses engaged in as practical exercise in public speaking and effective citizenship as could be devised.

The debates in the Senate especially were brilliant. It was simply amazing how ably those students could speak on such a variety of subjects as the League of Nations, child labor amendment, wages and hours, anti-lynching, and labor unions, turning from one to another as roll calls disposed of the previous measure. Debating, extempore speaking, and oratory were combined in brilliant manner to sway their colleagues, or impress the appreciative gallery.

The usual contrast between the House and the Senate was observable. The House was more informal, impetuous, louder, and slower in getting its business done. Senate decorum was impressive. It was always "Will the senator yield," or "I yield to the senator from Oklahoma," the chair recognizes the senator from Idaho," etc. The students lived up to their titles and did them credit.

Vice President T. C. Bond did a splendid piece of work as presiding officer in the senate. It was an education in proper parliamen-

tary procedure to watch him handle the business in a quiet, dignified, but friendly manner, pausing at times to explain the reason for some particular parliamentary practice. H. J. McCabe of Emerson, Neb., handled the larger house to the expressed satisfaction of its members who "resolved" that he should have the job again next year.

Special appreciation is acknowledged to Speaker Frank R. Uible of Cleveland for his time so helpfully spent on Monday and Tuesday in advising both congressmen and presiding officers on matters of procedure and policy.

Harlan Dix of Wooster, Republican floor leader, was elected president pro tem of the senate, and carried his job in excellent manner. Tom McElin of Aurora-West was minority leader. In the House, Dick Urbine, North Side High in Ft. Wayne, Republican, was elected speaker pro tem. Senator Dix of Ohio and Congressman John Thomas of Moorefield, W. Va., were chosen by the presiding officers as the outstanding members of their respective houses. They appeared briefly on the Columbia network program after the championship debate.

Two churches in Wooster, the Methodist Episcopal and Zion Lutheran, directly across the street from each other, provided almost ideal chambers for the congress with splendid auditoria, ample galleries, and fine committee rooms.

The Wooster Daily Record carried full account of the proceedings in each house, columns of it, in the same manner as they would cover the sessions of the Ohio legislature.

The interest of other students in the congress was demonstrated by one contestant who was overheard saying to her coach in the gallery of the House, "You go listen to the finals in dramatic declamation if you want to. I'm staying here."

An outstanding success in its first trial, the Student Congress will, of course, become an annual tournament feature. Congressional sessions in the several NFL districts next winter also are contemplated and further information will be released next fall.

Meanwhile, congratulations to all whose work and ability made this Congress so successful.

### Senators

Bob Hine, Beverly Hills, Calif.  
G. Lawrence Miller, San Bernardino, Cal.  
William E. Lewis, Caldwell, Ida.  
Marion Shinn, Lewiston, Ida.  
Thomas McElin, Aurora-West, Ill.  
Harold Lee Hayes, Charleston-Teachers H. S., Ill.  
Richard R. Juby, Elgin, Ill.  
Randall Robertson, Granite City, Ill.  
Bob Johnson, Ft. Wayne-North, Ind.  
James Young, Logansport, Ind.  
Harold Katz, Terre Haute-Wiley H. S., Ind.  
Helen Evans, Davenport, Iowa  
Marjorie Jean Moore, Oskaloosa, Ia.  
Robert Young, Mt. Sterling, Ky.  
Bill Barton, Shreveport, La.  
Charles J. Buck, Warren, Mass.  
Gordon Ruud, Eveleth, Minn.  
Walt Pike, Jr., Virginia, Minn.  
William Butler, Jennings, Mo.  
Richard Thomas, Omaha-North, Neb.  
Carol Sayers, Niles, Ohio  
Harlan Dix, Wooster, Ohio

Betty Jayne Bass, Oklahoma City-Classen, Okla.  
Corbitt Rushing, Ponca City, Okla.  
Holbert N. Carroll, Charleroi, Pa.  
Sidney Cook, Lock Haven, Pa.  
Manese Gardner, Lock Haven, Pa.  
James Seamon, Monessen, Pa.  
Harry Miller, Jonesboro, Tenn.  
Polly Jean Torti, Memphis-Messick, Tenn.  
Douglas Rice, Bluefield, W. Va.  
Robert Schinderle, Mayville, Wis.  
Dean Epperson, Oconomowoc, Wis.

### House Members

Eugene Luntey, Buhl, Ida.  
Bernard Favors, Lewiston, Ida.  
Eleanor Carver, Nampa, Idaho  
Harold Mindell, Aurora-West, Ill.  
Richard Prideaux, Elgin, Ill.  
Edward Hoag, Freeport, Ill.  
Kenneth Fijan, Granite City, Ill.  
Mary Elizabeth King, Olney, Ill.  
Virginia Hickman, Pinckneyville, Ill.  
Edgar S. Ferrey, Columbia City, Ind.  
Edward O'Rourke, Ft. Wayne-Cent., Ind.  
Richard Urbine, Ft. Wayne-North, Ind.  
Nancy Black, Hammond, Ind.  
Paul R. Moo, La Porte, Ind.  
Firman Knipp, North Judson, Ind.  
Bob Ray, Davenport, Iowa  
Charles D. Knight, Shreveport, La.  
Eleanor Swenson, Williamsburg, Mass.  
Evelyn Hallquist, Mpls.-Roosevelt, Minn.  
Reuben Bartoletti, Virginia, Minn.  
Chas. Grabske, Jr., Independence, Mo.  
James J. Jenkins, Maplewood, Mo.  
D. W. Owen, Emerson, Neb.  
Lothar Schultze, Ossining, N. Y.  
James Strickling, Ashland, O.  
Ropp Triplett, Bluffton, Ohio  
Donald Kleckner, Clyde, Ohio  
James Lane, Massillon, Ohio  
Earl Olmstead, Jr., New Philadelphia, O.  
Mitchell Shaker, Niles, Ohio  
Catherine Hopfinger, Port Clinton, Ohio  
Robert L. Kent, Ravenna, Ohio  
Mary G. Cooley, Shelby, Ohio  
Don Simester, Wadsworth, Ohio  
Dominic R. Iannarelli, Wooster, Ohio  
Fred M. Jennings, Wooster, Ohio  
William Webb, Wyoming, Ohio

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## Winners in Poetry Reading Selected at Wooster

Over Sixty Students Entered Novel Contest  
Directed by Pictorial Review Poetry Editor

A special feature of the national tournament this year was a contest in poetry reading under the direction of Ted Malone who is heard daily over Mutual network stations in his broadcast, "Between the Bookends"

To a field of 66 contestants Mr. Malone first spoke informatively on the art of reading poetry. After a series of three elimination contests had reduced the number to thirty, Mr. Malone took personal charge and selected the contestant for the final event. He also judged the final contest himself.

The winners in the finals were Ben Morris and Martha Jean Reed of Classen High School, Oklahoma City, and Betty Hays of Mitchell, S. D. They left immediately after the contest for Cleveland, where they appear with Mr. Malone on his scheduled broadcast Thursday, May 5. A beautiful pair of ivory book-ends constituted Mr. Malone's trophy to Ben Morris, the contest winner.

This contest was held in a somewhat different manner from that of the other speech events. When the contestant entered the room he or she was engaged in conversation by someone. The contestant was then asked to read a poem from Mr. Malone's collection. Mr. Malone himself stayed completely hidden behind a screen so that he could only hear the contestant and not be influenced by the speakers personality. So much interest was shown in the

first contest that it is likely it will be continued in future tournaments.

The circumstance preventing Mr. Malone's appearance until Wednesday morning also suggests that next year such contest be deliberately planned that way. In that way the contestants eliminated from the regular tournament events on Tuesday evening will have another contest ready for them to enter on Wednesday and so profitably occupy their time testing and improving their talents in another field while staying on at the tournament to hear the final in the other events.

### Participants in Final Rounds

Robert Hine, Beverly Hills, Calif.  
G. Lawrence Miller, San Bernardino  
Jo Ann Steiner, Aurora-West, Ill.  
Robert Maurer, Freeport, Ill.  
Joe Brennan, Granite City, Ill.  
Elmer Hammerman, Granite City, Ill.  
Randall Robertson, Granite City, Ill.  
James Davis, Lincoln, Ill.  
Glenn Fielding, Lincoln, Ill.  
Dorothea Maurer, Peoria-Central, Ill.  
C. C. Perry, Terre Haute-Wiley, Ind.  
Frances McWilliams, Cherokee, Iowa  
Betty Askeland, Mpls.-West, Minn.  
Norma Jean Hall, Mpls.-West, Minn.  
Evelyn Hallquist, Mpls.-Roosevelt, Minn.  
Irma Ahola, Virginia, Minn.  
Doris Bloomberg, Massillon, Ohio  
Charles Carshon, Okla. City-Central  
Martha Jean Reed, Okla. City-Classen  
Juan Vargas, Okla. City-Capitol Hill  
Peggy Trew, Bentleyville, Pa.  
Phyllis Haney, Centerville, Pa.  
Claire Feeney, Charleroi, Pa.  
Betty Hays, Mitchell, S. D.  
Violetta Weems, Dickson, Tenn.  
Sevier Duncan, Jonesboro, Tenn.  
Bessie Caraway, Memphis-Messick  
Bertha Mae Hopper, Memphis-Messick  
Kathryn Shupe, Bluefield, W. Va.  
Betty Congdon, Kenosha, Wis.  
Aimee Kaunheimer, Two Rivers, Wis.

## Beverly Hills Invitation For 1939 Tournament Accepted

June 19-23 Dates Tentatively Set by Council  
For After-School Tournament in California

Acting on the recommendations of an all-chapter referendum, a vote of the District Chairmen and NFL coaches at Wooster, and a joint resolution passed by the National Student Congress, the Executive Council voted to accept the invitation extended by the City of Beverly Hills to hold the 1939 national tournament in that city. The referendum of chapters favored Beverly Hills 136 to 41.

The June dates were chosen so that the extra travel time involved would not mean prolonged absence from classes for either student or coaches. Over 90% of our schools will have closed at least one week before the tournament opens. The referendum favored a June date 80 to 29.

These dates will also make available to the tournament the services of a large number of speech teachers coming to Los Angeles at that time for summer sessions in California universities. Presumably, too, a good many of our own coaches will take this as an opportunity to attend summer school sessions in California themselves. The desirability of a June tournament has been suggested often. This will afford a testing of its practicability.

Advance response from the Chapters indicates that many are already making their plans to go to California in 1939 and at least one chapter which has never attended a national even when within short distance, writes that local friends of the school are

planning to send the coach and two students to Beverly Hills next year.

California is an attraction at any time and worth seeing. With the International Exposition opening at San Francisco next May, a trip to the 1939 national will indeed offer the fortunate students a rich travel experience which should be an integral part of a liberal education.

### Caldwell and Miller win Coaches' Contests

The Coaches' Contest in after-dinner speaking was won by a man who proved that he could do two jobs at the same time and do them both well. Russell L. Caldwell was not only an able and ever-ready local chairman, but in between serving 101 neds of the tournament found time to enter the after-dinner contest and win it. Second honor went to Levi Osterhus of Roosevelt High in Minneapolis and third place to James E. Latture of Plymouth, Mich.

In the Humorous Reading Division Clarence A. Miller of Lincoln showed that the fine showing his contestants in Humorous made at Jacksonville—two going into the final contest—was not an accident. He won first over such able coaches and contestants as Mrs. Jo Weems of Dickson, Tenn., and Miss Juanita Rucker of Newcastle, Ind. Then to double-prove his ability, his student, Dick Goodman, won the national title in Humorous Declamation on Thursday and Ralph Parker went into the finals.



## Debate

In the first five rounds teams were rated, Fair, Good, Excellent, Superior or Outstanding. The 16 teams with the best composite rating were selected to continue in the tournament in a one-defeat elimination to the final debate.

## Advanced

Santa Monica, Cal., No. 1	G O S S S
Du Quoin, Ill.	S S S S S
Elgin, Ill.	S E S O S
Freeport, Ill.	S S O G S
Lincoln, Ill.	G S O O S
Davenport, Iowa	S O O S G
Worthington, Minn.	S G S S O
Brentwood, Mo.	S E O E S
Independence, Mo.	S O E O S
Kimball, Neb.	S E S O E
Ada-Mann H. S., Okla.	S O G S S
Oklahoma City, Classen	O S S S S
Seminole, Okla.	S G S S O
Memphis-Tech., Tenn.	G S S S O
Sheboygan, Wis.	E S E S O

## Eliminated

Birmingham, Ala.	E F F G G
Booneville, Ark.	G G G S G
Santa Monica, Cal., No. 2	E G G S S
Denver-Cathedral, Colo.	F E G E G
Buhl, Idaho	G G F S E
Caldwell, Idaho	G E G O G
Lewiston, Idaho	G E G E G
Columbia City, Ind.	E G E G E
Hammond, Ind.	E E S E S
La Porte, Ind.	E S G S E
Terre Haute, Ind.	E E O E S
Burlington, Iowa	E E E O S
Cherokee, Iowa	S S F E S
Corbin, Ky.	E P S E G
Mt. Sterling, Ky.	G F G E G
Shepherdsville, Ky.	E S G S S
Shreveport, La.	E S E G O
Augusta, Maine	G F G E —
Cushing, Mass.	O G G G G
Fall River, Mass.	E E E S G
Cloquet, Minn.	G E G G S
Minneapolis West, Minn.	E G O E E
Carrollton, Mo.	E G G G G

Lexington, Mo.	S G G O S
Omaha North, Neb.	F E O O S
Whitefield, N. H.	G G F G G
North Plainfield, N. J.	G G F G G
Union City, N. J.	E O E E G
Poughkeepsie, N. Y.	E E E E G
Rome, N. Y.	G E F E G
E. Cleveland-Shaw, Ohio	E G S E G
Kent, Ohio	G O S E S
Lima, Ohio	S E E S G
Wadsworth, Ohio	E E G E G
Wooster, Ohio	E E E G O
Miami, Okla.	E G S S O
Lock Haven, Pa.	F E F S S
Masontown, Pa.	S G E E S
Monessen, Pa.	G S O G S
Madison, S. D.	S E S S E
Jonesboro, Tenn.	S E G E G
Murfreesboro, Tenn.	G E E S F
St. John, Wash.	S F E F E
Kenosha, Wis.	O S O S O
Two Rivers, Wis.	E E S S E
Waukesha, Wis.	F E F G F
Cheyenne, Wyo.	G S S G S

## Round 6

Won	Lost
Kimball, Neb.	Santa Monica, Calif
Du Quoin, Ill.	Ada, Okla. Mann H. S.
Elgin, Ill.	Memphis Tech, Tenn.
Worthington, Minn.	Freeport, Ill.
Seminole, Okla.	Lincoln, Ill.
Davenport, Iowa	Kenosha, Wis.
Okla. City Clasen	Brentwood, Mo.
Sheboygan, Wis.	Independence, Mo.

## Round 7

Won	Lost
Seminole, Okla.	Du Quoin, Ill.
Elgin, Ill.	Kimball, Neb.
Sheboygan, Wis.	Davenport, Iowa
Worthington, Minn.	Okla. City-Classen

## Round 8

Won	Lost
Elgin, Ill.	Sheboygan, Wis.
Seminole, Okla.	Worthington, Minn.

## Round 9

Won	Lost
Elgin, Ill.	Seminole, Okla.

## Individual Contests

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

## Oratory

6 Robert Hine, Beverly Hills, Calif.
3 Jean Ann Morton, Santa Monica, Calif.
3 John Bean, Littleton, Colo.
3 Charles Clark, Buhl, Ida.
6 Tom McEin, Aurora-West, Ill.
6 Ruth Irene Stoke, Freeport, Ill.
4 Joe Brennan, Granite City, Ill.
5 Kenneth Fijan, Granite City, Ill.
3 Elmer Hammerman, Granite City, Ill.
3 Robert Oxtoby, Jacksonville, Ill.
5 Mike Milich, Kewanee, Ill.
3 Herschel O'Shaughnessey, Fort Wayne-Central, Ind.
6 Dalton McAlister, Ft. Wayne-So., Ind.
3 Morton Goldberg, Newcastle, Ind.
3 Keith Symon, Terra Haute-Wiley, Ind.
3 Stanley Kroeger, Davenport, Ia.
6 Francis S. Andrews, Norway, Me.
3 Robert Miller, Agawam, Mass.
3 Henry Shelley, Fall River, Mass.
3 Robert Traff, Minneapolis-West, Minn.
6 John Bystrom, Moorhead, Minn.
5 Mary Frances McAnaw, Excelsior Springs, Mo.
3 George Sadler, Liberty, Mo.
4 James J. Jenkins, Maplewood, Mo.
3 Helen Casey, Columbus, Neb.
4 June Patterson, Cliffside Park, N. J.
3 Thaddeus Suski, Cliffside Park, N. J.
3 Lothar Schultze, Ossining, N. Y.
3 Marjorie Jacot, Bath, O.
3 Thomas L. Hamm, Osborn, O.
3 John McCulloch, Wooster, O.
4 Robert Miller, Wooster, O.
3 Guy Sinnett, Ada, Okla.
5 Russell Holloway, Okla. City-Classen, Okla.
5 Dale Scott, Okla. City-Classen, Okla.
3 Lois Notovitz, Bentleyville, Pa.
3 Robert J. Johnson, Derry, Pa.
3 Haskel Hoffenberg, Sharon, Pa.
6 Bill Green, Madison, S. D.
3 Arthur Riven, Scotland, S. D.
3 K. Stokley King, Chattanooga, Tenn.

3 Billy Crosby, Dickson, Tenn.
3 Gene Taylor, Jr., Johnson City, Tenn.
3 Billy Phillips, Memphis-Central, Tenn.
1 Eugene Becton, Nashville-Cent., Tenn.
4 Douglas Rice, Bluefield, W. Va.
5 Bertil Peterson, Kenosha, Wis.
4 Henry Peters, Oconomowoc, Wis.
6 Loren Hotz, Shawano, Wis.
3 Walter Phelan, Cheyenne, Wyo.

## Extempore

4 Irving Hellman, Beverly Hills, Calif.
3 Helen Flaherty, Denver-Cathedral, Col.
4 Grant Jacquot, Littleton, Colo.
6 Bill Murphy, Aurora-West, Ill.
6 Charles Weiland, Aurora-East, Ill.
6 Robert Strotz, Aurora-East, Ill.
6 Ruth Lee, Du Quoin, Ill.
4 Richard Juby, Elgin, Ill.
5 John Clark, Jacksonville, Ill.
3 Donald Walton, Lincoln, Ill.
3 Marian Eberle, Lincoln, Ill.
3 Eliz. Cunningham, Pinckneyville, Ill.
3 Katherine Crofts, Ft. Wayne-North, Ind.
3 Robt. Johnson, Ft. Wayne-North, Ind.
3 Morrison Miller, Ft. Wayne-North, Ind.
3 Betty Foss, Hammond, Ind.
3 Lendell Whiting, Indianapolis-Ben Davis, Ind.
3 Arthur Northrup, Indianapolis-Shortridge, Ind.
5 Catherine Leirer, Logansport, Ind.
3 Mary Lou Wolter, Logansport, Ind.
3 Oliver Hansen, Davenport, Iowa
3 Scott Reed, Lexington, Ky.
4 Lee Farris, Middlesboro, Ky.
3 John Marshall Prewitt, Mt. Sterling, Ky.
3 Thomas C. Carroll, Shepherdsville, Ky.
4 Patrick Harrington, Fall River, Mass.
3 Sumner Levin, Fall River, Mass.
3 Marilyn Holton, Plymouth, Mich.
3 David Cooper, Chaska, Minn.
3 Edward Weidner, Mpls.-Roosevelt, Min.
3 Ralph Walls, Mpls.-West, Minn.
3 Jeanine Stephenson, Excel. Spgs., Mo.
5 Warren Cannon, Independence, Mo.
3 Junior Shrimpton, Kimball, Neb.
5 Harrell Beck, Lyons, Neb.
3 Fred R. Griffiths, Poughkeepsie, N. Y.
3 Anthony K. Pomilio, Rome, N. Y.
3 Nadine Bensley, Marysville, Ohio



- 3 Doris Bloomberg, Massillon, Ohio
- 3 Jack Bushnell, Wooster, Ohio
- 3 Nancy Miller, Wooster, Ohio
- 3 John Carney, Youngstown-Chaney, O.
- 6 Russell Holloway, Okla. City-Classen,
- 6 Reba June Long, Okla. City-Classen,
- 6 Dan Garrett, Ponca, Okla.
- 5 Keith Marshall, Seminole, Okla.
- 3 Holbert N. Carroll, Charleroi, Pa.
- 4 Christy Munch, Charleroi, Pa.
- 3 Ewing Pollock, Waynesburg, Pa.
- 3 James Rathbun, Webster, S. D.
- 3 Sevier Duncan, Jonesboro, Tenn.
- 3 Bessye Caraway, Memphis-Messick
- 3 Polly Jean Torti, Memphis-Messick,
- 3 Gordon Clinard, Springfield, Tenn.
- 3 Virginia Zuern, Mayville, Wis.
- 6 John Sokoll, Sheboygan, Wis.

### Oratorical Declamation

- 5 Bill King, Grossmont, Calif.
- 5 Lawrence Miller, San Bernardino, Cal.
- 3 Willard Aston, Nampa, Idaho
- 6 John Brummet, Du Quoin, Ill.
- 3 Doris Ollman, Elgin, Ill.
- 6 Margaret Freerksen, Freeport, Ill.
- 5 Richard King, Granite City, Ill.
- 3 Ralph Parker, Lincoln, Ill.
- 6 John Parkhurst, Peoria-Central, Ill.
- 3 Edward O'Rourke, Fort Wayne-Central, Ind.
- 3 Herschel O'Shaughnessey, Ft. Wayne-Central, Ind.
- 3 William Swager, Ft. Wayne-North, Ind.
- 4 Dalton McAlister, Ft. Wayne-South, Ind
- 4 Eleanor Monesmith, Ft. Wayne-South,
- 3 Frank Belles, Terre-Haute-Wiley, Ind.
- 3 Mary Jo Bradshaw, Terre Haute-Wiley
- 4 Paul Timmins, Cherokee, Iowa
- 6 Sam Gilman, Davenport, Iowa
- 3 Marjorie Moore, Oskaloosa, Iowa
- 4 Bob Caddock, Walnut, Iowa
- 3 Harriet Hord, Maysville, Ky.
- 3 Jere Hudson, Shreveport, La.
- 6 Jerome Asher, Fitchburg, Mass.
- 4 James J. Nunes, Harwick, Mass.
- 3 Robert Frew, Warren, Mass.
- 3 Ruth Black, Williamsburg, Mass.
- 3 James Wanvig, Mpls.-West, Minn.
- 3 Payson Wolff, Worthington, Minn.

- 3 Mary Frances McAnaw, Excelsior Springs, Mo.
- 3 Byron Walter, Lyons, Neb.
- 3 Helen Bocchino, Poughkeepsie, N. Y.
- 5 William Searle, Rome, N. Y.
- 5 Joan Echelberger, Ashland, Ohio
- 3 James Strickling, Ashland, Ohio
- 4 Gale Nicolet, Canton McKinley, Ohio
- 4 Henry Hofacker, Wooster, Ohio
- 5 Herbert Rogers, Wooster, Ohio
- 3 Ontario Nestor, Youngstown-Chaney, O.
- 3 James P. Parks, Dustin, Okla.
- 3 Harold Kester, Enid, Okla.
- 3 Juan Vargas, Oklahoma City-Capitol Hill, Okla.
- 4 Jimmy Brown, Oklahoma City-Classen,
- 5 Ben Morris, Okla. City-Classen, Okla.
- 4 Maynard Kisinger, Bentleyville, Pa.
- 3 Margaret Kirby, California, Pa.
- 6 Robert Miller, Ebensburg, Pa.
- 3 James Walsh, Latrobe, Pa.
- 3 Bill Columbus, Monessen, Pa.
- 3 Edward Greenough, Salem, S. D.
- 4 Jim Burns, Dickson, Tenn.
- 3 Marshall Stuart, Dickson, Tenn.
- 3 Julia Ann Stanton, Memphis-Central
- 3 Frank Faulkinberry, Murfreesboro, Tenn
- 3 Dick Dillard, Bluefield, W. Va.
- 3 Bertil Peterson, Kenosha, Wis.

### Dramatic Declamation

- 6 Jack Edwards, Hollywood, Calif.
- 5 Margaret A. Smith, Hollywood, Calif.
- 3 Dick Moore, Littleton, Colo.
- 3 Robert Kirkpatrick, Caldwell, Ida.
- 6 Virginia Allen, Du Quoin, Ill.
- 3 Richard King, Granite City, Ill.
- 3 Robert E. Austin, Jacksonville, Ill.
- 4 Evalyn Vaughn, Mansfield, Ill.
- 6 Dortha Maurer, Peoria-Central, Ill.
- 3 Louise E. Snouffer, Wayne-North, Ind.
- 3 Betty Spaulding, Hammond, Ind.
- 3 Virginia Rowlinson, Indianapolis-Davis, Ind.
- 3 Edwin Herzog, North Judson, Ind.
- 3 Glenn Cooley, North Judson, Ind.
- 3 Betty Claire Bohannon, Terre Haute-Wiley, Ind.
- 3 Stanley Kroeger, Davenport, Ia.
- 6 Hale Coffeen, Decorah, Ia.
- 6 James Christensen, Harlan, Ia.

- 3 Joe D. Smith, Alexandria, La.
- 3 James J. Nunes, Harwich, Mass.
- 3 Laurence Fontain, Warren, Mass.
- 3 Francis Kirby, West Boylston, Mass.
- 3 Doris Buzzard, Plymouth, Mich.
- 3 Bette Askeland, Mpls.-West, Minn.
- 5 Clifford Franksen, Mpls.-West, Minn.
- 4 Elizabeth Fulton, Virginia, Minn.
- 4 Lois Jean Williams, Independence, Mo.
- 3 Patricia Osborne, Liberty, Mo.
- 3 Robert Hoffelt, Maplewood, Mo.
- 3 Dean Owen, Emerson, Neb.
- 3 Loma Kemp, Omaha, Neb.-North
- 3 Vernon Bonin, Ossining, N. Y.
- 6 Joan Grether, Dayton-Oakwood, O.
- 6 William Karrenbauer, Massillon, O.
- 3 Eleanor Israel, Niles, O.
- 3 Harlan Dix, Wooster, O.
- 3 Lillian Shafer, Wooster, O.
- 3 Nora Dean Arganbright, Capron, Okla.
- 4 Chas. Carshon, Okla. City-Cent., Okla.
- 3 Martha Jean Reed, Okla. City-Classen,
- 3 Maynard Kisinger, Bentleyville, Pa.
- 3 Peggy Trew, Bentleyville, Pa.
- 5 Esther Ebenhoe, Monessen, Pa.
- 5 Betty Holmes, Sioux Falls, S. D.
- 3 Jo Moore, Clarksville, Tenn.
- 4 James Cowan, Dickson, Tenn.
- 6 Violetta Weems, Dickson, Tenn.
- 4 Dorothy Wurzburg, Memphis-Central,
- 3 Wharton Black, Bluefield, W. Va.
- 3 Katryn Shupe, Bluefield, W. Va.
- 3 Mary O'Brien, Sheboygan, Wis.
- 6 Edwin H. Armstrong, Wauwatosa, Wis.
- 3 Joe V. Hunley, Cheyenne, Wyo.

### Humorous Declamation

- 3 Mary Anna Riddle, El Centro, Calif.
- 3 Fred M. Jennings, Grossmont, Calif.
- 3 Paul Kliss, Buhl, Idaho
- 3 Eleanor Carver, Nampa, Ida.
- 5 Harold Lee Hayes, Charleston, Ill.
- 6 Eileen Price, Du Quoin Ill.
- 5 Joseph Brennan, Granite City, Ill.
- 6 Dick Goodman, Lincoln, Ill.
- 6 Ralph Parker, Lincoln, Ill.
- 6 John Parkhurst, Peoria-Central, Ill.
- 3 Louise Shouffer, Ft. Wayne-North, Ind.
- 3 John McGreevey, Logansport, Ind.
- 3 Cecy Perry, Terre Haute-Wiley, Ind.
- 6 Craig Huston, Columbus Junction, Ia.

- 3 Curtis Bush, Davenport, Ia.
- 4 Bob Ray, Davenport, Ia.
- 6 Wayne Barkman, Harlan, Ia.
- 3 Eloise Quigg, Livermore, Ky.
- 3 Charles J. Buck, Warren, Mass.
- 3 Thomas Coogan, Williamsburg, Mass.
- 3 Doris Buzzard, Plymouth, Mich.
- 3 John Daugherty, Appleton, Minn.
- 4 Norma Jean Hall, Minneapolis-West,
- 5 Eliabeth Fulton, Virginia, Minn.
- 3 Irma Ahola, Virginia, Minn.
- 3 James Scovern, Carrollton, Mo.
- 3 Blanche Gross, Maplewood, Mo.
- 3 Donald Henry, Kimball, Neb.
- 3 Rita Mazzacchi, Cliffside, N. J.
- 3 Joseph Shea, Poughkeepsie, N. Y.
- 3 Florence Osborne, Greensburg, O.
- 3 Mary Frances Hogan, Niles, O.
- 3 Marjorie Hole, Wooster, O.
- 3 Celia Retzler, Wooster, O.
- 3 Barbara Nagy, Youngstown-Chaney, O.
- 3 Helen Orosz, Youngstown-Chaney, O.
- 3 Margaret Harrison, Broken Bow, Okla.
- 3 Frank Olson, Enid, Okla.
- 6 Billy Canfield, Okla. City-Central, Okla.
- 4 Ann Settle, Okla. City-Classen, Okla.
- 3 Claire Feeney, Charleroi, Pa.
- 3 Eileen Feeney, Charleroi, Pa.
- 5 Margery Wheeler, Sioux Falls, S. D.
- 6 Jim Burns, Dickson, Tenn.
- 4 Wallace Crow, Dickson, Tenn.
- 4 Violetta Weems, Dickson, Tenn.
- 3 Patricia Wilson, Johnson City, Tenn.
- 3 Bertha Mae Hopper, Memphis-Messick,
- 3 Martha Gilbert, Murfreesboro, Tenn.
- 3 Mary Walterine Bomar, Paris, Tenn.
- 3 Doris McCutchan, Paris, Tenn.
- 3 Jeanne Foster, Bluefield, W. Va.
- 3 Betty Congdon, Kenosha, Wis.
- 6 Billy Pfeiler, Sheboygan, Wis.
- 4 Romaine Phalen, Sheboygan, Wis.

### Honorary Members Elected

Dr. J. H. Frizzell and Prof. Joseph O'Brien, Pennsylvania State College have been elected state honorary members for Pennsylvania. Dr. J. Glenn Ross, eastern State Teachers College at Charleston, has been elected honorary member for Illinois.



## From the Secretary's Desk

All of the four amendments to the constitution proposed by the Executive Council last January and published in the February Rostrum have been ratified by the active members by a vote of nearly 2 to 1 in each instance. They become effective on July 1.

### Amendment XVIII

This amendment sets up new and higher requirements for membership and degrees as follows:

Membership .....	20 points
Excellence .....	100 points
Distinction .....	150 points
Honor .....	50 points

The vote on its adoption was 2173 Yes, 1112 No.

### Amendment XIX

The vote to eliminate the extra credit point for team leader in debate was 2169 Yes and 1165 No.

### Amendment XX

By a vote of 1907 Yes and 1354 No, the schedule of credit points for individual contests will be modified as follows:

1. Points will be based on a maximum of eight schools in any contest instead of ten.

2. Original Oratory will receive only one point more than declamation instead of two.

3. No student may receive credit points for more than eight contests a year in addition to the official NFL district and national tournaments. He may participate in more and choose the eight best to report for points.

4. The Council is authorized to reduce credit points for practice tournaments.

### Amendment XXI

This provides that whenever any instructor attains 1,000 points

the points then on record for all instructors shall be reduced one-half. Since 1076 points have been recorded for Mr. L. D. Schreiber of Charleroi, points for all instructors will be reduced one-half on July 1. New points will be added as usual until someone again reached the thousand mark when another division will be made. The vote on this proposal was 2148 Yes and 1130 No.

### District Chairman Awards

District chairman pins or badges were awarded at Wooster to the 1938 chairmen on the basis of the standing of their districts on Apr. 25, as follows:

#### Gold

Mr. S. Stanley Knapp, North Dallas, Tex.

#### Silver

Mr. E. J. Diller, Chaney H.S., Youngstown, Ohio

Mr. E. E. Bradley, Panhandle, A&M College, Goodwell, Okla.

Mr. R. P. Hibbs, DuQuoin, Ill.

#### Bronze

Miss E. Marjorie Harvey, Monessen, Pa.

Mr. Ralph N. Schmidt, Mayville, Wis.

Mr. R. A. Deabler, La Grange, Illinois

Miss Marion A. Wallace, Ossining, N. Y.

Mr. James A. Tracy, Ft. Collins, Colo.

Mr. Elmer Mortensen, Omaha-Central, Neb.

Mr. Thomas D. Reed, Hammond, Ind.

Mr. A. E. Keiber, Davenport, Iowa.

Mr. K. H. Harding, Mt. Sterling, Kentucky.

## Winchester Paper Scoops NFL Story

When the award of the Tau Kappa Alpha trophy to Classen High was announced over the NBC network, Winchester, Ky., High school journalists were on the job. The announcement was made at 1:40. By 2:20 copies of the War Whoop containing the story were distributed to Winchester High school students. Winchester not only beat all high school papers to this story, but likely scooped every newspaper in the country. We think we will engage the War Whoop staff to get out our tournament results next year.

### New Chapters

Charters have been authorized for these schools:

Canisteo, New York  
El Centro, California  
Paris, Kentucky  
Erwin, Tennessee

### Florida Chapter Goes Places

The Orlando High School received its NFL charter this winter, the only one in that southern state. In April it drove way up to Bristol, Va., to the NFL district tournament and "learned much." Returning home they won the Florida State Championship, altogether winning 20 debates and losing one. Rather good for the first year—or any other year.

### NFL Chapters Lead in Minnesota

For the first time in the history of the Minnesota State High School Declamatory League, all three winners of the State Declamatory Contest were members of National Forensic League schools. By making a clean sweep of all classes of competition, the National Forensic League again demonstrated that it has the best speech schools of America in its membership and that their contact

with the League keeps them abreast of the times in their speech education and aids them develop the excellency of their speech work.

Winners of the Minnesota State contest were Bette Askeland and Norma Jean Hall of West High School, Minneapolis, and Payson Wolff of Worthington. The two speech coaches were Miss Joyce Gregory of Minneapolis and Mr. Alois Kiefer of Worthington.

### Ribbons for District Winners

The national office procured special ribbons for winners of first, second, and third place in each contest in the district tournaments. Some packages arrived too late for presentation or the set was a ribbon short. If you did not receive a ribbon to which you were entitled, send a post card to the national office and the item will be supplied.

### Representatives

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John Carney, Youngstown-Chaney, Ohio  
Rayford Corvin, Ada, Okla.

Jim Hancock, Oklahoma City-Classen

Beatrice Vernallis, Bentleyville, Pa.

William Johnson, Centerville, Pa.

Martin Rosenberg, Charleroi, Pa.

Robert J. Johnson, Derry, Pa.

Edward Tablac, Monessen, Pa.

Mary Pohlembo, Mt. Pleasant, Pa.

Franklin Elliott, Latrobe-St. Vincent, Pa.

Hugh G. Montgomery, Waynesburg, Pa.

Margie Wheeler, Sioux Falls, S. D.

Billy Crosley, Dickson, Tenn.

Imogene Thomas, Memphis-Messick, Tenn.

Raymond E. Jones, Bluefield, W. Va.

Aaron Cohen, Clarksburg, W. Va.

John Thomas, Moorfield, W. Va.

Frank Holmes, Mayville, Wis.

Henry Peters, Oconomowoc, Wis.

Walter Eberlein, Shawano, Wis.

Archie Kuntze, Sheboygan, Wis.

Robert Perschbacher, West Bend, Wis.

Bobby Rounds, Cheyenne, Wyo.