

HUMOR

"... Laughter, thoughtful or merely reflex, is one of man's all too few redeeming qualities, one method of differentiating him on occasion from the so-called lower animals. . . . Sage philosophers from Aristotle on have pinned laughter on the dissecting board and tried to find its soul, forgetting that in the very process they have destroyed the thing for which they searched. . . . Ignoring the conflicting arguments of the scholars, the true comedian, whether playwright or actor, pursues one excellent rule, the rule called by Molière the most important of all, that of pleasing his audience, of dissolving in laughter the miseries, the frustrations, the anxieties, the haunting fears that beset mankind."—From "In Service of Comedy" by Rosamond Gilder, in "Theatre Arts Monthly."

Outstanding New Humorous Readings

We are listing many splendid new humorous readings in our 1939 catalog. We mention here a few of the many that we think will especially interest National Forensic League Contestants.

THE ADVENTURES OF MR. VERDANT GREEN. From the book by Cuthbert Bede. 10 min. 50c

THE EGYPTIAN AND THE CAPTAIN. Sir James M. Barrie. 8 min. 50c

From "The Little Minister." 50c

A MID-SUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM. Shakespeare. 10 min. Won first and fourth in the National Contest, 1938. 50c

PIPES OF THE PIRATE CREW. Mark Twain. 10 min. From "The Adventures of Tom Sawyer." 50c

THE SAME OLD CARDS. Bronson Howard. From the play, "The Young Mrs. Winthrop." 10 min. 60c

THE SCHEMING LIEUTENANT. Richard B. Sheridan. 8 min. From the play. 60c

SHOEMAKER'S HOLIDAY. Thomas Dekker. 10 min. From "The Shoemaker's Holiday," the Elizabethan comedy that was so successfully revived and produced by Orson Welles in New York this year. 60c

TAMING OF THE SHREW. Shakespeare. 8 min. 1938 cutting, beginning with the arrival of the newlyweds at Petruchio's home. Reached National finals, 1938. 50c

By Leota Hulse Black

BROTHERS IN BEDLAM. 10 min. Sequel to "Brotherly Love" and "Let Brotherly Love Continue," which won firsts in the National Contests, 1932 and 1933, respectively. 60c

MA TURNS TO TUTORING. 10 min. A new "Ma Peasley" reading. 60c

NEW DISHPANSATION. 8 min. A sequel to "The Cat Came Back." 60c

SEPTEMBER MOURN. 10 min. Sequel to "The Widow's Mites." 60c

SISTERS-IN-LAW. 8 min. Sequel to "Sisters in Society" and "Sisterly Sparring." 50c

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

\$50.00

To the student who wins the 1939 National Contest of the National Forensic League with one of our readings (ordered from us), we will give fifty dollars.

\$100.00

Also to the Dramatic department of the high school sending this contestant we will give one hundred dollars worth of readings, plays, stunts, pageants, musical readings, make-up, in fact, anything advertised in our catalog.

The above is in addition to the WETMORE NATIONAL TROPHY we offer to the winning high school. (See our catalog for information.)

Catalogs Free

WETMORE DECLAMATION BUREAU
1631 SOUTH PAXTON STREET
SIOUX CITY, IOWA

The Rostrum



Official Publication of the National Forensic League

VOL. XIII

NOVEMBER, 1938

NUMBER 3

SPEAK not at all, in any wise, till you have somewhat to speak; care not for the reward of your speaking, but simply and with undivided mind for the truth of your speaking.—Carlyle.



THE ROSTRUM

Official Publication of the National Forensic League

KARL E. MUNDT, S.D., *President and Editor*
Associate Editors—Mrs. Elaine Tucker, Classen H.S., Oklahoma City; W. Francis English, Carrollton, Mo.; Ralph N. Schmidt, Mayville, Wis.

Published monthly from September to May in the interests of the National Forensic League and for the promotion of extended and improved speech activities in the high schools of America.

Office of Publication: Ripon College, Ripon, Wisconsin

Subscription Price: 50 cents a year; 25 cents for additional copies.

Contributions should be sent to The Rostrum, Box 223, Madison, S. D.

Entered as second-class matter at the post office at Ripon, Wisconsin, under the Act of August 24, 1912

Any item herein may be reprinted or quoted by crediting the source

NFL Honors—

Mr. William H. Row of Pittsburg, Kans., is one of the younger coaches who work behind the lines to make the NFL a success, and whose work has made him a success! He is 31 years of age, married, and has one son. He received his B.S. degree from the University of Kansas in 1929, and was on the Dean's Honor Roll each year of his attendance there. In 1934 he secured his M.A. degree from Teachers College, Columbia University.

In his nine years at Pittsburg he has caused the speech department to grow from a one-semester class each in public speaking, debate, and dramatics, to three full year classes in public speaking, and three semester classes in debate and dramatics. All of his speech activities are based on the principle that every student who has the desire to do so should be allowed to debate regardless of his ability. The fact that he has entered 259 debaters in 1009 debates in the last eight years indicate that he has succeeded in carrying out his principle in practice! He is intensely interested in choral speaking, and his chorus of 85 voices will present a program to



William H. Row of Pittsburg
 the Kansas State Teachers' Association of Teachers of English in 1933, Critic of the Forum Club (a business men's public speaking group sponsored by the Pittsburg Y.M.C.A.), and is President of the Pittsburg City Teachers Association.

His motto is one with which all NFL can concur: "Not more 'winning teams' but 'a higher standard of speech for all.'" Although the Kansas Activities Association has passed a ruling making it impossible for its members to enter the National Tournament, Mr. Row is still 100% NFL.

Two Outstanding Students

Ruth Lee of Du Quoin

Ruth Lee, Lilliputian member of the Du Quoin speech squad, is a senior, earning her fourth letter in debate. Her



greatest speech adventure came as a sophomore when she qualified for the national tournament in extempore. She reached the quarter-final round at Jacksonville and the final round at Wooster, at the latter tournament also debating both sides of the question, she and her colleague losing the quarter-final 2 to 1.

Although a consistently excellent scholar, she finds time to follow and to participate in sports, her favorites being bowling and swimming, to collect modern poetry, to hold class offices, the state presidency of the Hi-Tri organization for girls, and offices in both local speech clubs, as well as take active part in church work.

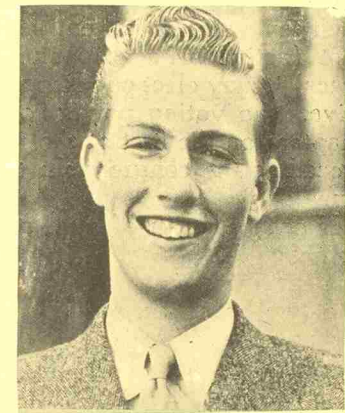
When she began her speech work, her voice was so little that her colleagues called her "Squeaky." Enters all the speech events, but prefers debate and extempore. Has won many trophies for being named best debater in a tournament. She has two ambitions: to rank high in the national extempore contest and to be a radio commentator, high ambitions, she admits, for a girl, especially one with a weak voice; but, as she says, "It will be fun trying."

Robert Hine of Beverly Hills

Robert Hine, Beverly Hills' National Champion in Original Oratory, is at present unfortunately afflicted with rheumatic fever, but in spite of his misfortune he is carrying on in true platform style—"the show must go on!"

He is student body president of Beverly High. He is Lektos, the highest scholastic society at Beverly. He is a Knight which is the boys' honor organization. He is outstanding in junior statesmen work, and has been president of numerous clubs. He received straight A's all through high school. He is a sealbearer, which means that he has been a member of the Palladian society (scholastic) for six semesters.

In addition to this impressive record of extra-curricular activity, Bob adds a speech record of no mean proportions! In his three years of competition he has won



the Toastmasters' Extemporaneous Contest, the Civic California Oratorical Contest, the Bay League Oratorical Contest, the

(Continued on page 8)

Plans For Student Congress

A student congress in every district is the special project of the NFL this year. To get them under way, the Council has set up a framework of rules within which each Chairman may plan such congress to fit into the circumstances in his particular area.

Bicameral or Unicameral?

The use of the bicameral system is recommended for the reasons that it represents the actual practice in America today with one exception. It also permits two students to speak at the same time one in each house, and so to derive the training inherent in the situation. However, if time is limited or attendance too small to make two houses effective, the chairman may set up a unicameral plan. It is simpler to handle and might therefore be recommended for a first year enterprise.

Basis of Representation

Each active Chapter shall be entitled to seat two Senators. For each ten votes it is entitled to cast (active members and degrees) it may elect one Representative. The voting power of the chapters on the first of the month preceding the congress shall govern.

If on the basis of such apportionment the house shall exceed fifty members, it shall be divided into two branches, each proceeding as a separate unit. Without precedent in actual usage this is simply an expedient to keep each chamber small enough in size so that every member will have a chance to speak a reasonable number of times.

Minimum of Four Sessions

Each congress shall be set up to

provide a minimum of four sessions. Where travel is a factor, this will probably mean meeting Friday afternoon and evening and again Saturday morning and afternoon. In districts where the chapters are close enough together to permit meeting on successive Saturdays, such arrangement is recommended. It will give the legislators an opportunity to ponder pending bills between sessions, reinforce their ideas with facts, and consult with "constituents." The choice of these methods will rest with each chairman or his committee.

Subjects for Legislation

Matters of national concern should constitute the main body of legislation before each congress. The following committees therefore are suggested: Agriculture, Foreign Affairs, Appropriations, Judiciary, Military and Naval, Social Welfare, State and Local Government, National Forensic League. The last two committees are added to afford some provision to consider matters of special interest in each state as well as NFL rules and procedures. Most of the time, however, should be spent on the broad national questions. Each member shall serve on one committee and designate his choice on his entry form.

Officials

In order that each house might be guided by matured leadership, the District Chairman shall appoint instructors to serve as presiding officers. Elected student officers pro tem may then wield the gavels for as much of the time as their abilities warrant, with the in-

structors ready to take over when ever necessary. The question might be raised why instructors should share at all in the activities of a student congress. The Council deems it more important that the congress operate as smoothly as possible for the benefit of all participants, than that one student gain the experience of presiding officer at the expense of his associates. As rapidly as capable student leadership asserts itself it can be given greater responsibilities.

Clerks and sergeants-at-arms shall likewise be selected by the Chairman, but assistants elected from students not seated in the congress.

Credit Points

Members of the congress shall receive one credit point for each

session attended plus one point for each speech on pending business. The meeting during a forenoon, afternoon, or evening shall be regarded as a session.

Rules

The general rules of procedure appear on the following pages. For unicameral sessions all references to a senate become obsolete. To defray expenses of the congress the district chairman is authorized to assess a registration fee not exceeding 50c per student.

A special manual for student congress officials is in preparation.

Bills

Measures which would upon passage by Congress or a state legislature become laws, should be introduced as "bills" according to the following pattern:

A BILL

In the House of Representatives
By Mr. Grabske of Independence

To provide for a Federal System of Education.

- 1 Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the
- 2 Student Congress,
- 3 That the President of the United States shall appoint to his Cabinet a Secretary of Education whose duties it shall be to organize
- 4 and direct a federal board of education.

Measures which pertain to the operation of the student congress itself, which recommend or request another governmental agency to take certain action, are framed as "resolutions," if passage by one house only is sought, or as "joint resolutions" if to be passed by both houses.

JOINT RESOLUTION

In the Senate of the Student Congress.
By: Mr. Carroll of Charleroi.

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States

- 1 Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the
- 2 Student Congress assembled (two-thirds of each House concurring therein), that the following article is hereby proposed as an
- 3 amendment to the Constitution of the United States which shall
- 4 be valid to all intents and purposes as a part of the Constitution

Student Congress Rules

To Govern Bicameral District Congress

Organization

1. At its opening session, each house shall elect from its membership a President or Speaker pro tem, who shall preside in the absence of the President, and from without its membership a Chief Clerk, and a Sergeant-at-Arms.

Meetings

2. The Student Congress shall hold its first meeting at a time and place fixed by the District Chairman. Later sessions shall be called to order at such times as the two houses may decide.

3. Procedure, Opening Session

- 1—Call to order.
- 2—Roll call of members.
- 3—Election of President pro tem, Chief Clerk, and Sergeant-at-Arms.
- 4—Notification of other House of the fact of organization.
- 5—Appointment of standing committees and chairmen.
- 6—Presentation and consideration of resolutions.

7—First reading and reference of bills.

8—Announcements.

9—Adjournment.

4. Regular Order of Business

- 1—Call to order.
- 2—Reception of messages from the other House and disposition thereof.

3—First reading and references of bills.

4—Reports of standing committees

5—Special orders.

6—Consideration of the Calendar.

7—Announcements.

8—Adjournment.

Introduction of Bills

5. Bills may be introduced only under the head of "First reading and reference of bills." No bills or joint resolutions may be introduced after the first day of the session.

6. **Senate Only.** A Senator desiring to introduce a bill shall rise and be recognized, and present his bill by title. Two typewritten copies of the bill shall be sent immediately to the Chief Clerk.

7. **House Only.** Bills may be introduced informally by laying two type-

written copies of each proposed bill on the desk of the Clerk of the House at any time prior to or during the head, "First Reading and reference of House bills."

8. **House Only.** At each session of the house the Clerk shall under the head of "First reading and references of House bills," read, by title and author only, the bills which have been placed on his table during that session, whereupon, the chair shall refer the bill to an appropriate committee.

9. Prior to the adjournment of each day's session, the Clerk shall deliver to the chairmen of each standing committee, a correctly numbered copy of each bill referred to that committee during the day's session.

10. Bills providing for the raising of revenues shall originate only in the House of Representatives.

11. Resolutions not relating to legislation shall be considered as privileged, and may be introduced at any time when no other motion is being considered, provided that the member introducing the resolution shall first secure the unanimous consent of the house. Such resolutions shall be considered immediately, without reference to committee.

Standing Committees

12. The following standing committees shall be appointed by the president of the Senate and Speaker of the House at the opening session.

- Committee on Appropriations
- Committee on Agriculture
- Committee on Foreign Affairs
- Committee on the Judiciary
- Committee on Military and Naval Affairs
- Committee on Social Welfare
- Committee on Ways and Means
- Committee on State and Local Government.

Committee on National Forensic League

13. Chairmen of standing committees shall be appointed by presiding officer at the opening session, but at the last meeting of the committee each day such committee shall elect a chairman for the succeeding day,

but may re-elect a previous chairman.

14. Committees shall consider all bills referred to them, and shall report them back to their respective houses at whatever time is desired by the majority of the members of the committee.

15. Any committee may, if it so desires, hold open hearings on any bill referred to it. The deliberations of committees on bills, however, shall be in secret session.

16. No committee shall sit during the sitting of its house, without special leave from the chair.

17. Each bill reported by a committee to its house shall be in the same form as that in which it was received by the committee. Attached to each bill reported shall be a copy of the committee's report. The report shall include (a) the exact statement of any amendment or amendments recommended by the committee, and (b) the recommendation of the committee as to the disposition of the bill by the house.

Form of report: "The Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred House Bill 31, to authorize the President of the United States to enter into a disarmament treaty with foreign nations, having considered the same, report it to the House with the following amendments (or without amendment), with the recommendation that the bill do pass (or do not pass)."

18. Immediately following the meeting of each committee, the chairman of the committee shall deliver to the clerk of the House of which the committee is a part, a complete copy of all bills considered and accompanying committee reports.

19. All bills reported back by the standing committees prior to the last session of the Congress shall be mimeographed under the supervision of the Clerk of the House to which the report is made, and a copy provided for each member of the House at the time the bill is considered.

Consideration of Bills

20. All bills reported by the committees to the Houses shall be placed on the regular House Calendar in the order in which the reports are received by the Clerk of the Houses.

21. Unless a bill is made a special order, it shall be called up for con-

sideration by the two houses in its regular order on the individual calendars.

22. As each bill is called up for consideration, it shall be read by the Clerks by number and title, after which it shall be open for consideration.

23. If amendments to the bill have been recommended by the standing committee reporting it, the committee amendments shall be considered first, in the order in which they are listed in the committee report.

24. After all committee amendments have been disposed of, the bill as a whole shall be open to further discussion or amendment from the floor.

Debate on Bills and Resolutions

25. Any speaker who has the floor may be interrupted by another member rising to a point of privilege. The chair shall ask the speaker whether he yields his time. If he refuses to yield, the interrupting member must remain silent. If the speaker yields, the interrupting member may ask questions or offer comments briefly; following which, the floor shall again be held by the original speaker.

26. No member may speak more than once on any bill or resolution, provided that the member who introduced the bill and the representative of the committee which reported it, may each be recognized a second time. If an amendment is introduced, each member is entitled to be recognized once for discussion of the amendment.

Votes on Bills and Resolutions

27. Decision on all bills and resolutions, and on all amendments to bills or resolutions, shall be by viva-voce or standing vote; and a vote by ayes and nays may be taken on any bill or resolution, if demanded by one-fifth of the members.

28. A division of the house may be demanded by any single member on any question on which a viva-voce vote is taken. The call must be made immediately after the vote is taken and before another question is stated by the chair.

29. When a vote by ayes and nays is ordered, the clerk shall call the names of members in alphabetical order, and each member shall respond, "Aye," "Nay," or "Present." Any member may change his vote

prior to the announcement of the result by the chair.

Relations Between the Two Houses

30. Every bill introduced in and passed by one house shall, immediately after passage, be sent by messenger in duplicate, to the Clerk of the other house, with the notation that concurrence of the other house is desired.

31. If the bill is passed in the second house with amendments, it shall be sent by messenger to the Clerk of the first house, with the notation that amendments have been added and that the first house is requested to concur in the amendments. Amendments added shall be underscored; sections stricken out shall be placed in parentheses.

32. After the bill has been received in the first house, a motion to proceed immediately to its consideration shall be in order as soon as the immediately pending business is disposed of. If carried, the chair shall present the bill and its amendments to the house.

33. If the house refuses to accept any amendment, a motion shall be in order to request a conference between managers of the two houses. If the motion is carried, the chair shall appoint three managers, and the second house shall be notified that a conference is requested.

Committees on Conference

34. The committee on conference shall meet and attempt to work out a compromise, amending the bill as passed, in a way satisfactory to both groups. A majority of the managers of each house must agree on the final

form of the bill as amended. If the committee cannot agree, report of its inability to agree is made to both houses, and each house may, if it desires, authorize the chair to appoint new managers.

35. If the committee on conference agrees on an amended bill, it shall immediately report to both houses the form of bill agreed upon; and as soon as the immediately pending business has been disposed of in each house, a motion shall be in order to adopt the conference report.

36. Reports from one house to another and reports of committees of conference, shall be considered as privileged, and may be received in either house at any time but may not interrupt a speaker.

Miscellaneous Rules

37. Each member shall be assigned a seat and shall remain in his place except at such times as he shall rise to secure the floor, or rise to a point of order or a point of privilege.

38. If membership in the House exceeds 50 members, the House shall be divided into two separate houses of equal size. All measures passed by either house shall be considered by the Senate, but Senate bills shall be sent to one of the two houses only, odd numbered bills to one House, even numbered bills to the other.

39. Questions of procedure not covered by these rules shall be ruled according to Robert's Rules of Order Revised."

Robert Hine

(Continued from page 3)

University of Southern California Oratorical Tournament—and a second the previous year, the Redlands State Tournament twice—and once second, and the National High School Speech Championship in Original Oratory. He also is a fiery debater as is evidenced by his winning the University of Southern California debate tournament with the assistance of his colleague.

He likes tennis, all debate work, and drama. He dislikes cats!

Our Debate Editor Says

W. Francis English, Carrollton, Mo.

The debate editor is anxious to have news notes from chapters on their activities. He is particularly anxious to have reports of innovations that the chapters have made in making the debate program more popular with audiences, with the student body, and with the community. He also wants to know what NFLers want in this section. What will be most helpful and practical for you?

* * *

What is your personal objective in debate this year? Is it to be the district winner or the state champion? Of course, every debate squad fondly hopes for this honor. However, it will come to only a very limited number and there will be other groups as good as the winners, maybe better. What is a sensible and worthwhile objective?

Let us suggest this one. "To work honestly and thoroughly to gain a fairly complete mastery of our question and then to train ourselves to discuss it intelligently, simply, enthusiastically and in a calm and friendly way. To so work that we will add to the knowledge and enjoyment of our hearers and to leave them with the impression that high school youth is intelligent, vigorous, and realistic in outlook."

* * *

Reports from state debate league offices indicate that the enrollment of schools is greater this year than last. This indicates that debating is becoming more popular and that many more high school teams have their eyes set "Toward California in June."

BOOK REVIEW

University Debaters' Annual, 1937-38, edited by Edith M. Phelps: The H. W. Wilson Co.

The volume under discussion contains some worthwhile material on the high school question. It is a report of eleven university or college debates held last year on as many different questions.

The debate between the Anglo-Scottish team and the team from Iowa State College on "American Isolation from European Affairs" will be helpful as well as entertaining. The debate between Middlebury College Affirmative against Brown University negative on an "Anglo-American Mutual Assistance Pact" is good and is our question stated in a slightly different manner. The debate on "An American League of Nations" between Pennsylvania State College and the University of Puerto Rico will be worth the debaters' attention. The debate sponsored by The Western Reserve Rostrum on "United States Protection of Nationals in Event of Foreign War" will be helpful and demonstrates a new debate technique which some squads may wish to try. The debate held under the auspices of "The National Federation of Canadian University Students" on "Democracy and Economic Prosperity" is worth your attention. None of these debates are honeycombed with a load of facts or exhaustive analyses or particular situations, but they demonstrate good debating methods. Most of them are entertaining to read and they must have been better to hear.

TEN COMMANDMENTS FOR DEBATERS

- I. Be gentlemanly in your appearance.
- II. Be courteous to your audience.
- III. Be generous to your opponent.
- IV. Be thorough in your preparation.
- V. Be truthful in your statements.
- VI. Be forceful in your delivery.
- VIII. Be cooperative with your colleague.
- IX. Be observant of the rules.
- X. Be gracious in your loss.

George E. Burger,
Mgr. Allentown Prep

Pre-Viewing Success

By

Elaine Tucker, Classen H.S. Oklahoma City

"Dots and dashes and lots of flashes from border to border and coast to coast." Mrs. Winchell's little boy Walter had better look to his laurels when the news gets around that NFL is going to run him a wee bit of competition.

By way of the radio waves—what Kenosha, Wisconsin, boy, whose initials are James Ameche and who is a brother of the one and only Don Ameche, is making his home town NFL chapter buy new hats in larger sizes?

Kenosha must be out there where they grow bigger and better radio talent. What Kenosha boy, a charter member of the NFL chapter at Kenosha, holds a regular place on the NBC staff of announcers in New York?

What boy (with a Louisiana accent) who debated in the national tournament at Topeka, and reached the finals in Extemp the following year at Kent, is on the announcing staff at WLW?

What boy from what chapter in Michigan is now the chairman of the Michigan Tax Commission? It's quite an honor for one so young. I wonder—did he get his start debating that question about tangible and intangible taxes?

What NFL chapter is beginning to run the state of Ohio a close race for the title of the "Home of Presidents"? Clue—a winner of a national championship in Extemp. went to Fordham to college, and was elected freshman president; a national champion in one contest and a finalist in another contest in the same year, became freshman president at his

state university; a finalist in one event and a semi-finalist in another in a recent national tournament, is now freshman president of the freshman dramatic and debate society. Can any other chapter beat this record for the last three years?

To the NFL member whose correct solution of the above mysteries first reaches the editor's desk, we will offer an opportunity to edit this column for one month. Answers must be accompanied by five news items about NFL members who have gone out into the cold college or business world, and have made good.

And, by the way. Now is the time for all good girls to come to the aid of the editor—or don't the girl NFL members accomplish things in the speech line after they leave high school?

Our adding machine bogged down trying national contest events; but there must be enough celebrities to keep us in news for the rest of the year. Won't you each do a little Walter Winchell-ing for us? (We can't see through all of the keyholes at once.)

NFL chapters, have you the present addresses of your former members? You never know when a big story will break about one of your own students or coaches. Pass the news on to the Success Editor, Elaine Tucker, address—Classen High School, Oklahoma City, who thinks that NFL is doing a swell job of training young men and women for responsible positions—when opportunity knocks that traditional one time upon the door.

James Ameche and Ray Johnson NFL Members Taught Speech by John D. Davies



A five year contract in radio is a sure sign that any artist has "what it takes" and that is the description given to James Ameche, not only by the National Broadcasting Company where he has been cast in important roles in "Grand Hotel," but also by the Columbia Broadcasting System, which for nearly three years has presented young Ameche as Jack Armstrong, the all-American boy, for a cereal sponsor.

And so Jim Ameche who won two National Forensic League district championships in debating and one in Oratory while competing with Kenosha High School teams coached by John D. Davies is on his way to follow in the footsteps of his brother, Don, of stage, radio, and movie fame.

In 1933 on the platform in the District NFL Tournament at Ripon winning trophies for Kenosha,

in 1938 before the microphones of two leading radio networks winning acclaim from the American people—those are the short but rapid strides to success for this NFL member.

Ray, Johnson, Too



Another Kenosha boy, Ray Johnson, holds a regular place on the NBC staff of announcers in New York. He was also a charter member of the Kenosha NFL chapter and a

pupil of Mr. Davies.

Publisher Offers Prize

Budding orators will be interested in the offer made by Noble and Noble, publishers, to give a cash prize of \$100 to the winner of the national contest in oratorical declamation according to the terms set forth in their advertisement in this issue of The Rostrum. To some lucky boy, speech proficiency is going to have not only cultural and functional value, but immediate monetary reward as well. The Wetmore Bureau is also offering a cash prize. The encouragement to successful attainment provided by these publishers is appreciated.

The state final contest sponsored by the Young Republicans, held at Ripon College, was won by Dan Ragon of Kenosha.

From the Secretary's Desk

Mundt Elected to Congress

Associated Press reports state that Karl E. Mundt was elected Representative from the first South Dakota District "by a comfortable margin" over his Democratic opponent. The successful Congressman-elect has been too busy to confirm this report in time for this issue of *The Rostrum*, but undoubtedly will confirm it with a broad smile and twinkle in his eye when you see him at the Cleveland convention en route to Washington to take the seat to which he has been chosen.

Mr. Mundt has been a leader among the Republicans in South Dakota for a number of years. In 1936 he lost the congressional election by a small margin in the general Democratic landslide. This year he was a strong factor in reversing the tide which swept the entire state and national Republican ticket into office in South Dakota.

NFL knows that South Dakota has chosen a capable and brilliant man to represent the interest of the people in Congress. We wish him the satisfaction of genuine accomplishments in his new tasks.

Radio Debate Nov. 18

Men of international reputation will stage a demonstration debate on Nov. 18th for the benefit of the high school students grappling with the Anglo-American Alliance question. Teaming up for the affirmative presentation will be Dr. Pennington Haile, assistant director of the League of Nations As-

sociation and Prof. Clyde Eagleton of New York University. Setting forth the negative views will be John T. Flynn, noted writer, lecturer, financial analyst; and Quincy Howe, former editor of *Living Age*. Professor Lyman Bryson of Columbia University will serve as chairman.

The program will be carried on the blue network of the National Broadcasting Company, Friday, Nov. 18, beginning at 2 o'clock central standard time.

This program has been arranged through the efforts of Chairman Harold G. Ingham of the University Extension Committee on Debate Materials for the express purpose of helping high school debaters to understand better the subject which is to occupy their efforts for the next few months.

New Chapters

The first charters authorized by the Charter Committee during the present school year go to:

Hollywood, Calif.
Paris, Tennessee
Austin, Texas
Cheney, Washington
Dallas-Sunset H.S., Texas
Rock Springs, Wyoming
Sheboygan-North, Wis.
Newburgh Academy, N. Y.

Maryville (Mo.) Chapter is holding its second annual Student Assembly on Nov. 12. Each school may enter four delegates to the unicameral legislature and introduce one bill relating to the national or international scene.

Maryville is to be congratulated on its forward looking project.

WINNING READINGS

FROM THE NEW 1939 CATALOG

Humorous

Behind the Beyond	.50
Bride's Tears	.50
David Garrick	.60
Hollywood Headache	.50
Importance of Being Earnest	.50
Including Wings	.50
Junior Tries to Grow Up	.50
School for Scandal	.50

Dramatics

Agent for the Enemy	.50
Cherry Blossoms	.50
Cornhusk Doll	.60
Curse of the Jewelled Cross	.60
Elizabeth the Queen	.50
Paul My Friend	.60
Reprisal	.50
Riders to the Sea	.50

Orations

Bloody Altars	.50	Our Imperative Task	.50
Caesar's Friends	.50	How Much Land Does a	
Education Against Crime	.50	Man Need?	.50
Footfalls of Civilization	.50	Swastika Over Germany	.50
New American Tradition	.50	Youth Speaks	.50
Hatred on the Rampage	.50		

Send for our free catalog describing these and hundreds of contest winning readings and plays.

IVAN BLOOM HARDIN COMPANY
3806 Cottage Grove Ave. Des Moines, Iowa

Distinguished Service Award Requirements Advanced

The Executive Council has amended Regulation No. 14 by raising the requirements for the Chapter Award as follows: The first Award earned by a chapter will require 50 citations as heretofore; to secure a second award will now require an additional 100 citations (total of 150), and to receive a third award, another 150 citations or a total of 300.

The second plaque will be silver and the third gold.

No change is made at this time in the requirements for the personal award either key or plaque. The Council, however, will consider changes in the items for which citations are given toward either award. What have you to

suggest? Which of the present items might well be omitted in favor of others which would more definitely make the award "for distinguished service to the National Forensic League." Either write your suggestion to one of the members of the Council or better still, present it personally at

Annual Meeting

The annual business meeting of the Executive Council will be held on Monday, Dec. 27, beginning at 9 a. m. in the Cleveland Hotel, Cleveland, Ohio. All NFL members in the vicinity or those attending the convention of the National Association of Teachers of Speech are invited to join in the discussions. Our NFL meeting day is set to enable members to attend the national speech convention at the same time.

Statistical Page

		District Standing			
Rank	Up or Down	District	Members per Chapter	Leading Chapter	Members & Degrees
1.	+3	Western Penn.	21.1	Monessen	88
2.	—1	Ohio	20.0	Wooster	73
3.	—1	Wisconsin	17.4	Mayville	60
4.	—1	Texas	16.6	North Dallas	72
5.	+1	Iowa	15.1	Hawarden	61
6.	—1	Northern Illinois	15.0	Maine Township	71
7.	0	Oklahoma	14.5	Classen	39
8.	+1	New York	13.4	Peekskill	60
9.	—1	Indiana	13.2	Ft. Wayne-North	55
10.	0	Southern Illinois	12.8	DuQuoin	66
11.	+4	Colorado	11.6	Casper, Wyo.	39
12.	—1	California	11.0	Beverly Hills	37
13.	0	Missouri	9.1	Carrollton	28
14.	0	South Dakota	8.4	Watertown	40
15.	+3	Kentucky	8.4	Lexington	25
16.	—4	Kansas	8.3	Salina	35
17.	—1	Tennessee	8.0	Dickson	22
18.	—1	Nebraska	7.7	Emerson	26
19.	0	Minnesota	7.7	Mpls.-West	35
20.	0	New England	5.2	Portland, Maine	21
21.	0	New Jersey	5.0	State College, Pa.	14
22.	0	Western	4.7	Spokane	20
23.	0	Michigan	3.9	River Rouge	19

Our Decalet of Leaders—The Second Ten

Coaches		Students	
T. C. Bond, Niles, O.	335	Holb. Carroll, Cherleroi, Pa.	314
Mary Blackburn, Gran. City	335	Mart. Rosenburg, Charleroi	307
A. E. Melzer, Sheboygan	324	Christy Munch, Charleroi, Pa.	294
C. J. Nebergal, Aur.-W., Ill.	272	Evln Johnson, Maine Twp Ill.	278
Helen M. Hall, Pasaic, N.J.	271	Robt. Libott, Beverly Hills	274
A. L. Swank, Peekskill, N.Y.	267	Jack Ryan, Denver, Cathed.	274
W. F. English, Carrollton	267	Sam Goldenburg, Burling, Ia.	274
E. L. Kimball, Chgo. Eve. Y.	260	Shirley Kilgore, Corbin, Ky.	271
C. E. Grady, Classen Hs. Ok.	256	E. Weidner, Mpls.-Roosevelt	271
John D. Davies, Kenosha	255	Virginia Zuern, Mayville	264

Going Up

	New	Total
Chapters	4	476
Members	53	20,131
Emblems Ordered	8	10,247
Reports of Contests	91	77,155
Degrees of Honor	8	9,065
Degrees of Excellence	10	5,224
Degrees of Distinction	0	2,880

We will give away absolutely free \$100 in cash

as a scholarship to the student who wins the 1939 National Declamation Contest of the National Forensic League, providing the winning selection is chosen from one of the volumes in either our Pearson's THE SPEAKER SERIES or Anderson's YEARBOOKS OF ORATORY purchased directly from us at any time since January 1, 1938. The books in these Series may be purchased either individually or as sets.

Pearson's THE SPEAKER SERIES

Volumes I to VIII.....Each \$2.50
Complete set of 8 volumes.....\$20.00

This series of eight volumes is recognized as the standard source of platform material for every need.

Each volume is approximately 500 pages, made up of the best Orations, Poems, Plays and Practice Pieces for Public Speaking and Voice Training. Uniformly bound in attractive and durable green cloth.

Anderson's YEARBOOKS OF ORATORY (Prize Winning Orations)

Volumes I to X.....Each \$2.00
Complete set of 10 volumes.....\$20.00

Each book of this Series contains the prize-winning speeches of the important Oratorical Contests for the year in which it is published.

Write today for Application Blank for this scholarship and information regarding the above books.

NOBLE AND NOBLE, Publishers, Inc., 100 Fifth Avenue,
New York

ANNOUNCING

A NEW SERIES OF BOOKS for DEBATORS AND SPEAKERS

The new series is known as CONTEMPORARY SOCIAL PROBLEMS: DISCUSSION SERIES.

It will be limited, for the time being, to one volume each year to be published in the fall.

Volume 1 is entitled **Government Spending and Economic Recovery**, edited by J. V. Garland and C. F. Phillips. The price is \$2.00 postpaid.

This series is intended to supply the need for sound analytical and background material on current debate problems. The editors feel that a comprehensive grasp of the proposal itself should precede the formation of specific arguments.

For the student the series offers a compact and economical method of securing a well-rounded knowledge of the proposition.

For the coach this series will present a set of materials at the beginning of the season which he can safely place in the hands of his students.

The H. W. WILSON COMPANY

950 University Avenue

New York City