

Readings Used at National Contest, 1938



Humorous

AMATEUR HOUR
AN AFTERNOON AT CHAUTAU-
QUA
CHINA BLUE EYES
DAVID GARRICK (Reached finals)
GUYING THE GUIDES or OUR
GUIDE IN GENOA AND ROME
(Reached finals)
JANE
LET BROTHERLY LOVE CONTIN-
UE

MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM
(Two contestants with this reading
reached the finals, one contestant
winning first)
MRS. COHEN AT THE AMUSE-
MENT PARK
A PAIR OF LUNATICS
THE SCHOOL PROGRAM
TAMING OF THE SHREW
(Reached finals)
TOM SAWYER

Dramatic

AFRAID OF THE DARK (Two con-
testants with this reading reached
the finals)
EYES
THE HIGHWAYMAN
HOMECOMING
HUMORESQUE
THE MADMAN
MARY STUART

THE NOBLEST ROMAN OF THEM
ALL
SCRATCH, THE NEWSBOY'S DOG
SKY-FODDER
THE TELL-TALE HEART
THAT WE MIGHT BE SAVED
A TOAST THAT WE CAN DRINK
WHEN THE WHIRLWIND BLOWS

Oratorical

THE BIG PARADE (Won 3rd place)
THE CRISIS IN CHARACTER
ENOUGH OF THIS
FASCISM
FOOL'S GOLD
THE INTEGRITY OF YOUTH
THE LOST GENERATION
MEMBERS OF THE JURY
THE MONSTER IN THE PUBLIC
SQUARE

MY ACCOUNT WITH THE UN-
KNOWN SOLDIER
PROFIT IN LOSS
ROPES
THE SUPREME MENACE
THREE SMALL NATIONS (Won
first in original oratory)
TOUSSAINT LOUVERTURE
(Reached finals)
THE UNFINISHED WORLD

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Don't Speak Like a Russian!

Of course, I must admit first of all that I've never heard a Russian speak. And if I should hear one speak, I'm very certain I couldn't understand a thing he said! Well may you wonder the cause for the suggestion, therefore, "Don't speak like a Russian!"

Eugene Lyons in that thrilling and exciting best-book-of-the-year, *Assignment in Utopia*, provided the reason. Mr. Lyons said that among the colony of foreign news reporters in Russia, suffering as they do from rigid censorship and political propaganda, an axiom has become general which goes, "There's no truth in the news and no news in the truth." Thus you and I who read foreign dispatches from Lenin-grad, read what the censors want us to read and not what the foreign correspondents actually see or know. The truth is not allowed to make news in Russia. So—I repeat it to *Young America*, "Don't Speak Like a Russian!"

Fluent fictionizing is NOT good speaking. Gesticulatory guess-work is not oratory. Fiery falsehoods and emphatic evasions of truth do not represent the stuff from which fine speeches are made. First of all, a speech to be great must be founded in fact. The speaker must know what he's talking about and then talk about what he knows. For any speech to be worth its time allowance, the speaker should be the best posted person in the room on the particular aspect of the specific subject he is discussing. A speech should stand up under the analysis of critical inspection; it should be proof against the spotlight of investigation and research. It should be a summary of facts and not a symposium of conjecture.

Student speakers should guard well against the temptation to speak first and study afterward. Precision is as laudable an art in speech making as it is in watchmaking and young speakers should always be sure of their facts before unloosing their fluency.

Democracy needs citizens who can speak well. To speak well is to know facts. Students should fill their minds with the facts of the world in preparation for playing their parts as articulate and effective citizens.—Karl E. Mundt.

Associate Editors Appointed

W. F. English

To get more thorough coverage of the many good features diversified NFL activities develop, Editor Mundt has called to his assistance three associate editors. Mr. W. Francis English, principal and debate coach at Carrollton, Mo., will become Debate Editor and devote a page or so of the *Rostrum* each month during the season to pertinent information on this great indoor sport. Mr. English coached the team which battled DuQuoin in the championship debate in 1936 and also a team from Fayette which won third in the first national tournament in 1931. He is not unfamiliar with good debating.

Ralph N. Schmidt

Mr. Ralph N. Schmidt of Mayville, Wis., will edit a department devoted to current NFL leaders, both students and coaches. He has himself blazed a trail of leadership both in bringing Wisconsin into first or near first place during each year of his chairmanship, and also in making his chapter at Mayville—in a town of 2,500—one of the ten largest chapters each year. Mr. Schmidt should know something about leadership.

Mrs. Elaine Tucker

And finally we are to have a "Success Editor"—not a column on how or where to get it, but a compiler of the interesting ways and means our own NFL boys and girls have already made good in some significant way. We know that speech training fits for leadership and that our own students of just a few years ago are proof of that belief. Now Mrs. Elaine Tucker of Classen High in Okla-

home City is going to bring some of these success stories to light through the pages of *The Rostrum* monthly. She will be ably assisted by her co-worker in Classen High, Col. C. E. Grady. Both have coached national champions and last year Classen won the big national trophy. They and their students, too, know what success is made of.

Mrs. Tucker will have her own approach to the task of getting the facts for her thrilling narrative of success, but editorially we suggest to chapters generally that if some of their NFL members of a few years back are making good and are coming through with three-base hits (the world series is on) that they give the lead for a good story to Mrs. Tucker. What have your alumni done to make you proud of them? Tell Mrs. Tucker about it and she will tell the NFL world.

Corrections

In reporting the results of the national debate tournament in the May *Rostrum* the linotype slug for Kenosha, Wisconsin, was inadvertently shifted to the wrong column, placing that school among the teams eliminated. Kenosha belonged in the list of teams advanced, in fact, had the best record of all teams for the first five rounds, rated Outstanding in three debates and Superior in the other two.

In listing the winners in Oratorical Declamation the name of Jerome Asher, Fitchburg, Mass., was omitted. Jerome tied for fourth place.

"Sure, I Remember Him"

By Brooks Quimby, Director Bates Interscholastic Debating League, Lewiston, Maine

Eighteen years ago the only undefeated teams in the East, Yale University and Bates College, were to debate at Lewiston, Me. Shortly before the event there appeared an editorial in a New Haven newspaper which poked fun at the trip into the wilds of Maine to meet the farmer lads with their crackerbox tradition of discussion. This aroused some feeling at Lewiston and served to increase the tension in the audience of 1500 people who listened to the excellent debate. When the decision was announced as unanimous for Bates, an excited student shouted, "Hooray for the backwoodsman; I guess that showed 'em," and started a demonstration.

There was a moment of embarrassed silence on the platform; but only a moment; almost immediately one of the Yale debaters rose and gained the attention of the audience. He assured them that Yale had no part in disparaging remarks about Maine that might have been made; that Yale men knew they were to meet a worthy adversary in Bates. He concluded by saying, "I am a Kentucky Mountaineer myself and I could hardly call anyone else a backwoodsman; and we certainly do not go home thinking so." The debaters then left the platform amid great applause.

You may never have heard this brilliant debater who lost his debate, but you may have been reading a series of articles by him on "Why Go to College" in recent issues of the Saturday Even-

ing Post. They are signed by Dr. Robert M. Hutchins, President, University of Chicago.

Several years later the same institutions met in debate at New Haven. The debate was close but the blood-curdling experiences of one of his relatives in China as told by a local debater in defending extra-territoriality may have which won the debate. His colleagues agreed in a friendly chat afterwards that it was doubtful if he ever had a relative in China, but that the story sounded well.

One of these men lost a decision; one won a debate; both are remembered; which one brought greater credit to himself and honor to his institution?

At Bates, we remember many debate teams from our own and other institutions. There was the host team that had three speakers prepared instead of two and so had the third one give his speech as chairman. It was the same team who insisted on an audience vote for a decision at home, found too many friends of the visitors in the audience and threatened to bring down a number of fraternity brothers from the library above to vote unless the audience vote was abandoned. There was the university which did not meet our women debaters at the station, allowed them to stay in a room without any dinner, and find their own way to the auditorium to learn that agreements about judges had been totally disregarded.

And coaches, too! What difference between the author of an English textbook at an American

university and the gentleman in charge of the University of Philippines debaters. The former berated the gentlest and finest of clergymen ex-debaters for trying to live up to a contract; the latter was quick to vote for Bates when all the rest of our home audience rose to proclaim their vote for the visitors and quick to say, "That is the best case we have met in America." (He did not compare the speakers!)

Our own speakers have had their bad moments. The boy who improvised some statistics is not forgotten. I felt sorry at the rather caustic remarks directed by a girl at a visiting English woman debater. (The visitor seems to have survived them quite well, however, as her articles in the Encyclopedia Britanica and her best selling novel would indicate. If you think all debaters are lacking in humor, you might read her story entitled "Dear Old Julia" in the Satevepost this week.) Even the unintentional misquotation of an opponent is a source of regret.

How much better to recall the many sporting words and deeds of our own representatives, to think of the splendid receptions given them on scores of college campuses, to recollect the happy experiences with visitors who have left such pleasant memories here with us.

Memories of high school debating follow a like pattern. In five state championship teams which I coached at Deering High School were many great debaters yet I am fully as proud of the sixth and the way in which they accepted defeat. I remember that the two speakers on one of those championship teams were not on speaking terms during the season and

conducted necessary relations through notes given to the little alternate. He never made the team in high school and so did not become eligible for the National Forensic League. But at Bates he not only made the team, but was picked to make a tour to debate around the world. He was still small, and I chuckled when I read in the New Zealand papers of the hosts ducking him in a bathtub to celebrate his twenty-first birthday, but I glowed with pride to read in those accounts and others from Australia and South Africa that he was the hero of debate contests before thousands.

I remember many high school teams which have come to the finals of the state league since I have had charge of it. There were the champions who whispered while the opposition was talking and made themselves generally unpopular. There were the many members of teams who never got into the finals and yet became our most successful college debaters. There were the youngstres who would not use a certain argument because it did not seem fair; and there were the statisticians whose figures would prove anything. Some won; some lost; all left memories behind them.

And the high school coaches, too! There is the able man who never secures his judges in proper time or manner; there is the woman whose teams have such splendid impromptu remarks—well worth the paper on which they are so carefully written. The best coach in the state gets that award from me, not simply because his teams often win, but because other coaches have told me he is the easiest man in the state

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Let the Small School Win

The South Dakota Plan for Giving All Schools a Fair Chance

By D. C. Reutter, High School Forensic Director, Huron, S. Dak.

A few years ago we changed the name of our high school debating league to the High School Forensic League of South Dakota. The reason for the change was that we no longer had just debate but extemporaneous speaking and original oratory.

This year we made another change. The state was divided into Class A and Class B schools. All schools with an enrollment of 250 or over are Class A schools and schools with an enrollment under 250 are class B schools. Just class B schools will compete in district tournaments. The winners of the district tournaments will then compete with class A schools in their respective divisions.

The state is divided into 8 divisions, each division is subdivided into districts, the districts containing the B schools. The number of districts within a division depends upon the number of B schools within that particular locality. There are at present from one to four districts within a division. There are from 3 to 6 schools in a district, and from 2 to 4 A schools in each division. Thus in each case the tournaments will be comparatively small and should easily be completed in one day. The winners of the divisional tournaments will compete in the state tournament.

Heretofore we have had 14 districts, in which the large and small schools have competed. The winners of each district then competed for the state championship.

Just what will be the result of

the new plan? It is, of course, more or less an experiment and time alone will tell us the results. But there seem to be some decided advantages.

Under the old plan many of the smaller schools would not join our Forensic League. The reason was that they felt that they did not have a chance to win over the larger schools, and therefore felt it useless to help pay the expenses of the tournament. Now I do not believe a team should stay out of a tournament just because they are not going to win. Such an attitude is contrary to good educational principles, yet on the other hand there are those small schools that do not have much money and are not able to carry on a debate program equal to the larger schools. These schools realize the value of debate and many of them have carried on a very fine debate program, only to have their season stop when tournaments start. They have an argument and with the odds against them they are, perhaps, justified in staying out of the tournament.

Under the present plan just the smaller schools will be competing in the district tournament. They will be competing with schools in their own class, and will feel that they have an equal chance to win. Thus the student will not be given a wrong philosophy, in why enter, we can't win. It should make for better debating. The B school will feel that they have something to work for, and they should not have an inferiority

complex from the beginning which they so often had when meeting a larger school.

The winners of the district will then compete with the A schools of their respective division. The fact that the B school has won one tournament will give them confidence to compete with the larger school. I might be so bold as to predict right now that in many cases it will be the B school that will win the divisional tournament, because every year we have had smaller schools represented in the state tournament and smaller schools have in the past won the state tournament.

The entire plan in no way belittles the debating of the smaller school, it simply is to give all of them confidence and help them in their debating program.

Another advantage of the present plan is that we will now have

but 8 schools in the state tournament, whereas we had 14 before. With double elimination in debate and 14 schools competing in original oratory and extemporaneous speaking we had a very busy three days for the state tournament. By the end of the tournament most everyone seemed nervous and worn out. We will now be able to finish the state tournament in two days. While we will probably be just as busy as before we will at least be saved the strain of one day. This strain is especially noticeable and detrimental where two people debate both sides of the question, and perhaps are entered in one of the other two speaking contests.

If the change will bring more schools into the state league and improve the debating it will indeed be a most worthwhile change.

An Interesting Letter From Betty Foss of Hammond, Indiana

Speech work has meant and will continue to mean a great deal to me. It transformed me from a classroom-shy, rostrum-lolling stumbler to a state champion debater within three short years and even helped me to get a job (and a good one) only ten days after commencement.

Some of the decisions have been bad; some have been good. Some of the tournaments have been fun; others have been nightmares. We have spent endless nights shivering in unheated dormitories and countless evenings submerged in make-up work; and we have driven miles over icy roads in a heater-less automobile just to compete in some friendly tournament.

What has the experience meant? We are at home on any campus. We know how and what to order in a strange restaurant. We have learned how to keep an argument impersonal. We have discovered that bad decisions are sometimes in our favor as well as in our opponent's. We have learned to take disappointments without sniffing, and criticism (even unfair) without answering back.

In short, we, the everyday members of the National Forensic League—even those of us who never won a championship in our lives—are much better people for having competed . . . and we have in our minds unusual and happy memories of acquaintances we shall always remember.

Financial Statement for the Year Ending June 30, 1938

Profit and Loss Statement

Receipts		
Charter Fees (114)	\$	570.00
Membership Fees (2641)		3,961.50
Degree Fees (2343 cash, 1396 coupons)		1,171.50
Annual Dues		114.00
Reinstatement Fees		20.00
National Tournament		3,264.50
Registration Fees	\$	2,514.50
Wooster Guarantee		750.00
Rostrum Advertising		376.90
Vouchers not presented		72.81
Total Receipts		\$ 9,551.21
Disbursements		
National Tournament	\$	3,169.90
Rebates to Coaches	\$	1,271.00
Judges		322.00
Officials		524.60
Trophies		539.22
Badges		149.34
Printing		182.50
Clerical		93.60
Miscellaneous		87.64
Secretary's Salary		1,500.00
Clerical Help		721.67
Printing		467.40
Postage		742.45
Travel		431.21
Rostrum		530.72
Debate Material		511.59
Charters, Certificates		289.56
District Awards		252.22
Free Keys		71.00
Miscellaneous		207.87
Depreciation		161.34
Total Disbursements		\$ 9,056.93
Surplus for the Year		494.28
Previous Surplus		1,275.20
Present Surplus		\$ 1,769.48

Balance Sheet

Assets		Liabilities	
Cash in Bank	\$1,405.82	Trust Fund Principal	\$2,565.00
Investments	2,500.00	Trust Income Account	49.63
Fixtures	645.34	Vouchers Outstanding	632.00
Accounts Receivable	33.50	Accounts Payable	68.55
Notes Receivable	500.00	Surplus Account	1,769.48
	\$5,084.66		\$5,084.66

Trust Income Account

Receipts		Disbursements	
Previous Balance	\$ 22.23	To pay dues for 52 chapters	\$ 52.00
Interest Earned	122.20	Remitted to Chapters	90.50
Unclaimed Vouchers	47.70	Balance on hand	49.63
	\$ 192.13		\$ 192.13

The Financial Statement

The accompanying financial statement shows a gratifying increase in revenue from nearly every source, and a corresponding increase in expenditures to serve the larger and more active organization. Nearly \$500 was added to our surplus, yet that is only 5% of the total receipts, and a slight decrease in incomes or increase in expenditures would mean a deficit. The surplus should be larger for safety.

The national tournament receipts again covered direct expenses, but left a very small surplus—only 3%—as a margin between surplus and deficit. With neither receipt nor expenditures closely predictable, the administration of the tournament within such close margin constitutes a financial hazard. It requires a lot of uncomfortably close figuring and almost penurious administration to operate the tournament on such a basis. Nor do these figures cover any of the indirect or overhead costs. These are paid by the League as a whole as its contribution to the high school speech program.

The amount rebated to chapters is significant. Coaches at the national tournament receive \$1271, or more than half of the registration fees as rebate for judging service. Including trophies, keys, debate materials, etc., a total of \$3,325 was returned last year in goods or cash to our chapters—one-third of all receipts. Take out tournament costs as well as less than one-half of our total income remains to operate the national organization.

The removal of the fee for degrees of Excellence and Distinction will operate to reduce League

revenue. So will the increase in requirements for membership and degree of Honor. A deficit can be avoided only if every chapter will see to it that all qualified students are enrolled. Your Council has tried consistently to reduce costs and increase services. That policy can be maintained only if every chapter will enroll a full quota of members. Last year the average amount paid in fees was \$11.67 per chapter. Make it a point to see that your chapter does not fall below that figure for this year and our reduced fees will not mean a deficit and consequent reduction in activities or services.

Why This "I Thank You"?

A handsome boy with keen eyes and alert brain worked for seven months ably to present arguments pro and con concerning unicameralism. He stood before a responding audience at an N F L District tournament and with quick thinking and earnest delivery won a debate from versatile opponents. Then he insulted his attentive, admiring listeners by his final, "I thank you." I protest.

A lovely girl carried her auditors along with her to a dramatic climax of events and characterization. Then she let them down with an "I thank you." Again I protest.

Perhaps it is this very apologizing for skill in speech contests which keeps debate audiences so small. Unless we as coaches and contestants place a high value upon our activities, we cannot expect much support from administrators, public, and student bodies. Let us abandon the defensive spirit with the "I thank you" conclusion to debate speeches.

Frances F. Ferris,
Casper, Wyo.

From the Secretary's Desk

Points for Coaches Reduced

Quite a few chapters have discovered apparent "errors" in the credit points listed for their coaches. As set forth in the May Rostrum, page 14, Amendment XXI was ratified by the chapters and became effective on July 1. This provides that whenever any coach reaches a total of 1,000 credit points, the points on record for all coaches shall be reduced one-half. This was done on July 1. Hence you will notice that the coaches in the Decalet of Leaders now have around 400 points instead of 800 to 1,000 as was the case last year. The wide disparity in points between the newer members and the older ones has been reduced and the possession of 100 credit points again represents a considerable attainment.

An Interesting Student Decalet

The Decalet of Leaders for students reads almost like a roster of national tournament celebrities. There is Robert Hine of Beverly Hills, winner of first in Original Oratory and Dick Goodman of Lincoln, Ill., likewise winner of first in Humorous Declamation. Also John Amott, brilliant sophomore debater on the undefeated Elgin national championship team now a student at Ft. Scott, Kans.

Ruth Lee of DuQuoin was in the final contest in Extempore Speaking and Loren Hotz of Shawano placed sixth in Original Oratory. John Brummet of DuQuoin took third in Oratorical Declamation while Joan Echelberger of Ashland went to the semifinals in the same event, and Henry Peters of Oconomowoc sailed

through four rounds in Oratory. And finally Harlan Dix of Wooster will be recognized by many as the level headed president pro tem of the Senate in the National Student Congress.

Nine out of ten were outstanding students in the national tournament and the tenth, Ralph Phelps of Dallas, during those same days won his 69th debate for the year and with it the championship of the State of Texas.

Is it an honor to be in the Decalet? You bet it is, and when you know these youngsters you will say it is a privilege, too, for they are the finest in the land—none better. The NFL is proud of them. They blazed a trail—now the rest of you follow.

President Karl Is Busy

At this time President Karl and Editor Mundt are both on leave of absence and instead Candidate Karl E. Mundt is extremely busy trying to convert the Republican nomination for Congress into election. Rostrum readers will recall that two years ago Mr. Mundt lost to his Democratic opponent by a few thousand votes, although running 38,000 ahead of the presidential ticket headed by Alf M. Landon. Straws in the wind seem to indicate that rains this summer have grown a good crop of Republicans and that Karl is doing a bang-up job of harvesting, so perhaps South Dakota will return to "the fold" again in November. Turn your radio dial to Yankton on Nov 8. We think you will have the pleasure of hearing your NFL president elected to our national Congress.

Is the NFL Pin Too Small?

One of our good Texas chapters writes the friendly protest that the NFL miniature is too "miniature." Do members elsewhere feel the same way? If they do, we shall ask the Balfour company at once to prepare new dies so as to produce a more satisfactory size, but of course, we do not want to do so unless that seems to be the wish or preference of the members generally. So, will you write the national office—just a card will do—and let us know if your chapter would like a little larger miniature of the NFL key.

Your wishes will govern, but silent wishing doesn't count; write us.

Charters Granted

The following schools were granted charters during the month of June:

St. John, Washington
South Portland, Maine
Atlanta, Texas
Lyons, Nebraska
Shepherdsville, Kentucky
Escanaba, Michigan
Guthrie, Oklahoma
Knox, Indiana

Summary of District Standing for Year 1937-1938

How did your District rank last year? Here is the story month by month. Satisfactory? If not, what are you going to do about it? If it is, look out, for some other district has its eye on the place you now occupy.

Place	District	Rank by Months									
		Oc.	Nv.	Dc.	Jn.	Fb.	Mh.	Ap.	My.	Jn.	Tt.
1.	Southern Illinois	1	1	1	1	1	3	4	4	3	19
2.	Ohio	5	5	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	24
3.	Wisconsin	3	2	3	3	4	5	6	3	4	33
4.	Texas	10	7	6	4	3	1	1	1	1	34
5.	New York	2	3	4	5	5	8	8	8	8	52
6.	North Illinois	14	4	5	6	6	7	7	7	7	53
7.	Western Penna.	11	10	11	11	11	4	5	6	5	74
8.	Colorado	9	8	7	8	8	9	9	10	12	80
9.	Indiana	7	9	10	10	10	11	11	8	9	85
10.	Nebraska	8	11	9	9	7	10	10	11	10	85
11.	California	6	6	8	7	9	14	15	12	11	88
13.	Iowa	13	12	12	12	12	12	12	13	13	111
14.	Missouri	12	13	13	13	14	13	14	16	16	124
15.	Kentucky	14	14	14	14	15	15	13	14	14	127
16.	Tennessee	18	16	18	17	17	20	17	17	17	157
17.	Minnesota	20	20	20	19	19	16	16	15	15	160
18.	Michigan	17	17	16	15	16	17	20	23	21	162
19.	South Dakota	16	18	17	18	20	19	18	20	20	166
20.	Kansas	19	19	19	20	18	18	21	21	23	178
21.	New England	21	21	22	22	21	21	19	18	18	184
22.	Eastern Penna.	21	22	21	21	22	22	23	19	19	190
23.	Washington	23	23	23	23	23	23	22	22	22	204

Where will your District rank next year? That is up to you and the other chapters in the district. The Chairman wants it to be at the top. Do you?

Student Congress Plans

The outstanding success of the first national student congress held at Wooster last May will now lead to the extension of this form of speaking into each of the NFL Districts this year. While final plans have not yet been passed by the Council, the general outline calls for a student congress in each district in such form as shall best seem to fit into the particular local condition.

Where the two-house system will be used, each chapter will be entitled to seat two senators and a number of Representatives based upon its own "population" or voting strength expressed in active members and degrees.

Details as to time and place will be worked out by your District Chairman and announced by him, but wise students will not wait until then to get ready. They will begin thinking now about bills to present and also about accumulating a body of knowledge on current national problems so that they can speak on such bills with something more than opinions. Watch the November Rostrum and announcements from your chairman for details about your congress and be ready to get into a most interesting and practical form of speaking when the congress in your district meets.

Charters Renewed

The charters for 55 chapters expiring on June 30th, were renewed by the charter committee and charters for 40 other chapters approved for renewal on payment of charter fee. Thirty chapters were dropped for failure to meet minimum renewal requirements

and ten other charters were revoked for failure to remove suspensions previously imposed. Eight of the vacancies were filled immediately in June, leaving 468 chapters at the beginning of the school year. That means 32 vacancies for new charters this year. Twelve petitions are now before the charter committee.

Which Is Our Smallest School?

Most of the Chapters you read about in The Rostrum are found in medium and larger high schools with enrollments from 500 to 3,000 students. Now what is the smallest school to maintain an active chapter? Emerson, Neb., with 125 students has a chapter with 26 members and degrees. That's great for a school twice that size. Let's hear from other small schools that support big speech programs.

NFL

Membership certificate No. 19,000 was issued to Bernard Barasch at the Senior High School in Uniontown, Pa.

SPECIAL RADIO PROGRAMS

We are advised by the Committee on Debate Materials that the annual demonstration debate on the high school question will be held on Friday, Nov. 18, 2:00 CST and carried by the National Broadcasting Company Network.

On Sunday evening, Nov. 13, the subject of the People's Platform Hour will be Anglo-American Alliance.

More complete information will appear in the November Rostrum.

WINNING READINGS

FROM THE NEW 1939 CATALOG

HUMOROUS

Rekindling the Old Flame—50c
The Raft—50c
Interview with an Actor—50c
Mushrooms—60c
Hamlet in High School—60c
Midsummer Night's Dream—50c
Lady Windermere's Party—50c
Junior Takes up Dramatics—50c

DRAMATICS

As the Herons Fly—60c
Winterset—60c
Jean Marie—60c
Reprieve from Death—60c
The Pattern of Life—60c
Brink of Silence—50c
Elizabeth the Queen—50c
Heart of Lemmy—50c

ORATIONS

A House Divided—50c
Big Parade—50c
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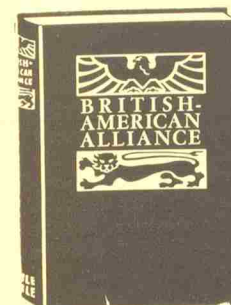
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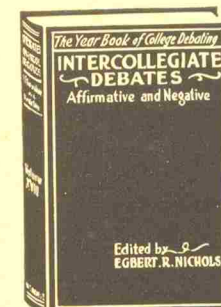
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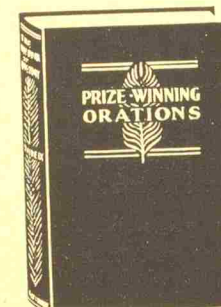


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