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Getting Started

There is a saying that a good start is half the race. The same is true of our chapters. A good start is almost certain promise of a successful year while a poor start is found a handicap which much unusual effort later on alone can overcome. Getting started right is really very easy. There are only a few things that need to be done, but these are important, and must be done right. Check over the following items and see that your Chapter is on the right side of the road with respect to each one of them.

1. Return the chapter lists of members and non-members mailed with this Bulletin. Be sure to give the address of the person to whom future mail is to be sent. If this Bulletin and these lists have been mailed to a person who is no longer an Active Member of the Chapter, forward this material at once to the Chapter President, debate coach, or the high school principal. Last year the failure of some people to do this resulted in fines for about a dozen Chapters. The lists are required to be returned by November first, but there is nothing like doing a thing now and the Secretary will furthermore appreciate having the list back just as soon as possible.
2. If your Chapter is one of the few that have not yet organized and enrolled their charter members, do that right now. In the early fall months we are not very busy and the Secretary can give unlimited time to helping you get your Chapter organized in the right way. Write freely for information if you need it, but take up this matter immediately and see that your Chapter is properly organized and receives its charter.
3. See that the chapter records, especially the set of blank forms are properly transferred to the new Chapter officers. Last year a few Chapters neglected to do this and permitted the forms to be taken away by the former officers, or allowed them to be destroyed or misplaced, necessitating replacement of the complete set from this office. As these forms are somewhat costly it is really unfair for a few Chapters to place this extra burden upon the rest of the Chapters of the organization.
4. Pay the annual dues for the Chapter according to Regulation No. 10. Statement for these dues will be mailed out next month, but Chapters

wishing to pay their dues beforehand are in no wise prohibited from doing so.

5. See that all contests from last year have been properly reported and that all persons whom the Chapter desires for members are properly enrolled. In the rush attendant with the closing of school last spring some of these things are forgotten. It is a good plan to go over now and see that all these matters have been taken care of or are attended to now.

A New Bulletin Feature

Commencing with the October Bulletin there will appear a new feature each month entitled "District Standing." An outline is reproduced below. For each of the ten Districts this will list the number of chapters in that District, the average number of votes per Chapter, the Chapter having the highest number of votes, and the number of votes held by that Chapter. This District having the highest average number of votes per chapter will be listed first and the rest of the Districts will be listed in descending order on the same basis. As the Chapter having the highest number of votes in each District on May first, chooses the District Chairman this table will furnish information as to the Chapters most likely to secure this privilege. This table will also serve to compare the activities of the Chapters within the various Districts and among the Districts themselves.

DISTRICT STANDING

<i>Place</i>	<i>District</i>	<i>Chapters</i>	<i>Votes per Chapter</i>	<i>Leading Chapter</i>	<i>Votes</i>
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For purpose of determining the average number of votes per Chapter the number of Chapters on September first this year will be taken as the divisor and this number will not be changed throughout the year. Therefore, new Chapters added in that District will mean a clear gain toward raising the average votes per Chapter. Since suspended Chapters have no voting power they will be a total loss to their Districts until they remove their suspension.

With spirited but friendly rivalry among the Chapters and Districts this should prove to be an interesting feature of the Bulletin.

District Chairman Resigns

We regret to have received the resignation of Mr. Brooks Quimby of Deering High School, Portland, Maine, as District Chairman for the New York District. Mr. Quimby is stepping into a larger field and will be debate coach at Bates College for the coming year. The National Forensic League

loses as Active Member one of its strongest coaches and a most enthusiastic supporter.

Eugene Merry of the Deering High School has been designated by that Chapter to succeed Mr. Quimby as District Chairman.

Suspended Chapters

For the information of those concerned the following list of Chapters suspended during the past year is here published:

Stockton	Homer City
Maywood	Spring City
Ashland, Kansas	Burke
Jetmore	Highmore
Luray	Lake Preston
Mankato, Kansas	Canning
Center	Hartsville
Lancaster	Calvert
Payne	Salt Lake City
Troy	Arcadia
Elk City	Edgerton
Eugene	Waupun
Grants Pass	Whitehall

New Chapters

The following new Chapters were authorized since June 1:

No.	Chapter	Petition Received by
202	Vivian, South Dakota	Mr. Mundt
203	Averyville, Illinois	Mr. Jacob
204	Fulton, New York	Mr. Jacob

District Chairmen

District	Chapter	Chairman
Iowa	Eagle Grove	Clifford H. Beem
Colorado	Rocky Ford	Mary M. Matlick
South Dakota	Huron	J. F. Short
New York	Portland, Maine	Eugene Merry
Illinois	Edgewood	Anna Rogers Parr
Kansas	Lucas	Donald P. Doane
Wisconsin	Menasha	Lester M. Emans
California	Phoenix, Arizona	Donald Jacobs
Ohio	Ashland	Kenneth E. Miller
Pennsylvania	Catasauqua	R. N. Thompson

Summary Statement

	New	Total
Chapters	3	200
Members	56	1945
Emblems Ordered	55	1453
Reports of Contests	99	4393
Memoranda Issued	144	4958
Degrees Granted:		
Honor	18	437
Excellence	7	184
Distinction		91

Degrees Granted

DISTINCTION

Harold Moor Columbus, Wis.

EXCELLENCE

Lucy Wilson Columbia, Missouri
 Hazel Casey Columbia, Missouri
 Mr. E. L. Kimball Cicero, Illinois
 Lina Blanchard Columbus, Wisconsin
 Louis Hessel Columbus, Wisconsin
 Irene Kroll Columbus, Wisconsin
 Harold Moor Columbus, Wisconsin
 J. Robert Ayers Laconia, New Hampshire
 Dorothy L. Robinson Laconia, New Hampshire

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