

Some Good One Act Plays

LITTLE OSCAR. Comedy by Albert Van Antwerp. 2 m. 2 f. and two baby buggies. Int. 25 min. Henry and Josie are just ready to take the baby and go for a picnic when another young couple arrive with their baby. The callers are particular pests who never talk of anything but **their** baby. The way ingenious Henry gets rid of them will bring roars of laughter from the audience. The action is good and the dialog clever. 50c

DEAR LADY, BE BRAVE. A comedy by Loyd L. Shelton. 3 m. 3f. 25 min. Scene: a doctor's office. Here is a play that will keep the audience in gales of laughter. Dr. Clark, a young physician, devises a plan to help his bachelor friend, William Tandy, decide which of three girls to marry. He calls them up and tells them Tandy has been killed. They are to come to the office and in this way Tandy will find out which one loves him most. After much coaxing and tips, Fungus, the colored janitor, has been placed on the operating table for the corpse. The girls come and the results were certainly unexpected by Tandy, and most satisfactory to the doctor. The parts are all good. 50c

THE EFFICIENCY EXPERT. Comedy by Loyd L. Shelton. 4 m. 2 f. 20 min. Elmer Catlin, son of a successful business man, comes home from college with a bride and tries to prove to his father that he is capable of being efficiency expert of his establishment. Given a trial, he solves all problems of the employees his father sends to him, with quotations from classical literature. His wife (hidden under the desk) furnishes the right quotation. Laughs galore. 50c

THE HYPOCRITE. Drama by Loyd L. Shelton. 5 m. and 2 extras who do not speak. 20 min. A play that will be much in demand wherever a tense, powerful play is desired. Until the very gripping close the lines are all taken by two men, both middle-aged and scholarly: one is a minister. The plot of the play concerns the triumph of faith over doubt. The dramatic incident that brings this about is one that will leave the audience enthralled. 50c

WEST EIGHTY. A drama by Samuel R. Davenport. 2 m. 1 f. 30 min. We recommend this as one of the best non-royalty plays for contests and other occasions. Equal parts for all three characters: a young man who has been made to farm when he wished to be a violinist; his sympathetic mother; and his tyrant father. One critic said: "The thing that pleases me about this play is the speeches are short and it keeps up its action throughout." 50c

LA FIESTA. Albert Van Antwerp. A play with a Spanish setting to be given in costume, with Spanish music and dances. 10 m. 4 f. and as many extras as desired. 30 min., more or less, according to specialties introduced. There is an interesting plot based upon an incident in the life of the Southwest's romantic boy bandit, Billy the Kid. The chief object, however, of the play is to give opportunities to Spanish students and others to present the picturesque setting and costumes of old Mexico. Spanish dialect and expressions used. Dances and music not furnished. Music indicated. 50c

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Back Home

After spending two pleasant years at the University of Denver in graduate work, your secretary has returned to Ripon College, his Alma Mater, as Assistant Professor of Speech.

In making this change there is genuine regret in leaving the delightful Colorado climate, the scenic grandeur of the Rockies, and the friendly university with its progressive Department of Speech. Every courtesy was extended by the University of Denver to the League while it maintained its offices there and every proper inducement advanced to continue the office and the secretary there permanently.

Denver was pleasant; but Ripon is our home both personally and officially. It was at Ripon College that the League was developed from its infancy to an organization of more than four hundred chapters over a span of eight years. Ripon College entertained the first of our National Speech Tournaments. And at Ripon College hundreds of schools have continued to seek information about debating, the national tournament, and the NFL as manifest by the daily forwarding of mail during the past two years.

Personally, we feel that Denver is the best city in the country—except the one in which you are living—but we prefer the small town. There is a magnificence in large parks, splendid libraries and museums, fine stores, and beautiful theaters. But they lack the personal touch, the friendly contacts, and the sense of community ownership which similar but much simpler institutions in a small town possess. The contrast is hard to describe, but extremely vivid to anyone moving to a city after experiencing for twelve years the friendship of a college community in a town of 4,000 inhabitants.

We shall always remember kindly the coöperation extended by the University of Denver and solicit the same regard from the NFL chapters. Personally and officially the relationship shall never be fully dissolved for through the winter Speech Conference and the summer Speech Institute, NFL members and officers will continue to meet in Denver and with its University seek further advancement in speech. The national office, however, is back home—at Ripon College.

—Bruno E. Jacob.

Presentation of Emblems

A Ceremony Prepared and Used by Chapter 298, N.F.L., Macon, Ill.

The room is appropriately decorated with the American flag and red, white and blue flowers. The regular business meeting is held. At the close, the vice president retires to the room where the newly elected members are waiting. She knocks at the door.

President—Who knocks at the door of N.F.L.?

Vice President—The Vice President with newly elected members.

President (turning to Secretary)—Have they met all requirements for membership?

Secretary—They have.

President—Let them enter.

The vice president with newly elected members enters and seats them in chairs at the front of the room.

President (rising)—Members and visitors of Chapter 298 N.F.L., you are all welcome to this ceremony of presentation. In order that the visitors and new members may fully understand, and our old members not forget, we shall now hear the fundamental things of our organization. (He is seated) — Will you tell us what N.F.L. is and explain its purpose.

— (rises). The National Forensic League is an honor society for H. S. students who have attained various degrees of success in the speech arts. There are now — chapters in the U. S. It is not secret or primarily social. Any high school student is eligible for membership who is of good moral character, who ranks in the upper two-thirds of his class and who has earned 15 or more points in speech competition.

The purpose of N.F.L. is to promote an interest and enthusiasm for all speech activities and to more closely unite students and instructors of speech all over the United States. (sits)

President— —, will you tell us the history of N.F.L.?

— (rising) (Make this history from the latest edition of the Constitution.)

Pres.— — — What is the history of our own chapter?

— (rising) (Make your own chapter history. Be sure to name your charter members.)

Pres.— — — What is the emblem of N.F.L.?

— rises and crosses to a large (Ours is on a card 3x1½ feet) drawing of the emblem. He uses a pointer as he speaks.

The emblem of N.F.L. is a silver key. The key is symbolic of high honor and the silver denotes that it is a high school rather than a college organization. The octagon is symbolic of the many sides of speech arts. The eye is an emblem of watchfulness which must ever characterize him who would excel in such arts.

The lamp is an emblem of that light which speech sheds on all

learning, enriching and brightening by its radiance. (sits)

Pres.— — — —, what are the colors of N.F.L.?

— — — (rising). The colors of N.F.L. are red, white and blue. These are appropriate, first because since it is a national organization, it rightly uses our national colors. Second, each color represents a virtue which all good N.F.L. members should possess.

Red represents courage. That courage which through all history has led and shall always lead men to think and speak boldly in behalf of right.

Blue stands for Loyalty. That loyalty to convictions of honor and justice which leads us to uphold the laws of our country, our organization and our school.

White is for Purity. That purity of character and of speech which leads us ever upward, toward our high ideals. (sits)

Pres.— — — —, what are the degrees of our organization and how is each indicated?

— — — (rising) N.F.L. has four degrees. The first is the degree of Merit. It is represented by the silver key unjeweled. The second is the Degree of Honor. It is represented by the silver key, jeweled with an emerald. The emerald is appropriate to this degree because its green color is symbolic of that growth which the student has shown in speech arts. The third is the degree of Excellence. It is represented by the silver key jeweled with a blue sapphire. The sapphire is appropriate to this degree because from ancient times it has been bestowed as a mark of honor for excellence in some chosen field. The fourth and last is the Degree of Distinction. It is represented by a silver key jeweled with a ruby. The ruby is appropriate to this degree because it is symbolic of that high degree of speech work which stands out above others just as the ruby itself stands out above other gems. (sits)

President (rising)—You have heard the things you should know about N.F.L. Do not forget them, but be ready at all times to tell them to those who may inquire. You will now rise. (They rise). Do you promise to be true to the rules and regulations of your school and to N.F.L.? (We do)

Do you promise to do all in your power to encourage interest in speech arts both while you are in school and after you have graduated? (We do.) It is well. It gives me great pleasure to welcome you into N.F.L. The faculty adviser will now present your emblems. (sits)

Faculty Adviser—Newly elected members of the N.F.L., I am happy to present to you these emblems. Wear them proudly and be ever mindful of that honor which they represent, and ever watchful that no dishonor touches them. (Presents emblems.)

(The newly elected members sit.)

Faculty Adviser—Will those who are entitled to the Degree of Honor please stand. (They do so) Your emblem now bears in the ever watchful eye, an emerald which indicates growth. Wear it and may your ability in speech arts ever grow. (sits)

Will those entitled to the degree of Excellence please stand. (They do so) We now bestow on you a blue sapphire. As you wear it, remember that it is given only for Excellence and that you must ever keep up that high standard. (sit) Will those entitled to the Degree of Distinction please stand. (They do so) You now have climbed to that height to which comparatively few ever attain. You are now entitled to wear the ruby. Wear it with honest pride because of your own hard work and with a grateful heart because of the opportunities and help that others have given you as you climbed. (sit)

There are some to whom an emblem could not now be presented, and yet who by their devotion of speech arts rightfully belong to NFL. They will now rise. (They do so) I present to you this knot of red, white and blue ribbon. Wear it so that all may know your interest in speech and N.F.L. and when the time comes to exchange this ribbon for a silver key may you be found worthy members of N.F.L. (All sit.)

(This last may not be used in all chapters. But here, for financial reasons, we buy emblems only for juniors and seniors. Freshmen and sophomores wear ribbons.)

President—The meeting is now adjourned.

National Forensic League Given Important Recognition

Added national recognition has been received by NFL due to an article entitled, "Debaters—and Doctors," written by National President Karl E. Mundt and published in the September issue of the Survey Graphic. The article treats of the importance of high school debating as a control factor in influencing public opinion and uses the debate season of 1935 and the national tournament held in Oklahoma City as the basis for its findings.

In shortening the article to make it fit the space needs the editors erroneously stated that the National Forensic League selects the national debate question. NFL-ers realize that the National Forensic League aids in the selection of the national question, but that this service to the high schools of America is headed by the Debate Committee of the National University Extension Association. The National Forensic League coöperates with this committee in choosing the national question and uses the question thus selected as the proposition argued annually in the national debate tournaments sponsored by NFL.

The recognition by the League through the publication of Mundt's article in the Survey Graphic should be gratifying to members throughout the country as it indicates that the League is recognized as the outstanding influence in the country in the sponsoring of competitive speech activities for high schools.

In concluding his article, President Mundt stated, "Although the purpose of these debates is not to persuade the high school participants of the absolute rightness of one point of view—indeed, most teams argued on both sides of the question—but to develop logical and analytical discussion, the debates nevertheless do have an effect on public opinion."

The Problem Solving Debate

By Ray Cowell

A desire for greater intellectual honesty prompted the development of a new type of high school debating in a few western Washington high schools last season. It has been called the problem solving debate. The topic for debate is no longer stated in the form of a proposition but in the form of a question as, "What should be done to make possible more adequate medical care for the majority of the people?"

Each team is comprised of three speakers. The teams are designated as "A" and "B" and this designation is determined by lot just before the opening of the debate. The order of speaking is A, B, A, B, B, A. An equal amount of time is allotted to each speaker, usually ten minutes.

It is the duty of the first speaker of each team to present an unbiased analysis of the problem. That is, he should present facts and issues; causes and needs, but no solution. His sole problem is an analysis.

The second speaker on each team presents a solution to the problem and shows that it is the best possible solution.

The third speaker on each team weighs the analysis and the solutions presented by the preceding speakers on both teams. He may ask questions for information that is to clarify a point, not for purposes of trickery. It is also his duty to draw conclusions to decide which solution presented best solves the problem, or if chooses, he may draw an independent conclusion. If it is a decision debate, each pair of speakers is judged separately.

There have been many objections voiced as there usually are when there is some departure from established procedure in any field. However, at a conference at the University of Washington where there were several demonstrations by members of high school teams, many who came to scoff left determined to use this type of debate in the future.

The debaters themselves were more interested in the new type of debate than the coaches for during the discussions afterward only one debater of 75 voiced objections while four or five coaches were somewhat reluctant to break away from established procedure.

Specific Bases for Judging Each Speaker	Team "A" (Rank 1 or 2)	Team "B" (Rank 1 or 2)
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| 1. Speeches of Analyses | 1st Speeches | |
| (a) Unbiased approach | (Analyses of | |
| (b) Adequate presentation of facts and conditions for an understanding of the problem. | Problem) | |

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| (c) Successful discovery of the fundamental issues involved in the solution of the problem. | | |
| (d) Effective presentation. | | |
2. Speeches Presenting Solutions. 2nd Speeches

(a) Adaptation to previous speeches.		
(b) Effectiveness of argument		
(c) Elimination of prejudice.		
(d) Effective presentation.		
 3. Speeches of Judicial Determination. 3rd Speeches

(a) Fair, judicial attitude		(Analyzing and weighing solution)
(b) Ability to analyze and compare analyses and solutions presented.		
(c) Extempore quality of the speech.		
(d) Ability in questioning.		
(e) Soundness of final conclusion.		
(f) Effective presentation.		
- (The decision goes to the team receiving the lower ranking.) Total Ranking

N.F.L. Members at Summer Session

Mr. Albert L. Swank of Peekskill, New York, and Mrs. Iva Ward Manley of Maryville, Mo., attended the summer classes in debate conducted by the Secretary at the University of Denver. Seventeen of the twenty-six students in the high school course also came from NFL chapters. These were Roy Alley, Omaha-North; Warren Cannon, and Charles Grabske, Independence, Mo.; Helen Flaherty, Denver-Cathedral; Bill Green, Madison, S. D.; Carl Johnson, Omaha-Technical; Boyd Lammiman and Wayne Long, Bakersfield, Calif.; Jack Leach, Oklahoma City-Capitol Hill; Lorene Rosenbaum, Rapid City, S. D.; Mary Lou Sweet, Louise Trautwein, Leslie Thompson, and Jeanne Wedell, Topeka, Kans.; Ruth Sherwood, Philip, S. D.; Howard Thoreson, Lead, S. D.; and Abe Van der Puy, Sheboygan, Wis.

Last year eight of the students in the class were able to enter the national tournament so undoubtedly some of the present group will find their way into the 1937 speech classic.

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If your debate material does not arrive quite as promptly as you expect please understand that some of the items were not available from the publishers until Sept. 10 and that your sets could not be boxed until all material was received at the national office.

Chapter Membership Record

The annual report of the membership attainments of the chapters is presented here in its customary form. The figure in the first column denotes the rank of the chapter with its group. The next figure indicates the change in this rank since last year, up or down as indicated. This marks the achievement of the chapter as compared with other chapters holding membership for the same number of years. The final figure denotes the total number of members and degrees enrolled up to June 30, 1936.

The compilation does not take into account extra votes granted members for high totals of credit points. Also the membership of a person transferring from one chapter to another is credited to that chapter at which he obtained his membership. If he later obtains advanced degrees these are credited to the chapter thru which they were obtained.

This record of members and degrees constitutes a significant index of the attributes of a good chapter. It marks those active in speech contest work, for without extensive programs they cannot qualify students for membership. Likewise it marks those who take an active interest in the League, in their own chapters, and in the advancement of their members.

The chapters consistently near the top deserve special commendation. They have shown a year-after-year consistency in attainment that is remarkable. They set a brilliant example for others to follow.

The chapters near the bottom should note not only those that are now at the top, but especially that some who were near the bottom only two years ago are now among the leaders. They should note that it is easier to make rapid advance from the bottom than from any other position in the line. The enrollment of even five members and as many degrees each year will send any of the present rear-guard steadily forward. Examine the position of your own chapter and see where it would have ranked had all possible memberships and degrees been obtained last season.

All chapters can improve their positions unless now in first place by three simple steps. Carry out an extensive a speech program as opportunities permit. Give as many students a chance to qualify for NFL membership as their abilities warrant. Enroll every deserving student in national membership and obtain all advanced degrees for which they have qualified. With the liberal provisions for free advanced degrees made by the Council last January this should be possible for every chapter without any real financial burden.

You get out of NFL membership just what you put into it and this membership report is a good index of both. Let it speak eloquently for your success next year and to that end keep that objective before the chapter throughout the year.

Rank	Up or Down	Members & Degrees	Rank	Up or Down	Members & Degrees
Members 12 Years					
1	0	Aurora, East, Ill. 152	11	0	Hutchinson, Kans. 92
2	+1	Sheboygan, Wis. 140	12	0	Fayette, Mo. 85
3	-1	Albany, N. Y. 130	13	+3	Vivian, S. D. 72
4	0	Mankato, Minn. 81	14	+1	Washington, C. H., Ohio 70
5	+2	Pekin, Ill. 70	15	-2	Peoria, Kingman, Ill. 65
6	-1	Laconia, N. H. 69	16	-2	Paola, Kans. 65
7	0	Richland Center, Wis. 59	17	+1	Gladstone, Mich. 63
8	0	Freehold, N. J. 48	18	-1	Lawton, Okla. 58
9	0	Oconto Falls, Wis. 47	19	0	Menasha, Wis. 58
Members 11 Years					
1	+2	Niles, Ohio 222	20	+4	Clark, S. D. 52
2	0	Slatington, Pa. 204	21	-1	Rock Rapids, Iowa 51
3	-2	Webster Groves, Mo. 201	22	-1	Toronto, Ohio 40
4	+3	Canton, Ohio 170	23	0	Spring Valley, Minn. 39
5	-1	Hornell, N. Y. 157	24	0	Klamath Falls, Ore. 39
6	-1	Cicero, Ill. 157	25	0	Montgomery City, Mo. 38
7	-1	Watertown, S. D. 157	26	0	Crookston, Minn. 37
8	+5	Wichita, East, Kans. 145	27	0	Piqua, Ohio 29
9	+1	Phoenix, Ariz. 138	28	+2	Stillwater, Minn. 26
10	-2	Eagle Grove, Iowa 133	29	-1	Kingfield, Me. 24
11	-2	Ilion, N. Y. 130	30	-1	Onawa, Iowa 23
12	-1	Saratoga Springs, N. Y. 112	Members 9 Years		
13	-1	Huron, S. D. 108	1	+3	Topeka, Kans. 128
14	+3	Columbus, Wis. 86	2	-1	Mayville, Wis. 121
15	+1	Norwich, N. Y. 75	3	-1	Mennehaha, Minn. 105
16	-2	Geddes, S. D. 75	4	-1	Ames, Iowa 93
17	-2	Redfield, S. D. 73	5	0	Gillette, Wyo. 87
18	+10	Mendota, Ill. 73	6	+2	Ft. Wayne, No., Ind. 84
19	+3	Shawano, Wis. 72	7	-2	Elkader, Iowa 83
20	-1	Ashland, Ohio 71	8	-2	Granite City, Ill. 79
21	-1	Morton, Ill. 69	9	0	River Rouge, Mich. 73
22	-4	Estherville, Iowa 68	10	+2	Bluffton, Ohio 69
23	-2	Madison, S. D. 66	11	-1	Chicago Day Y., Ill. 68
24	-1	East Orange, N. J. 61	12	+4	Fort Morgan, Colo. 64
25	-1	New Philadelphia, O. 58	13	+2	Fairfield, Iowa 62
26	+3	Ceres, Calif. 58	14	-1	Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. 61
27	-2	Sterling, Colo. 55	15	-2	Covington, Ky. 55
28	-2	Winnetka, Ill. 55	16	+2	Nampa, Idaho 49
29	0	Troy, Ohio 51	17	-1	Clear Lake, Iowa 47
30	+1	Kingston, N. H. 48	18	-1	Blair, Neb. 44
31	-1	Butte, Mont. 45	19	+1	Mauch Chunk, Pa. 42
32	+1	Belle Fourche, S. D. 43	20	-1	Rockton, Ill. 41
33	-1	Ishpeming, Mich. 41	21	0	Aitkin, Minn. 34
34	+4	Shreveport, La. 39	Members 8 Years		
35	-1	Maryville, Mo. 38	1	+1	Monessen, Pa. 223
36	+3	Spring City, Pa. 38	2	-1	Youngstown, Chaney, O. 215
37	-1	Cherryvale, Kans. 32	3	0	Ravenna, Ohio 169
38	0	Plymouth, Mich. 17	4	0	Adrian, Mich. 129
Members 10 Years					
1	0	Poughkeepsie, N. Y. 220	5	0	Waynesburg, Pa. 121
2	+1	Enid, Okla. 104	6	0	Ft. Wayne, Central, Ind. 105
3	-1	Pittsburg, Kans. 157	7	+3	Fremont, Ohio 89
4	0	Passaic, N. J. 150	8	0	Freeport, Ill. 87
5	0	Catasauqua, Pa. 149	9	-2	Oakley, Kans. 78
6	+1	K. C., Wyandotte, Kans. 143	10	-1	Macon, Ill. 73
7	-1	Denver, Manual, Colo. 134	11	0	Negaunee, Mich. 65
8	0	Lebanon, Ind. 121	12	+10	Hawarden, Iowa 65
9	0	Presho, S. D. 120	13	+1	San Diego, Calif. 64
10	0	North Judson, Ind. 99	14	-1	El Reno, Okla. 63
			15	+5	Bellevue, Ky. 60
			16	+8	Casper, Wyo. 60
			17	0	Troy, N. Y. 56

Rank	Up or Down	Members & Degrees	Rank	Up or Down	Members & Degrees
18	0	Tomah, Wis.	23	-1	Louisiana, Mo.
19	-5	Flint, Mich.	24	+5	West Newton, Pa.
20	-5	Marietta, Ohio	25	-2	Salisbury, Mo.
21	-5	Atwood, Kans.	26	+2	High Point, N. C.
22	+1	Faulton, S. D.	27	+3	Peoria, Central, Ill.
23	+5	Bakersfield, Calif.	28	-3	McDonald, Ohio
24	-5	Council Bluffs, Iowa	29	+6	Kent, State, Ohio
25	-3	Doland, S. D.	30	0	Jacksonville, Ill.
26	-1	Greeley, Colo.			
27	+1	Highmore, S. D.			
28	-1	Hotchkiss, Colo.			
29	0	Jamestown, N. Y.			

Members 5 Years

Rank	Up or Down	Members & Degrees	Rank	Up or Down	Members & Degrees
1	0	Muscatine, Iowa	134		
2	+1	Mpls., Roosevelt, Minn.	123		
3	-2	Chicago Eve Y., Ill.	117		
4	0	Buhl, Idaho	69		
5	0	Muskegon Hts., Mich.	63		
6	+4	Wadsworth, Ohio	63		
7	-1	Princeton, Ill.	62		
8	+3	Paducah, Ky.	57		
9	+8	Youngstown, East, O.	55		
10	-3	Dearborn, Mich.	51		
11	-3	Newton, Iowa	51		
12	+1	Maplewood, Mo.	50		
13	-1	Bluefield, W. Va.	49		
14	+1	Ripon, Calif.	44		
15	-4	Wilmington, Del.	42		
16	-2	Reading, Pa.	40		
17	+2	Wayne, Neb.	38		
18	-1	Oldham, S. D.	36		
19	-1	Nevada, Mo.	33		
20	0	Bozeman, Mont.	23		
21	0	L'Anse, Mich.	15		
22	+1	Ponca City, Okla.	14		
23	-1	Sulphur, Okla.	12		
24	0	Groversville, N. Y.	5		

Members 6 Years

Rank	Up or Down	Members & Degrees	Rank	Up or Down	Members & Degrees
1	0	Charleroi, Pa.	246		
2	0	Omaha, North, Neb.	123		
3	+11	Maine Twp., Ill.	102		
4	0	Cherokee, Iowa	96		
5	+1	DuQuoin, Ill.	96		
6	-3	Sandwich, Ill.	91		
7	0	Oskaloosa, Iowa	84		
8	-3	Schenectady, N. Y.	79		
9	0	Stoughton, Wis.	69		
10	0	Grossmont, Calif.	67		
11	0	La Porte, Ind.	67		
12	+5	Sioux City, Iowa	60		
13	+8	Salina, Kans.	60		
14	+5	Manitowoc, Wis.	57		
15	-3	Mascoutah, Ill.	51		
16	+2	Modesto, Calif.	48		
17	+11	Wooster, Ohio	48		
18	-5	Aurora, West, Ill.	47		
19	-4	Nesquehoning, Pa.	46		
20	-1	Kenosha, Wis.	46		
21	-1	Moorefield, W. Va.	45		
22	-1	Alcester, S. D.	40		

Members 4 Years

Rank	Up or Down	Members & Degrees	Rank	Up or Down	Members & Degrees
1	0	Joplin, Mo.	237		
2	0	Sioux Falls, S. D.	94		
3	+4	West Allis, Wis.	68		
4	0	Emerson, Neb.	58		
5	+3	Arlington, N. Y.	57		
6	-3	Brownsville, Pa.	52		

Rank	Up or Down	Members & Degrees	Rank	Up or Down	Members & Degrees
7	-1	So. Whitehall, Pa.	52		
8	+1	Warren, Ohio	51		
9	-4	Kewanee, Ind.	43		
10	+17	Norfolk, Neb.	42		
11	+9	Fort Collins, Colo.	38		
12	0	Hermann, Mo.	35		
13	-3	McPherson, Kans.	33		
14	+20	Omaha, Tech., Neb.	32		
15	-2	Waverly, Ill.	31		
16	-2	Rankin, Ill.	31		
17	-1	Syracuse, Voc., N. Y.	30		
18	-6	Columbus, Ind.	28		
19	-1	Leighton, Pa.	28		
20	+3	Baxter Sem., Tenn.	28		
21	+6	Ambridge, Pa.	27		
22	+12	Mt. Sterling, Ky.	27		
23	+2	Ft. Wayne-Elmhurst, Ind.	26		
24	+8	Berwick Acad., Me.	26		
25	-10	Euclid, Ohio	24		
26	-6	Miami, Okla.	24		
27	-10	Sedalia, Mo.	23		
28	-7	Evansville, Reitz, Ind.	23		
29	-7	Santa Maria, Calif.	22		
30	-6	Caldwell, Idaho	22		
31	+6	Leavitt Inst., Me.	22		
32	+4	Plattsburg, Mo.	20		
33	+2	Youngstown, South, O.	16		
34	-6	Webster City, Iowa	15		
35	-5	Kingsport, Tenn.	15		
36	0	Mahanoy City, Pa.	5		

Members 3 Years

Rank	Up or Down	Members & Degrees	Rank	Up or Down	Members & Degrees
1	+7	Lincoln, Ill.	64		
2	+16	St. Vincent's, Pa.	62		
3	-2	Columbia City, Ind.	60		
4	+3	Hinsdale, Ill.	51		
5	-3	Alverton, Pa.	50		
6	-1	Dwight, Ill.	48		
7	-1	Eau Claire, Wis.	45		
8	+60	Okla. City, Classen	42		
9	-6	Derry, Pa.	39		
10	-6	Frankfort, Ind.	38		
11	-1	Brownwood, Texas	38		
12	+7	Portland, Me.	38		
13	+10	Scottsbluff, Neb.	38		
14	-5	Santa Rosa, Calif.	35		
15	+1	Anacortes, Wash.	35		
16	-5	Kankakee, Ill.	33		
17	+5	Hurst Twp., Pa.	33		
18	-6	Syracuse, Central, N. Y.	32		
19	+1	Dupo, Ill.	31		
20	-6	Paw Paw, Mich.	28		
21	+21	East Pike Run, Pa.	28		
22	+10	State College, Pa.	27		
23	+11	Red Lake Falls, Minn.	27		
24	-7	Hammond H. S., Ind.	26		
25	+1	Wesington Spgs., S. D.	26		
26	-13	Centerville, Pa.	25		
27	0	DeKalb, Ill.	24		
28	-13	Wood River, Ill.	23		
29	+1	Midland, S. D.	23		

Members 2 Years

Rank	Up or Down	Members & Degrees	Rank	Up or Down	Members & Degrees
1	+8	Milwaukee, Wash., Wis.	38		
2	-1	Marshall, Mo.	34		
3	0	Hammond, Clark, Ind.	33		
4	-2	Kadoka, S. D.	29		
5	+1	Memphis, Messick, Tenn.	28		
6	-1	Williamsburg, Mass.	25		
7	+13	South Fayette, Pa.	25		
8	+18	Glassport, Pa.	24		
9	+19	Port Clinton, Ohio	24		
10	+7	Bath, Ohio	22		
11	+17	Plymouth, Wis.	22		
12	+16	Macomb, Ill.	21		
13	-6	Morris, Ill.	19		
14	+14	Blunt, S. D.	19		
15	-11	Uniontown, Pa.	18		
16	+12	Dillon, Mont.	18		
17	-7	Deer River, Minn.	17		
18	-2	St. Louis, Mo.	16		
19	0	Valley City, N. D.	16		
20	+5	Johnson City, Tenn.	16		
21	+6	Denver, Cathedral, Colo.	16		
22	-8	Gothenburg, Neb.	14		
23	-5	Two Rivers, Wis.	14		
24	-12	Pringhar, Iowa	13		
25	-3	Tuscaloosa, Ala.	13		
26	-18	Walthill, Neb.	12		
27	-16	Turlock, Calif.	12		
28	-13	Bunker Hill, Ill.	12		
29	-8	Fort Worth, Stripling, Tex.	12		
30	-2	Rome, N. Y.	12		
31	-3	Frankfort, Ky.	12		
32	-8	Springfield, Mo.	11		
33	-5	Sisseton, S. D.	11		
34	-6	Henning, Ill.	10		

Rank	Up or Down	Members & Degrees	Rank	Up or Down	Members & Degrees	
35	—22	Sewickley, Pa.	9	35	Littleton, Colo.	8
36	—13	Lock Haven, Pa.	9	36	Berea, Ohio	8
37	—9	Limon, Colo.	9	37	Joliet, Ill.	7
38	—10	Dayton, Ohio	9	38	Fort Scott, Kans.	7
39	—11	Ellensburg, Wash.	9	39	Lawrence, Kans.	7
40	—12	Struthers, Ohio	8	40	Carmichaels, Pa.	7
41	—13	No. Kansas City, Mo.	7	41	University City, Mo.	6
42	—14	Boulder, Colo.	7	42	Waverly, Iowa	6
43	—15	Mansfield, Ill.	6	43	Canton, Kans.	6
44	—16	Worthington, Minn.	6	44	Memphis, Central, Tenn.	5
45	—17	San Bernardino, Calif.	5	45	Chicago, Lane, Ill.	5
46	—18	Pasadena, Calif.	4	46	Charlton, Mass.	5
				47	Memphis, Humes, Tenn.	5

Not Organized

Amarillo, Texas
Emerson, Iowa
North Park Academy, Ill.
Mt. Carmel, Ill.
Greeley, Kansas
Joaquin, Texas

Members 1 Year

1	Abilene, Texas	32
2	Lewiston, Mont.	31
3	Masontown, Pa.	27
4	Milwaukee, St. John's, Wis.	27
5	Fresno, Roosevelt, Calif.	27
6	Clyde, Ohio	25
7	Douglas, Wyo.	24
8	Bentleyville, Pa.	23
9	Seminole, Okla.	21
10	Winner, S. D.	20
11	Liberty, N. Y.	20
12	Ronceverte, W. Va.	20
13	Holdrege, Neb.	20
14	West Bend, Wis.	20
15	Sparta, Ill.	19
16	Valley Stream, N. Y.	15
17	Jonesboro, Ark.	15
18	Bristol, Va.	15
19	Freeport, N. Y.	15
20	Liberty, Mo.	15
21	Jonesboro, Tenn.	14
22	Los Gatos, Calif.	13
23	South St. Paul, Minn.	13
24	Hollis, Okla.	13
25	Cheyenne, Wyo.	12
26	Longmont, Colo.	12
27	Pueblo, Colo.	12
28	Crown Point, Ind.	12
29	Jennings, Mo.	12
30	Smithville, Mo.	11
31	Colman, S. D.	10
32	Mellen, Wis.	9
33	Cleveland, Adams, O.	9
34	Shawnee, Okla.	9

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The Leaders at a Glance

These are the all-time leaders in members and degrees enrolled during their indicated years of membership:

Charleroi, Pa. (6)	246	Slatington, Pa. (11)	204
Joplin, Mo. (4)	237	Webster Groves, Mo. (11)	201
Monessen, Pa. (8)	223	Canton, Ohio (11)	170
Niles, Ohio (11)	222	Ravenna, Ohio (8)	169
Poughkeepsie, N. Y.	220	Enid, Okla. (10)	164
Youngstown, Chaney, O (8)	215		

Canton and Enid are the new names on the list this year.

100 Members and Degrees

The following Chapters completed the enrollment of 100 members and degrees during the past year and accordingly are granted certificates to enter the National Speech Tournament. Those starred are receiving their second such certificate.

*Niles, Ohio	*Monessen, Pa.
*Slatington, Pa.	*Youngstown, Chaney, O.
*Webster Groves, Mo.	Ft. Wayne, Central, Ind.
*Poughkeepsie, N. Y.	Maine Twp., Ill.
Topeka, Kans.	*Joplin, Mo.
Minneheha, Minn.	Wichita, East, Kans.

Large Membership Last Year

Some Chapters added so substantially to their membership last year that they deserve the plaudits of their fellow members. This achievement indicates both an extensive speech program and enthusiastic interest in the League and the Local Chapter.

Joplin, Mo.	59	Poughkeepsie, N. Y.	37
Wichita, East, Kans.	57	Topeka, Kans.	37
Maine Township, Ill.	49	Omaha, Benson, Neb.	37
Omaha, Central, Neb.	41	Classen, H. S., Okla.	37
Niles, Ohio	40	Peekskill, N. Y.	36
St. Vincent's, Pa.	40	Monessen, Pa.	35

Niles, Poughkeepsie, Peekskill, and Joplin were on this list last year, too. Niles has been listed for three consecutive years, and Joplin for each of its four years of membership.

Rapid Advances

Notable advance in relative standing were achieved by a number of chapters, of which these are outstanding:

Classen, H. S., Okla.	Wooster, Ohio
Mendota, Ill.	Norfolk, Neb.
Hawarden, Iowa	Casper, Wyoming
Omaha, Technical, Neb.	East Pike Run, Pa.
East Palestine, Ohio	Winchester, Ky.
Maine Township, Ill.	Youngstown, East, O.

From the Secretary's Desk

Debate Material

In addition to the box of debate material which each Chapter in good standing will receive from the national office upon return of its membership list, affirmative material is available from the Tennessee Valley Authority. As government regulations prevent its distribution in quantity, one member in each chapter should write individually for the packet. Address, "Director of Information, Tennessee Valley Authority, Knoxville, Tenn."

New Chapters

The Charter Committee announces the granting of charters to the following schools since June 1:

Denison, Texas	Fresno, H. S., California
Selby, South Dakota	Mandan, North Dakota
Dodge City, Kansas	Charleston, Teachers H.S., Ill.
Cumberland Township, Pa.	Nashville, Litton H.S., Tenn.
Independence, Kentucky	Overton, London H.S., Texas
Wellington, Kansas	Britton, Oklahoma
West Point, Nebraska	

Return Your Membership List

The annual membership lists were sent to the designated chapter correspondent of each chapter on Sept. 5th. Chapter officers should see to it that these are returned to the national office at once. Until the lists are in the chapter will not receive its box of debate and contest material, will have no voting power in determining the District standing, and will receive only the minimum number of copies of The Rostrum. If last year's chapter correspondent is no longer in school, communicate with him at once to obtain from him these membership lists as well as other official enclosures. Returning the list before Oct. 1 entitles the chapter to Citation for Service.

South Dakota Chairman Retires

Miss Mary Elizabeth Perkins of the Washington High School in Sioux Falls, District Chairman for South Dakota and coach of the 1935 national championship debate team, resigned her position and on Aug. 15th became Mrs. Alvin E. Filmore of Corvallis, Oregon. Mr. Carroll Arnold of the same school will take her place as debate coach and also as NFL chairman of the South Dakota District.

At the Close of the Year

	New	Total
Chapters	93	456
Members	2,070	14,941
Emblems Ordered	775	8,308
Reports of Contests	8,314	55,921
Memoranda Issued	10,310	59,240
Degrees Granted:		
Degree of Honor	957	5,720
Degree of Excellence	617	3,049
Degree of Distinction	339	1,602

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