

# 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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### Your Chapter Standing

There is real significance in the chapter standing compiled each year. That is why most of this issue of The Rostrum is devoted to it. This record constitutes an important index of two attributes of a good chapter. It marks the chapter which maintains extensive programs of speech activity, for without such program they cannot qualify many students for membership and degrees. It also marks those chapters which take an active interest in the League and in the advancement of their own members.

To the chapters now near the bottom of their groups a special word of encouragement is addressed. Last place offers greater opportunity for advancement than any other position. Rapid advance is really easier, too, once you determine to and start to advance. The enrollment of just a few more members and degrees will send such chapter up five or ten places. Just for the fun of it, turn to the record and see how many chapters would have advanced significantly had they enrolled five more degrees last year.

The way to advance the standing of your chapter has often been stated, but bears repeating. Plan and carry through as extensive a speech program as local circumstances allow—and don't underestimate those circumstances. Enroll every qualified member as soon as he qualifies. Twenty points are now required for membership and if a student earns them fairly he is entitled to his certificate. Finally, procure all advanced degrees. This will be easy since the fees for Excellence and Distinction will have been removed by the time you get this Rostrum.

Look at your chapter standing again. Are you satisfied with it? If not, then mark the place in red ink where you want the Chapter to be next year and clip that page to your bulletin board as a reminder of the goal you have set. The increased enthusiasm permeating your entire speech program resulting from the attainment of this goal will be worth many times the slight cost and effort. And if now in first or second place, look well after your honors, for where are some of the leaders of yesteryear who did not!

## Chapter Membership Record

The annual record of chapters is here published to show to what extent each is really active in speech contests and in the work of the League. It lists the total number of members and degrees enrolled by each chapter since its founding. For purposes of equitable comparison the chapters are grouped according to the years of League membership.

The figure in the first column denotes the rank within the group. The next figure indicates the change up or down since last year. The final figure denotes the total number of members and degrees enrolled up to June 30, 1938.

Rank	Up or Down	Chapter	Members & Degrees	Rank	Up or Down	Chapter	Members & Degrees
<b>Members 13 Years</b>							
1.	0	Niles, Ohio	292	35.	—4	East Orange, N. J.	68
2.	0	Slatington, Pa.	240	36.	+2	Belle Fourche, S. D.	62
3.	0	Webster Groves	215	37.	+5	Maryville, Mo.	61
4.	+3	Watertown, S. D.	212	38.	—3	Sterling, Colo.	59
5.	+1	Wichita-East, Kas.	210	39.	—2	Troy, Ohio	58
6.	—2	Hornell, N. Y.	206	40.	0	Kingston, N. H.	56
7.	—2	Canton, Ohio	204	41.	0	Freehold, N. J.*	54
8.	0	Cicero, Ill.	190	42.	—3	Oconto Falls, Wis.*	52
9.	+2	Phoenix, Ariz.	165	43.	+1	Plymouth, Mich.	51
10.	0	Sheboygan, Wis.*	164	44.	—1	Butte, Mont.	50
11.	—2	Aurora-East, Ill.*	162	45.	0	Cherryvale, Kas.	33
12.	0	Albany, N. Y.*	143	*Charter Members			
13.	0	Eagle Grove, Ia.	133	<b>Members 12 Years</b>			
14.	0	Ilion, N. Y.	130	1.	0	Poughkeepsie, N.Y.	305
15.	0	Saratog Spgs, N.Y.	123	2.	0	Enid, Okla.	244
16.	0	Huron, S. D.	122	3.	0	Passaic, N. J.	185
17.	+11	Ashland, Ohio	118	4.	+2	Kansas City-Wyandotte, Kas.	182
18.	+2	Mendota, Ill.	107	5.	—1	Catasauqua, Pa.	176
19.	—2	Mankato, Minn.*	103	6.	—1	Pittsburg, Kas.	171
20.	—2	Columbus, Wis.	102	7.	+2	Presho, S. D.	156
21.	—2	Shawano, Wis.	99	8.	0	Denver-Man., Col.	149
22.	+10	Burlington, Iowa	99	9.	—2	Lebanon, Ind.	144
23.	—2	Morton, Ill.	98	10.	0	North Judson, Ind.	114
24.	+5	Shreveport, La.	95	11.	0	Hutchinson, Kas.	113
25.	—2	Estherville, Ia.	94	12.	0	Fayette, Mo.	90
26.	—4	Pekin, Ill.*	90	13.	+2	Menasha, Wis.	87
27.	—3	Norwich, N. Y.	84	14.	0	Wash C.H., Ohio	84
28.	—1	Laconia, N. H.*	83	15.	—2	Vivian, S. D.	80
29.	+1	Madison, S. D.	81	16.	0	Gladstone, Mich.	67
30.	—5	Geddes, S. D.	75	17.	0	Clark, S. D.	53
31.	—5	Redfield, S. D.	73	18.	0	Klamath Falls, Ore.	39
32.	+2	New Philadelphia, O.	70	19.	0	Crookston, Minn.	37
33.	0	Ceres, Calif.	69	20.	0	Stillwater, Minn.	32
34.	+2	Winetka, Ill.	69				



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<b>Members 11 Years</b>				18.	0	Tomah, Wis.	61
1.	+1	Mayville, Wis.	215	19.	0	Bellevue, Ky.	61
2.	-1	Granite City, Ill.	204	20.	+1	Marietta, Ohio	58
3.	+3	Ft. Wayne-N., Ind.	160	21.	-1	Flint, Mich.	54
4.	-1	Topeka, Kas.	134	22.	+2	Greeley, Colo.	51
5.	-1	Minnehaha Acad., Minn.	120	23.	-1	Faulkton, S. D.	47
6.	-1	Ames, Iowa	108	24.	-1	Allentown, Prep., Pa.	47
7.	0	Elkader, Iowa	101	25.	-2	Doland, S. D.	43
8.	0	Gillette, Wyo.	100	26.	0	Highmore, S. D.	26
9.	0	River Rouge, Mich.	100	27.	+1	Jamestown, N. Y.	25
10.	+4	Fairfield, Iowa	92	28.	-1	Hotchkiss, Colo.	19
11.	-7	Chicago Day YMCA	73	<b>Members 9 Years</b>			
12.	-1	Bluffton, Ohio	70	1.	0	Muscatine, Iowa	176
13.	-1	Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.	69	2.	0	Mpls.-Roosevelt	155
14.	-1	Fort Morgan, Colo.	64	3.	0	Chgo. Eve YMCA	125
15.	0	Covington, Ky.	54	4.	0	Wadsworth, O.	117
16.	0	Blair, Neb.	53	5.	0	Buhl, Idaho	89
17.	0	Nampa, Idaho	51	6.	+8	Bluefield, W. Va.	82
18.	+1	Mauch Chunk, Pa.	50	7.	-1	Musk. Hgts., Mich.	80
19.	+2	Aitkin, Minn.	48	8.	-1	Youngstown-East	77
20.	-2	Clear Lake, Iowa	47	9.	0	Paducah, Ky.	75
21.	-1	Rockton, Ill.	41	10.	-2	Princeton, Ill.	74
22.	0	Chip. Falls, Wis.	37	11.	0	Newton, Iowa	74
23.	0	Ponca City, Okla.	29	12.	+1	Maplewood, Mo.	74
<b>Members 10 Years</b>				13.	+2	Oldham, S. D.	74
1.	0	Monessen, Pa.	327	14.	-2	Ripon, Cal.	72
2.	0	Youngstown- Chaney, O.	290	15.	-5	Dearborn, Mich.	64
3.	0	Ravenna, Ohio	208	16.	0	Wayne, Neb.	51
4.	0	Waynesburg, Pa.	168	17.	0	Bozeman, Mont.	27
5.	0	Adrian, Mich.	145	18.	0	Sulphur, Okla.	22
6.	0	Ft. Wayne-Cen- tral, Ind.	144	19.	0	Gloversville, N. Y.	18
7.	+1	Freeport, Ill.	136	<b>Members 8 Years</b>			
8.	+1	Hawarden, Ia.	126	1.	0	Charleroi, Pa.	312
9.	+4	Casper, Wyo.	106	2.	0	Maine Twshp., Ill.	232
10.	0	El Reno, Okla.	102	3.	0	Omaha-No., Neb.	175
11.	-4	Fremont, Ohio	100	4.	+2	Wooster, Ohio	169
12.	-1	Oakley, Kans.	93	5.	-1	DuQuoin, Ill.	162
13.	-1	Macon, Ill.	92	6.	+1	Salina, Kans.	123
14.	+1	Bakersfield, Cal.	90	7.	+1	Sandwich, Ill.	115
15.	-1	Troy, N. Y.	89	8.	-3	Cherokee, Iowa	113
16.	0	San Diego, Cal.	65	9.	+1	Aurora-West, Ill.	98
17.	0	Negaunee, Mich.	65	10.	+3	Grosmont, Cal.	97
				11.	-2	Oskaloosa, Iowa	96
				12.	-2	La Porte, Ind.	90
				13.	-1	Stoughton, Wis.	89
				14.	-3	Schenectady, N. Y.	84
				15.	0	Nesquehoning, Pa.	75

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16.	0	Kenosha, Wis.	75	30.	+2	Horicon, Wis.	24
17.	+5	Alcester, S. D.	75	31.	-1	Kewanee, Ill.	19
18.	-1	Modesto, Cal.	73	32.	-1	Rapid City, S. D.	14
19.	+2	Salisbury, Mo.	73	<b>Members 6 Years</b>			
20.	-2	Manitowoc, Wis.	69	1.	0	Joplin, Mo.	289
21.	-1	Sioux City, Iowa	68	2.	0	Sioux Falls, S. D.	132
22.	-3	Mascoutah, Ill.	61	3.	0	West Allis, Wis.	99
23.	+3	West Newton, Pa.	61	4.	+4	Ft. Collins, Colo.	96
24.	-1	Moorefield, W. Va.	56	5.	0	Emerson, Neb.	88
25.	+5	Grand Rapids, Minn.	50	6.	0	Arlington, N. Y.	85
26.	-2	Louisiana, Mo.	47	7.	-3	Norfolk, Neb.	79
27.	+1	Jacksonville, Ill.	47	8.	-1	So. Whitehall, Pa.	79
28.	+1	Kent, Ohio	46	9.	+1	Warren, Ohio	74
29.	-4	Peoria-Cent., Ill.	44	10.	-1	Brownsville, Pa.	72
30.	-3	High Point, N. C.	40	11.	+1	Mt. Sterling, Ky.	68
31.	0	Aberdeen, S. D.	34	12.	+11	Virginia, Minn.	60
32.	0	Guthrie, Okla.	9	13.	+13	Caldwell, Ida.	57
<b>Members 7 Years</b>				14.	+1	Ambridge, Pa.	52
1.	0	Peekskill, N. Y.	231	15.	-4	Omaha-Tech, Neb.	51
2.	0	Dallas-North, Tex.	195	16.	+3	Lehighon, Pa.	47
3.	0	Omaha-North, Neb.	180	17.	+1	Syracuse-Voc. NY.	46
4.	+1	Elgin, Ill.	172	18.	-5	Waverly, Ill.	43
5.	-1	Olney, Ill.	136	19.	-3	Sedalia, Mo.	43
6.	0	Ossining, N. Y.	136	20.	-3	Hermann, Mo.	42
7.	+5	La Grange, Ill.	123	21.	-1	Columbus, Ind.	42
8.	+7	Eveleth, Minn.	111	22.	-1	Baxter, Tenn.	42
9.	-2	Omaha-Cent., Neb.	110	23.	+5	Youngstown-South	41
10.	-2	Lewiston, Idaho	106	24.	-10	Rankin, Ill.	40
11.	0	East Palestine, O.	103	25.	+2	Plattsburg, Mo.	38
12.	-2	Bloomington, Ind.	99	26.	+3	Kingsport, Tenn.	38
13.	0	California, Pa.	99	27.	-2	Eucnd, Ohio	37
14.	0	Oconomowoc, Wis.	91	28.	-6	Ft. Wayne-Elm- hurst, Ind.	33
15.	+1	Lead, S. D.	86	29.	-5	Miami, Okla.	30
16.	-1	Carrollton, Mo.	83	30.	0	Altus, Okla.	30
17.	0	Independence, Mo.	73	<b>Members 5 Years</b>			
18.	0	Chisholm, Minn.	67	1.	0	Lincoln, Ill.	159
19.	+4	Pine Bluff, Ark.	61	2.	+5	Oklahoma City- Classen	123
20.	-1	Columbia, Mo.	57	3.	+3	Eau Claire, Wis.	111
21.	-1	Perry, Iowa	57	4.	-1	St. Vincent's, Pa.	107
22.	-2	Clarksburg, W. Va.	56	5.	-3	Columbia City, Ind.	101
23.	-2	Evansville-Bosse, Ind.	54	6.	-2	Dupo, Ill.	90
24.	0	Freeport-Aquin, Ill.	53	7.	+4	Centerville, Pa.	88
25.	+2	Foxcroft, Acad. Me.	50	8.	+2	Dwight, Ill.	75
26.	-1	Gregory, S. D.	48	9.	+22	Mpls.-West, Minn.	73
27.	-1	St. Clairsville, O.	48	10.	+7	Mt. Pleasant, Pa.	67
28.	+1	Hot Springs, Ark.	39				
29.	-1	Luverne, Minn.	34				



R.ank	Up or Down	Chapter	Members & Degrees	Rank	Up or Down	Chapter	Members & Degrees
<b>Members 4 Years</b>							
11.	-2	Portland, Me.	66	1.	0	Milwaukee-Wash.	110
12.	+1	Hinsdale, Ill.	66	2.	+1	Plymouth, Wis.	84
13.	+6	No. Little Rock, Ark.	64	3.	-1	Memphis-Messick,	
14.	+1	Derry, Pa.	63			Tenn.	83
15.	+3	Hammond H.S., Ind.	63	4.	+13	Dayton-Oakw'd, O.	70
16.	-11	Scottsbluff, Neb.	62	5.	+9	Uniontown, Pa.	60
17.	-5	Santa Rosa, Cal.	58	6.	+15	Bath, Ohio	59
18.	-10	Alverton, Pa.	55	7.	-2	Hammond-Clark, Ind.	57
19.	+3	Syracuse-Cent.,		8.	-4	Williamsb'rg, Mass.	56
		N. Y.	54	9.	-2	Marshall, Mo.	54
20.	+12	East Pike Run, Pa.	52	10.	-1	Two Rivers, Wis.	54
21.	-7	Frankfort, Ind.	50	11.	-3	Port Clinton, Ohio	53
22.	-6	Brownwood, Tex.	50	12.	+11	Mansfield, Ill.	47
23.	0	State College, Pa.	49	13.	0	Bunker Hill, Ill.	44
24.	+2	New Ulm, Minn.	49	14.	-8	Denver-Cathe., Col.	42
25.	+3	Glasgow, Mo.	49	15.	-3	Kadoka, S. D.	36
26.	-2	Paw Paw, Mich.	45	16.	+19	Primghar, Ia.	36
27.	0	Newark, Ohio	43	17.	-7	Glassport, Pa.	35
28.	-8	Topeka-Catholic	42	18.	-3	Deer River, Minn.	35
29.	+10	Winchester, Ky.	42	19.	+9	Worthington, Minn.	35
30.	-9	Anacortes, Wash.	41	20.	+17	Superior, Wis.	35
31.	-1	Wayland, Ohio	41	21.	+14	N. Kansas City, Mo.	34
32.	+2	Great Falls, Mont.	39	22.	+2	San Bernardino, Cal.	33
33.	-8	Kankakee, Ill.	38	23.	-12	Valley City, N. D.	31
34.	-5	Point Marion, Pa.	36	24.	-8	Frankfort, Ky.	30
35.	+8	Memph.-Tech. Tenn	36	25.	-3	Johnson City, Tenn.	30
36.	0	Midland, S. D.	34	26.	+1	Struthers, Ohio	29
37.	-4	De Kalb, Ill.	33	27.	+6	Amarillo, Tex.	29
38.	+3	Wood River, Ill.	30	28.	-8	St. Louis, Cleve-	
39.	+8	Marysville, Ohio	30			land, Mo.	28
40.	-2	Wesington Spgs.,		29.	-4	Macomb, Ill.	28
		S. D.	29	30.	-12	Morris, Ill.	27
41.	-1	Potomac, Ill.	29	31.	-5	Lock Haven, Pa.	25
42.	+2	Lexington, Mo.	28	32.	-3	Rome, N. Y.	25
43.	+6	Hammond, Wis.	28	33.	-14	Dillon, Mont.	24
44.	-9	Red Lake Falls,		34.	-4	Ft. Worth-	
		Minn.	27			Arlington, Tex.	23
45.	-8	Tulare, S. D.	27	35.	-4	Springfield, Mo.	19
46.	-4	Tekoa, Wash.	27	36.	-4	Boulder, Colo.	18
47.	+7	Painesville, Ohio	21	37.	-1	Sisseton, S. D.	16
48.	-2	South Union, Pa.	20	38.	+1	Ellensburg, Wash.	16
49.	-4	Beaverton, Ore.	18	39.	+1	Pasadena Acad. Cal.	15
50.	-2	Vandalia, Ill.	16	40.	-2	Hennig, Ill.	10
51.	-1	Chaska, Minn.	16	41.	0	Orlando, Fla.	10
52.	-1	Cambridge, Mass.	16	<b>Members 3 Years</b>			
53.	-1	Mpls.-Univer-		1.	+10	Abilene, Tex.	119
		sity, Minn.	15	2.	+1	Houston-San Jacinto,	
54.	-1	Atchison, Kans.	9				
55.	0	Brainerd, Minn.	5				

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		Tex.	115	48.	0	Groton, Mass.	27
3.	-2	Bentleyville, Pa.	114	49.	-20	Independence, Kas.	26
4.	-2	Milwaukee, St.		50.	+11	Okla. City-Capitol	
		John's, Wis.	83			Hill	26
5.	0	West Bend, Wis.	82	51.	-8	Crown Point, Ind.	24
6.	0	Clyde, Ohio	82	52.	-3	Lincoln Acad. Me.	24
7.	-3	Fresno, Calif.	74	53.	+2	Okla. City-Central	23
8.	0	Cheyenne, Wyo.	74	54.	+6	Dyersburg, Tenn.	22
9.	+1	Muskogee, Okla.	73	55.	-1	Fort Scott, Kans.	21
10.	-3	Ronceverte, W. Va.	69	56.	-3	Warren, Mass.	20
11.	+1	Longmont, Colo.	69	57.	-1	Charlton, Mass.	20
12.	+34	Ada-Senior, Okla.	64	58.	-1	Memphis-Humes,	
13.	+4	Denison, Tex.	60			Tenn.	20
14.	+33	Littleton, Colo.	57	59.	-1	Hopkins Acad.	
15.	+5	Charleston, T.C., Ill.	56			Mass.	20
16.	0	Shawnee, Okla.	54	60.	-16	Smithville, Mo.	19
17.	+21	Jennings, Mo.	54	61.	-9	St. Paul, Minn.	18
18.	+8	Bristol, Va.	51	62.	+1	Nashville, Litton,	
19.	+21	Holdrege, Neb.	49			Tenn.	16
20.	-6	Lewiston, Mont.	48	63.	-1	Dodge City, Kans.	12
21.	-6	Liberty, N. Y.	47	<b>Members 2 Years</b>			
22.	+13	Seminole, Okla.	46	1.	0	Wyoming, Ohio	89
23.	-5	Winner, S. D.	44	2.	+1	Massillon, Ohio	84
24.	-15	Douglas, Wyo.	43	3.	+29	Wichita Falls, Tex.	80
25.	-3	Joliet, Ill.	42	4.	-2	Davenport, Ia.	61
26.	+7	Excelsior Spgs., Mo.	41	5.	-1	Beverly Hills, Cal.	57
27.	0	Terre Haute, Ind.	40	6.	-1	Pinckneyville, Ill.	56
28.	0	Dickson, Tenn.	39	7.	0	Greensburg, Ohio	44
29.	+10	Wellington, Kas.	37	8.	+3	Trenton, N. J.	44
30.	-11	Memphis-Central,		9.	-1	Highlands, N. Y.	38
		Tenn.	36	10.	-4	Moscow, Ida.	35
31.	-6	Los Gatos, Cal.	36	11.	+3	Murdo, S. D.	32
32.	-23	Lennox, S. D.	35	12.	+7	Oshkosh, Neb.	32
33.	+17	East Cleveland, O.	35	13.	-1	Logan, Utah	31
34.	-11	Masontown, Pa.	34	14.	+18	Joinerville, Tex.	29
35.	+10	Carmichaels, Pa.	34	15.	-5	Waukesha, Wis.	27
36.	-15	Pueblo-Centen-		16.	0	Kearny, N. J.	27
		nial, Colo.	33	17.	-8	Auburn, Neb.	26
37.	-6	Jonesboro, Tenn.	33	18.	-1	Dundee, Ill.	26
38.	-6	Canton, Kans.	32	19.	+4	Sidney, Neb.	26
39.	-2	Liberty, Mo.	32	20.	+10	Kimball, Neb.	26
40.	+1	New London, Tex.	31	21.	+6	Brentwood, Mo.	24
41.	-7	Independence, Ky.	31	22.	-9	Ft. Smith, Ark.	23
42.	+9	University City, Mo.	30	23.	-8	Bristol, Tenn.	22
43.	-19	Jonesboro, Ark.	29	24.	-6	Rockville, Cen-	
44.	-2	Sparta, Ill.	29			tre, N. Y.	21
45.	+14	Mellen, Wis.	29	25.	+6	Auburn, Me.	21
46.	-16	Freeport, N. Y.	28	26.	+6	Hobart, Okla.	20
47.	-11	Valley Stream, N.Y.	27				



Rank	Up or Down	Chapter	Members & Degrees
27.	+1	Red Wing, Min.	19
28.	—2	Mineola, N. Y.	18
29.	—5	Holly Spgs., Miss.	17
30.	+2	Augusta, Me.	15
31.	—2	Burley, Ida.	14
32.	—12	Nashville, Cen- tral, Tenn.	12
33.	—11	Donelson, Ten.	12
34.	—13	Corbin, Ky.	11
35.	—10	Portage, Wis.	11
36.	—4	Claysville, Pa.	10
37.	—5	Middlesboro, Ky.	8
38.	—6	Moorhead, Minn.	7
39.	—7	Fall River, Mass.	5
40.	—8	Newton, Kas.	4
41.	—9	Ft. Worth-Poly, Tex.	0
42.	—10	Mineral, Kas.	0

### Members 1 Year

1.	Shelby, Ohio	53
2.	Logansport, Ind.	50
3.	Henryetta, Okla.	46
4.	Youngstown-Rayen	43
5.	Lubbock, Texas	43
6.	Alexandria, La.	37
7.	Lexington, Ky.	34
8.	Monmouth, Ill.	32
9.	Spokane, Wash.	31
10.	Corsicana, Tex.	31
11.	Coleraine, Minn.	30
12.	West View, Pa.	22
13.	Bristow, Okla.	22
14.	Lewiston, Pa.	20
15.	Webster, S. D.	20
16.	El Centro, Cal.	19
17.	Paris, Ky.	19
18.	Hyannis, Mass.	18
19.	Concord, Mass.	16
20.	Columbus-No., O.	16
21.	Carbondale, Ill.	13
22.	Dwight School, N.Y.	12
23.	Hingham, Mass.	11
24.	Walsenburg, Colo.	8
25.	Buhl, Minn.	8
26.	Waco, Texas	8
27.	Canisteo, N. Y.	8
28.	Lyons, Neb.	6
29.	Escanaba, Mich.	6
30.	Ranger, Tex.	5

### Not Organized

Chickasha, Oklahoma  
St. John, Washington  
Erwin, Tennessee  
South Portland, Maine  
Atlanta, Texas  
Shepherdsville, Kentucky  
Knox, Indiana

### The Leaders at a Glance

Following are the largest chapters in the NFL organization in point of total membership and degrees. They are, of course, the older chapters, but some of the newer ones are making rapid strides to join these leaders as will be noted on the next page. The years of membership is indicated in parenthesis.

Monessen, Pa. (10)	327
Charleroi, Pa. (8)	312
Poughkeepsie, N. Y. (12)	305
Niles, Ohio (13)	292
Youngstown-Chny., O. (10)	290
Joplin, Mo. (6)	289
Enid, Okla. (12)	244
Slatington, Pa. (13)	240
Maine Tnshp., Ill. (8)	232
Peekskill, N. Y. (7)	231
Webster Groves, Mo. (13)	215
Mayville, Wis. (11)	215
Watertown, S.D. (13)	212
Wichita-East, Kas. (13)	210
Maine Township, Peekskill, Mayville, and Watertown are new names in this group of outstanding chapters.	

### Rapid Advances in Standing

Notable advance in relative standing was achieved by a number of Chapters of which these are outstanding:  
Ashland, Ohio  
Burlington, Iowa  
Ada, Oklahoma  
Littleton, Colorado

Minneapolis-West HS  
Caldwell, Idaho  
Pringhar, Iowa  
Wichita-East, Kansas  
Superior, Wisconsin  
Jennings, Missouri  
Holdrege, Nebraska  
Bluefield, W. Va.  
Virginia, Minnesota  
Bath, Ohio

### 100 Members and Degrees

These chapters have completed enrollment of 100 members and degrees during the past year and accordingly are granted certificates to enter a contestant in the National Speech Tournament. Those starred have received such certificate for a previous 100 members.

\*Hornell, New York  
\*Canton, Ohio  
\*Wichita-East, Kansas  
\*Watertown, South Dakota  
Mankato, Minnesota  
Columbus, Wisconsin  
Mendota, Illinois  
Ashland, Ohio  
\*\*Poughkeepsie, New York  
\*Mayville, Wisconsin  
Gillette, Wyoming  
River Rouge, Michigan  
\*\*Monessen, Pennsylvania  
\*Ravenna, Ohio  
Hawarden, Iowa  
El Reno, Oklahoma  
Casper, Wyoming

Wadsworth, Ohio  
\*\*Charleroi, Pennsylvania  
\*Maine Township, Illinois  
Wooster, Ohio  
Salina, Kans.  
Sandwich, Illinois  
\*Peekskill, New York  
Eveleth, Minnesota  
East Palestine, Ohio  
LaGrange, Illinois  
Columbia City, Indiana  
St. Vincent's, Pennsylvania  
Eau Claire, Wisconsin  
Classen High, Oklahoma  
Milwaukee-Washington, Wis.  
Bentleyville, Pennsylvania  
Houston-San Jacinto, Texas  
Abilene, Texas.

### Large Membership Last Year

While the addition of members and degrees should not be the first nor only purpose of a chapter, the achievement of a substantial increase does indicate an extensive program in speech activity necessary to qualify those members as well as an enthusiastic interest in the League organization. We accordingly honor the chapters listed on the next page for adding the indicated number of members and degrees during 1937-8 school year.

Is **your** Chapter on on the NFL 1938 Honor Roll? If not, what plans are you going to make to put it there in 1939?

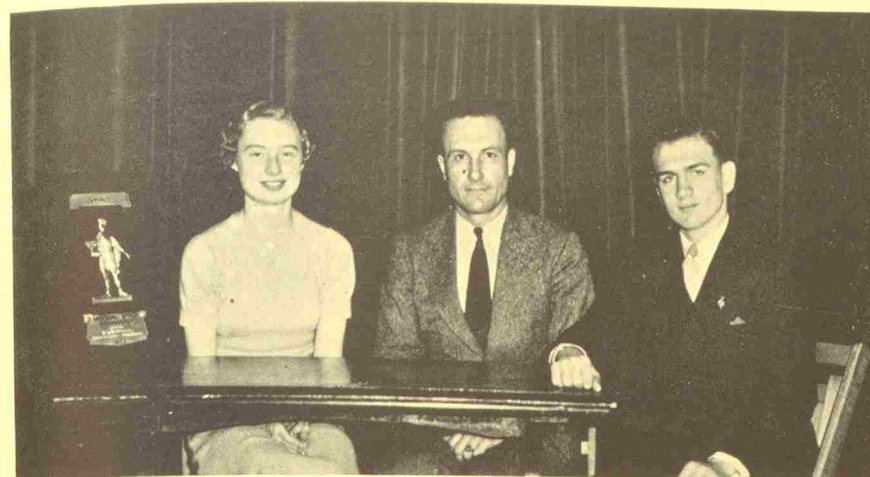
### At the Close of the Year

	New	Total
Charters	43	500
Members	2627	20,057
Emblems Ordered	994	10,201
Reports of Contests	11,212	76,954
Degrees of Honor	1,796	9,034
Degrees of Excellence	1,235	5,210
Degrees of Distinction	708	2,858



## 1938 Honor Roll

Abilene, Texas	80	Longmont, Colorado	31
Maine Township, Illinois	72	Spokane, Washington	31
Wooster, Ohio	70	Corsicana, Texas	31
Classen High, Oklahoma	67	Fairfield, Iowa	30
Charleroi, Pennsylvania	65	Salina, Kans.	30
Dallas-North, Texas	61	Caldwell, Idaho	30
Elgin, Illinois	61	Milwaukee-Washington, Wis.	30
Houston-San Jacinto, Texas	59	West Bend, Wisconsin	30
Ft. Wayne-North, Indiana	56	Coleraine, Minnesota	30
Youngstown-Chaney, Ohio	54	Wadsworth, Ohio	29
Shelby, Ohio	53	Ossining, New York	29
Monessen, Pennsylvania	52	Holdrege, Nebraska	29
Bentleyville, Pennsylvania	52	Joinerville, Texas	29
Eau Claire, Wisconsin	51	Casper, Wyoming	28
Peekskill, New York	50	Virginia, Minnesota	28
Logansport, Indiana	50	St. Vincent's, Pennsylvania	28
Mayville, Wisconsin	49	Hawarden, Iowa	27
Massillon, Ohio	48	Milwaukee-St. John's, Wis.	27
Ashland, Ohio	48	Denison, Texas	27
Omaha-Benson, Nebraska	47	Waynesburg, Pennsylvania	26
Henrietta, Oklahoma	46	Ft. Wayne-Central, Ind.	26
Poughkeepsie, New York	45	Trenton, New Jersey	26
Ada-Senior, Oklahoma	45	Shreveport, Louisiana	25
Minneapolis-West, Minn.	44	Mansfield, Illinois	25
Dayton-Oakwood, Ohio	43	Seminole, Oklahoma	25
LaGrange, Illinois	42	Omaha-North, Nebraska	24
Niles, Ohio	42	Sandwich, Illinois	24
Enid, Oklahoma	40	Alcester, South Dakota	24
Littleton, Colorado	40	Olney, Illinois	24
Lincoln, Illinois	38	East Pike Run, Pennsylvania	24
Wyoming, Ohio	38	Memphis-Messick, Tenn.	24
Burlington, Iowa	37	Superior, Wisconsin	24
Bath, Ohio	37	Ronceverte, W. Va.	24
Alexandria, Louisiana	37	Charleston T. C., Ill.	24
Watertown, South Dakota	36	West Newton, Pennsylvania	23
Freeport, Illinois	36	Primghar, Iowa	23
Plymouth, Wisconsin	36	Bristol, Virginia	23
DuQuoin, Illinois	35	Davenport, Iowa	23
Centerville, Pennsylvania	35	Beverly Hills, California	23
Lexington, Kentucky	34	Pinckneyville, Illinois	23
Uniontown, Pennsylvania	33	Cicero, Illinois	22
Jennings, Missouri	33	Kansas City-Wyandotte, Kans.	22
Fort Collins, Colorado	32	Bakersfield, California	22
Clyde, Ohio	32	Eveleth, Minnesota	22
Cheyenne, Wyoming	32	Lead, South Dakota	22
Muskogee, Oklahoma	32	Dwight, Illinois	22
Monmouth, Illinois	32	Mt. Pleasant, Pennsylvania	22



### National Debate Champions

Doris Ollman, R. S. Cartwright, and John Amott of Elgin, Illinois

These same students won second in debate last year and Mr. Cartwright also coached the national second place team in 1934.

### Results of National Election

An election board consisting of Mr. Ralph N. Schmidt, Wisconsin District Chairman, your secretary, and his assistant, Mrs. Eugene Zander, canvassed the ballots cast in the recent election and certify the following results:

#### For First National Director

L. D. Schreiber	1467	1503	1554	1805	1958	2672
Levi Osterhus	862	933	948	1092	1816	1992
C. C. Diettert	725	830	918	1044	1168	
S. Stanley Knapp	548	637	724			
Ralph N. Schmidt	518	533	808	1008		
W. Francis English	481	523				
E. E. Bradley	337					

The candidate with the lowest number of votes was eliminated and his ballots transferred to the next choice indicated thereon.

Mr. Schreiber having been elected, his ballots were counted for the second choice candidates marked on them and the procedure continued as above.

#### For Second National Director

C. C. Diettert	1402	1488	1633	1805	2472
Levi Osterhus	1229	1301	1649	2023	2438
W. F. English	725	769	830	1061	
S. Stanley Knapp	585	677	796		
Ralph N. Schmidt	639	673			
E. E. Bradley	359				

Mr. Diettert therefore was elected second National Director.



## National Tournament Winners



Reba June Long, Classen High School, Oklahoma City, Okla.—Extemporaneous Speaking.

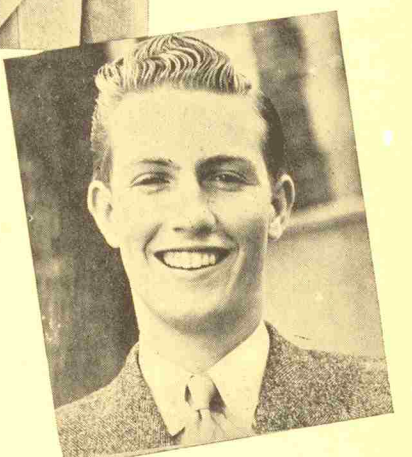
Jack Edwards, Hollywood, Calif.—Dramatic Declamation



Margaret Freerkson, Freeport, Ill.—Oratorical Declamation.

John Parkhurst, Peoria-Central, Ill. — Second in Oratorical, third in Humorous.

Robert Hine, Beverly Hills, Calif.—Original Oratory



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## NFL Costs Reduced

### Council Votes to Remove Two Degree Fees Secretary Negotiates Lower Insignia Prices

A modest surplus in the operating income of the League during each of the past two years has enabled the Council to take one more step to lower still further the nominal costs of NFL membership. It has voted to propose an amendment to the constitution eliminating the degree fee for the degrees of Excellence and Distinction. Ballots have been sent to all chapters and as the vote should be nearly unanimous, ratification can be assumed to be effective at the time this Rostrum is received. The fee of 50c for the Degree of Honor remains unchanged as that degree carries with it a subscription to the Rostrum.

#### Excellence and Distinction Will Be Recorded Without Application

With the passage of the amendment the national office will record the Degree of Excellence or Distinction for each member as soon as the necessary credit points are on record, provided, of course, that the Degree of Honor has been obtained previously. Chapters need no longer file applications for the two highest degrees, but are urged to file all applications for Degree of Honor promptly so that the other degrees for that member can thereafter be recorded immediately upon the acquisition of the needed credit points.

#### Lower Key Prices

Reductions ranging from 50c to \$1.00 in the prices of NFL student insignia have resulted from negotiations carried on by the national office this summer with the L. G.

Balfour company, official NFL manufacturing jeweler.

#### New Schedule of Prices

	Silver	Gold
Pin, miniature .....	\$1.25	\$3.25
Key, standard .....	1.25	.....
Key, special .....	2.00	3.75
Key with pin back....	1.75	4.50
Any jewel .....	.25	.25
Changing jewel and refinishing .....	.60	
Jeweling only .....	.35	

These prices allow the League a slight mark-up, the proceeds of which should cover the cost of shipping materials and postage.

#### Standard and Special Keys

The key listed as "special" is the one with which NFL members are familiar. It is three-piece, hand made and therefore more costly. For those desiring a lower priced item the "standard" key is now available. This is a one-piece die-struck key. In design it is the same as the other key, but is not as heavy.

#### Keys to Be Mailed from National Office

To effect part of this reduction the national office has undertaken the task of mailing the keys ordered. It will procure the keys in lots of 100 items from the manufacturer and fill orders as received. Gold keys will be sent direct from the manufacturer on order as heretofore.

The lower prices should enable chapters to supply insignia to nearly all of the members. Nevertheless members remain free as heretofore to purchase or not to purchase keys as they decide for themselves.



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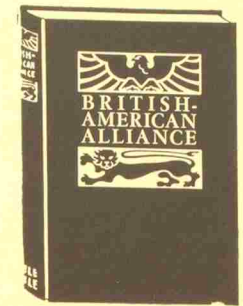
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