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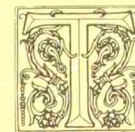


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SPEECH AS A PEACE MAKER!

The night before this is written, I heard one Mr. Hitler of Germany deliver his address before the Reichstag which definitely cast the lot of Germany in favor of the use of arms to "defend the honor and reputation" of the home-land in that age-old deceptive phrase used by all nations going to war since the days when the cave-dwellers were fighting the tree-dwellers.

In the midst of his histrionics, Adolph the Awful, made a series of widespread allegations to support his point of view and then said substantially, "If I am wrong or if I have failed to state the case completely, I urge any of my hearers to arise and point out the fallacy." Silence, eloquent, fearsome, and totalitarian, followed his oratorical challenge. No man disputed his assertions; no opposition spokesman offered a rejoinder.

Future historians may well conjecture what might have happened to Germany, Poland, England, France, Italy, Russia and other countries bordering the eternal powder pot of Europe, if some well-trained, persuasive, logical, and convincing ORATOR or DEBATER had arisen from his seat in the Reichstag and challenged the contentions of Herr Hitler. He could not have been denied the floor; the rostrum the radio, and the listeners of the world were his at that momentous minute for he had been invited to speak—but the German system of education develops no great orators of the opposition trained to express their differing opinions effectually.

Speech is a dangerous art in the equipment of bad men, but it is a peace-making, soul saving, man building art in the equipment of public spirited citizens in sanely governed countries. And it can even change the insanity of Communism, Nazi-ism, or Fascism into the orderly processes of self-government once its advantages are widely enough and ably enough practiced by sufficient people.

The confusions of today are a challenge to the men and women of speech in this country to set up back-fires against blasts of propaganda which always threaten us in time of war. Speech IS a peace-maker when properly exercised. You as a student or teacher of speech can become a peace-maker through the exercise of your special art and thus help preserve the peace and democracy of America at this critical stage in the world's history.

—Karl Mundt.

National Tournament at Beverly Hills

Granite City Awarded National Trophy

Classen High Debate Champions Again

More than 800 students and coaches found the Ninth National Speech Tournament of brilliant contests interspersed with many California attractions a thrilling adventure long to be remembered. Its results are recorded on the following pages.

Classen Wins Second Debate Title

Classen High School in Oklahoma City, our 1936 tournament host and winner of the national debate championship in 1937, again came through with a brilliant and undefeated team to win the final debate. This is the second national championship team coached by veteran Col. C. E. Grady and sets an attainment for our younger coaches to equal.

Classen also placed both first and second in Dramatic Declamation while Wooster, Ohio, doubled for a first and third in Original Oratory.

Granite City Highest Honor

Granite City, Ill., was easy winner of the National Forensic Award given by Tau Kappa Alpha to the school with the best cumulative achievement in national tournaments. The Illinois school has been represented in each of the nine national tournaments since 1931 with a total of 44 contestants, 19 of whom gained the distinction of participating in the finals. Six won first places. Miss Mary Blackburn has been the instructor of all of them and has the further distinction of being the only coach to have attended all of the national tournaments.

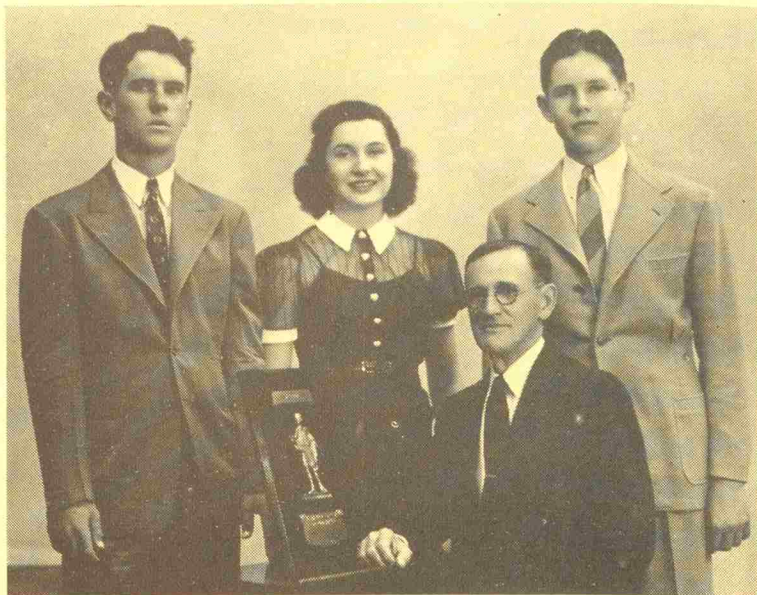


The beautiful trophy was presented to her by Dean Ray K. Immel of the University of Southern California on a Mutual Network program in behalf of the donor.

Wooster, Ohio; Dickson, Tenn. and Kenosha, Wis., were runners-up and are now the leading contenders for the 1940 trophy.

Many Attractions in California

Instead of the usual banquet, California staged a barbecue in Reservoir Park. Motion picture celebrities made brief but delightful appearances—Edward Arnold, Jane Withers, Don Wilson, Gail Patrick, Henry Armetta, Jimmy Gleason, Rochelle Hudson and others. James Ameche (Kenosha Chapter NFL), NBC radio star, appeared Friday to present trophy.



Gene Edwards, Marjory Rosen, Coach C. E. Grady, Bill Holloway

phies to the winning contestants.

Trips to the Battle Fleet, to the special performance at the Pasadena Playhouse, to Griffith Observatory, NBC and Columbia studios and through the motion picture colony were other highlights on the entertainment and educational program.

In spite of an unusually large registration—64 debate teams, 294 in other contests, 66 in the student congress, and 137 in special events—Beverly Hills provided generous hospitality for all. Mansions, homes of stars, and an exclusive hotel alike were opened to tournament guests with amazing generosity. Under the leadership of Prin. A. A. Bowhay and Tournament Chairman Chas. F. Wright the Beverly Hills high school faculty rendered invaluable service before and during the tournament. It was altogether a tremendous job very well done.

The assignment of judges for so

large a number of contests—96 were required at one time—was handled as well as could possibly be expected by experienced Joyce R. Gregory of Minneapolis, ably assisted by Ralph Leyden of Virginia and Norman McLeod of Hollywood.

1940 City Not Chosen

The tournament greatly missed National President Karl Mundt, who was kept in Washington by the prolonged session of Congress and Vice President T. C. Bond, detained by parental illness. It was the first either one missed in nine years.

With only three members of the council present, no action was taken on selection of tournament city for 1940. Invitations were received from Sioux City, Iowa; Virginia, Minn.; Lexington, Ky.; and Terre Haute, Ind. Selection will be made by the Council at or before its annual business meeting in Chicago

The National Winners

Oratorical Declamation

- 1 Edward Gunz, Sacred Heart H.S., San Francisco, Calif.
- 2 Gregory Wolfe, Los Angeles H.S., Los Angeles, Calif.
- 3 Kenneth Fijan, Gran. City, Ill.
- 4 Joe Zellner, Technical H.S., Memphis, Tenn.
- 5 Helen Prince, Liberty, Mo.
- 6 Harold Kester, Enid, Okla.
- 7 Gerald Mehuron, Norfolk, Neb.



Seymour Vincour

Extempore Speaking

- 1 Seymour Vincour, Huntington Park, Calif.
- 2 Charles J. Smith, DuQuoin, Ill.
- 3 John Baird, Glendale, Calif.
- 4 Warren J. Lane, Rawlins, Wy.
- 5 Lucile Speer, Freeport, Ill.
- 6 William Reeb, Dwight, Ill.
- 7 Carmen Heggen, Classen H. S., Oklahoma City, Okla.



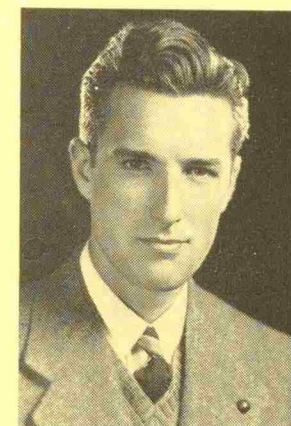
Bette Askeland

Poetry Reading

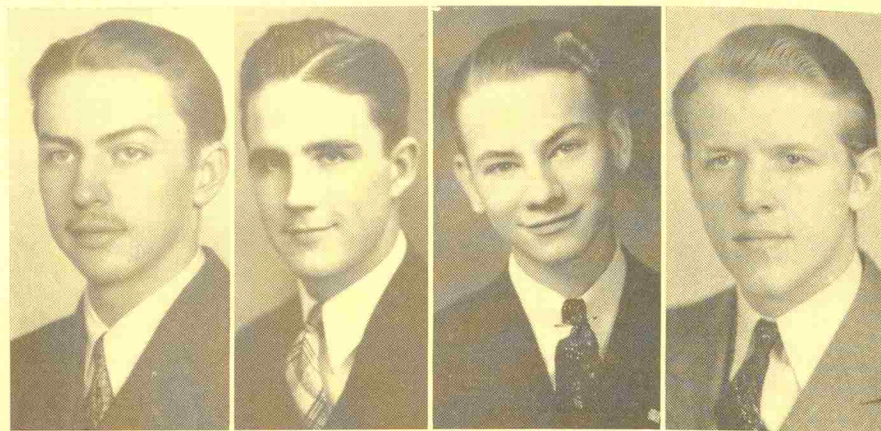
- 1 Bette Askeland, West H.S., Minneapolis, Minn.
- 2 Jean Hardie, Freeport, Ill.
- 2 Frank Gillio, Lowell H.S., San Francisco, Calif.
- 2 Esther Latini, Centerville H.S., West Brownsville, Pa.

1940 Tournament

The dates for the 1940 National Speech Tournament will be April 22-26.



Edward Gunz



Mackie Quave

John McCollough

Bob Ray

Ben Morris

Dramatic Declamation

- 1 Ben Morris, Classen H.S., Oklahoma City, Okla.
- 2 Martha Jean Reed, Classen H. S., Oklahoma City, Okla.
- 3 Robert Maurer, Freeport, Ill.
- 4 Curry Jones, Asheville, N. C.
- 5 Lamar Caselli, Santa Rosa, Cal.
- 6 Esther Ebenhoe, Monessen, Pa.

Debate

Oklahoma City, Classen H.S.
First

W. J. Holloway, Jr.
Marjory Rosen
Eugene Edwards
C. E. Grady, coach

Bristow, Okla.—Second

Cyclone Covey
Robert Loeffler
Robert Alcorn

Joe C. Jackson, coach

Kenosha, Wis.—Third

Russell Chase

Howard Gorseigner

John D. Davies, coach

Glendale, Calif.—Third

John Baird

George Grover

J. D. Knox, coach

Original Oratory

- 1 John McCulloch, Wooster, O.
- 2 Jean Ann Morton, Santa Monica, Calif.
- 3 Harlan Dix, Wooster, Ohio
- 4 George Harmon, Granite City, Ill.
- 5 Kathleen Lawver, Freeport, Ill.
- 6 Betty Swidensky, Central H. S. Oklahoma City, Okla.
- 7 Sheldon Siegel, Virginia, Minn.

Humorous Declamation

- 1 Bob Ray, Davenport, Iowa
- 2 Joseph Brennan, Granite City, Ill.
- 3 Martha Jean Reed, Classen H. S., Oklahoma City, Okla.
- 4 Allen Hansen, Kenosha, Wis.
- 5 Charles Avey, Riverside H.S., Milwaukee, Wis.
- 6 Priscilla Smith, Massillon, O.

Radio Announcing

- 1 Mackie Quave, Asheville, N. C.
- 2 Phil Levine, Hollywood, Calif.
- 3 Jack Hecker, Greensburg, O.

Tournament Results**Debate**

In the first five rounds the teams were rated Fair, Good, Excellent, Superior, or Outstanding. The teams with the best composite record were selected to continue in a one-defeat elimination to the final debate.

Advanced

Glendale, Calif.	S G O S O
DuQuoin, Illinois	O S O S E
LaCenter, Ky.	S O E O E
Lexington, Ky.	O S E S S
Shreveport, La.	S O G S S
Minneapolis-West, Minn.	S O S E S
Webb City, Mo.	E E O S O
Hastings, Neb.	O S S O S
Massillon, Ohio	E S E O O
Wooster, Ohio	E E O E O
Ada, Okla.	E E S O O
Bristow, Okla.	E O O S S
Muskogee, Okla.	E S S S S
Classen H.S., Okla.	S O O O S
Lock Haven, Pa.	E S S O E
Denison, Texas	S O S S O
Wichita Falls, Texas	E E S S O
Kenosha, Wis.	E E O O S
Rawlins, Wyo.	E O O O O

Eliminated

Hueytown, Ala.	S S G F G
Siloam Springs, Ark.	G O G F G
Beverly Hills, Calif.	E S G S O
Fresno, Calif.	S S E S E
Hollywood, Calif.	G S O G S
Huntington Park, Calif.	S E S S G
Ripon, Calif.	E E G E E
Longmont, Colo.	F G G G S
Pueblo-Centennial, Colo.	E O E E E
Caldwell, Idaho	G G F E G
Nampa, Idaho	E E E E G
Freeport, Ill.	S G O S E
Hinsdale, Ill.	G G S E E
LaGrange, Ill.	E E E O S
Hammond-Clark, Ind.	S G O E E
Hammond HS, Indiana	E E O S G
New Albany, Ind.	E E O E E
Burlington, Iowa	E G O F O

Davenport, Iowa	G S O S G
Muscatine, Iowa	S E G S S
Oakdale, La.	S O G E E
Aitkin, Minn.	G E S G E
New Ulm, Minn.	G S G S S
Hannibal, Mo.	S S E S G
Lexington, Mo.	F G E S O
Springfield, Mo.	E S G S O
Whitefish, Mont.	E S S E E
North Platte, Neb.	S E E G G
Omaha-North, Neb.	G E E G F
Walton, Neb.	G F E F F
Asheville, N. Car.	S E E S G
Dallas, Ore.	E F S E E
Grants Pass, Ore.	E G E F G
Gresham, Ore.	G F E F S
Charleroi, Pa.	G E E E S
Monessen, Pa.	S S G E S
Lead, S. D.	E O E S G
Dyersburg, Tenn.	F E G G G
Memphis-Tech., Tenn.	E G S E S
Murfreesboro, Tenn.	E S S S E
Colfax, Wash.	F S F G F
Port Washington, Wis.	G E O E E
Casper, Wyo.	G O S G E
Cheyenne, Wyo.	S O G G F

Round 6

Won	Lost
Kenosha, Wis.	Webb City, Mo.
Glendale, Cal.	LaCenter, Ky.
DuQuoin, Ill.	Rawlins, Wyo.
Massillon, O.	Lexington, Ky.
Classen HS, Okla.	Mpls.-West, Minn.
Hastings, Neb.	Ada, Okla.
Bristow, Okla.	Denison, Tex.
Shreveport, La.	Wooster, O.
Wichita Falls, Tex.	Lock Haven, Pa.
Muskogee, Okla.	Wichita Falls, Tex.
Shreveport, La.	Muskogee, Okla.

Round 7

Kenosha, Wis.	Shreveport, La.
Classen HS, Okla.	Massillon, O.
Bristow, Okla.	Hastings, Neb.
Glendale, Calif.	DuQuoin, Ill.

Round 8

Bristow, Okla.	Kenosha, Wis.
Classen HS, Okla.	Glendale, Calif.

Final Debate

Classen HS, Okla.	Bristow, Okla.
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Individual Contests

The numbers indicate the number of rounds in which the contestant participated. The sixth round was the final contest in Oratory and Extempore Speaking. In Oratorical and in Humorous Declamation there were seven rounds, and in Dramatic Declamation, eight.

Original Oratory

- 3 Irene Friedkin, Beverly Hills, Calif.
- 4 Ned Boyer, Beverly Hills, Calif.
- 4 Robert Libott, Beverly Hills, Calif.
- 3 John A. Hayes, Grossmont, Calif.
- 3 Charlotte Cecil, Modesto, Calif.
- 4 George Hellyer, San Bernardino, Calif.
- 6 Jean A. Morton, Santa Monica, Calif.
- 3 Arthur Krill, Longmont, Colo.
- 3 Lesley Montgomery, Caldwell, Ida.
- 3 Jean Olson, Lewiston, Ida.
- 3 Jack Dorman, Nampa, Ida.
- 3 Paul Rogers, Elgin, Ill.
- 6 Kathleen Lawver, Freeport, Ill.
- 6 George Harmon, Granite City, Ill.
- 3 Kenneth Fijan, Granite City, Ill.
- 4 Elmer Hammerman, Granite City, Ill.
- 5 Paul Larson, Lincoln, Ill.
- 3 Thomas Gallmeyer, Ft. Wayne-S., Ind.
- 3 Nedra Ann Pierce, Logansport, Ind.
- 5 J. B. Winningham, Terre Haute, Ind.
- 3 Joe Sitrick, Davenport, Ia.
- 3 Jerry Cooksey, Perry, Ia.
- 6 Sheldon Siegel, Virginia, Minn.
- 4 Audrey Adams, Lexington, Mo.
- 4 Shirley Conkling, Liberty, Mo.
- 3 Jimmy Brown, Springfield, Mo.
- 3 Junior Shrimpton, Kimball, Neb.
- 3 Patty Poepelmeier, Dayton, Ohio
- 4 Mae F. Hollinger, Massillon, Ohio
- 6 John McCulloch, Wooster, Ohio
- 6 Harlan Dix, Wooster, Ohio
- 3 Richard McGinnis, Youngstown-Rayen, Ohio
- 4 Harold Kester, Enid, Okla.
- 3 Pearl Malott, Enid, Okla.
- 4 Jack Adams, Frederick, Okla.
- 4 Jack McCandless, Hobart, Okla.
- 6 Betty Swidensky, Okla. City-Central
- 3 Jim Hancock, Okla. City-Classen

- 3 Elizabeth Kreitner, Centerville, Pa.
- 3 Ream A. Lazaro, Crafton, Pa.
- 3 Virginia Naser, Glassport, Pa.
- 4 Arthur Rivin, Scotland, S.D.
- 3 Billy Crosby, Dickson, Tenn.
- 3 Richard Weinberg, Memphis-Central, Tenn.
- 3 Andy Alexander, Nashville-Litton, Tenn.
- 3 Beulah Franklin, Winchester, Tenn.
- 3 Jack Cook, Denison, Tex.
- 3 Charles Hagans, Denison, Tex.
- 3 Robert Newman, Kenosha, Wis.
- 3 Henry Peters, Oconomowoc, Wis.
- 4 Therese Pick, West Bend, Wis.
- 4 Deane Bottoms, Casper, Wyo.
- 4 Joe Hunley, Cheyenne, Wyo.

Extempore

- 3 Stephen Gebelt, Beverly Hills, Calif.
- 3 Alice Combs, El Centro, Cal.
- 6 John Baird, Glendale, Cal.
- 5 George Grover, Glendale, Cal.
- 6 Seymour Vinocur, Huntington Park, Cal.
- 3 James Mize, Huntington Park, Cal.
- 4 Denny Green, Madera, Cal.
- 3 Frank Gillio, San Francisco-Lowell, Cal.
- 3 Jack Ryan, Denver-Cathedral, Colo.
- 3 Dale Greeley, Caldwell, Ida.
- 4 Robert Strotz, Aurora-East, Ill.
- 6 Charles J. Smith, DuQuoin, Ill.
- 3 Jane Forester, DuQuoin, Ill.
- 5 Ruth Lee, DuQuoin, Ill.
- 6 William Reeb, Dwight, Ill.
- 6 Lucile Speer, Freeport, Ill.
- 5 Joseph Brennan, Granite City, Ill.
- 5 Donald Walton, Lincoln, Ill.
- 3 Robt. Johnson, Ft. Wayne-North, Ind.
- 3 Julius Pewowar, Hammond, Ind.
- 3 Edward Strother, New Albany, Ind.
- 3 Dave Maloney, Peru, Ind.
- 4 Harold Katz, Terre Haute, Ind.
- 3 Sam Goldberg, Burlington, Ia.
- 4 Mary Towne, Burlington, Ia.
- 3 Curtis Bush, Davenport, Ia.
- 3 Maurice Hall, Lexington, Ky.
- 3 Jcre Hudson, Shreveport, La.
- 3 James O'Dea, Lowell, Mass.
- 3 Freeman Rawson, Rockland, Mass.
- 3 Ralph Walls, Mpls.-West, Minn.
- 4 James Wanvig, Mpls.-West, Minn.
- 3 Arthur Dorlag, Brentwood, Mo.
- 3 Norwin Yoffie, Springfield, Mo.

- 3 Junior Shrimpton, Kimball, Neb.
- 3 Arden Jensen, Lyons, Neb.
- 3 Carl Nelson, Cliffside Park, N. J.
- 3 Doris Bloomberg, Massillon, Ohio
- 4 William Jorden, Massillon, Ohio
- 5 Lawrence Marthey, Massillon, Ohio
- 3 John Carney, Youngstown-Chaney, O.
- 3 Robert Loeffler, Bristow, Okla.
- 5 Bill Vanderpool, Okla. City-Cen., Okla.
- 6 Carmen Hegen, Okla. City-Classen.
- 3 Betty Smith, Dallas, Ore.
- 3 Donald Haggerty, Carmichaels, Pa.
- 3 Christy Munch, Charleroi, Pa.
- 4 Holbert Carroll, Charleroi, Pa.
- 3 Robert M. Brandt, Tamaqua, Pa.
- 3 Richard Pollock, Waynesburg, Pa.
- 3 Nola Jean Flisram, Lead, S. D.
- 3 Jean Frescoln, Winner, S. D.
- 4 Richard Weinberg, Memphis-Cent., Tenn.
- 3 Leiper Freeman, Murfreesboro, Tenn.
- 3 Wilmeta Dora Dutton, Nashville-Litton, Tenn.
- 3 H. P. Hodge, Wichita Falls, Tex.
- 3 Walter Eberlein, Shawano, Wis.
- 3 Robert Salter, West Bend, Wis.
- 3 Marybeth Burns, Casper, Wyo.
- 6 Warren J. Lane, Rawlins, Wyo.

Oratorical Declamation

- 3 Jim Cooper, Beverly Hills, Cal.
- 3 Laurel Jacobson, Huntington Park, Cal.
- 7 Gregory Wolfe, Los Angeles, Cal.
- 3 Wyland Cripe, Modesto, Cal.
- 4 Ivy Miller, San Bernardino, Cal.
- 4 Marilyn Moses, San Bernardino, Cal.
- 3 Seymour Meister, San Francisco-Lowell, Cal.
- 7 Edward Gunz, San Francisco-Sacred Heart, Cal.
- 5 George Hallberg, Venice, Cal.
- 3 Jack Ryan, Denver-Cathedral, Colo.
- 3 Charles Kollmeyer, Buhl, Ida.
- 3 Ralph McCole, Nampa, Ida.
- 4 Jim Byrne, Aurora-West, Ill.
- 4 John Brummet, DuQuoin, Ill.
- 3 J. D. Lambert, Freeport, Ill.
- 7 Kenneth Fijan, Granite City, Ill.
- 3 Dick Goodman, Lincoln, Ill.
- 3 Margaret Ann Fellows, Ft. Wayne-No., Ind.
- 3 William Newhard, Ft. Wayne-South,
- 5 Betty Spaulding, Hammond, Ind.
- 4 Joe Sitrick, Davenport, Ia.
- 3 John O'Connor, Lone Tree, Ia.
- 3 Stanley Morton, Lexington, Ky.
- 3 Zane Laycock, Dartmouth, Mass.
- 3 John Lynch, Barnesville, Minn.
- 3 James Haley, Chisholm, Minn.
- 3 Bernard Hoberman, Chisholm, Minn.
- 4 Kenneth Hackman, Brentwood, Mo.
- 7 Helen Prince, Liberty, Mo.
- 3 Bill Malcolm, Marshall, Mo.
- 7 Gerald Mehuron, Norfolk, Neb.
- 3 Zack Bouglin, Randolph, Neb.
- 3 Billie Linford, Thurston, Neb.
- 5 Robert Ryan, Gloversville, N. Y.
- 3 Richard Shelly, Greensburg, Ohio
- 3 Gale Nicolet, Massillon, Ohio
- 3 Marilyn Lough, Massillon, Ohio
- 4 John McCulloch, Wooster, Ohio
- 4 Kenneth Cohen, Wooster, Ohio
- 3 Curtis Guernsey, Cherokee, Okla.
- 4 Bill Putnam, El Reno, Okla.
- 7 Harold Kester, Enid, Okla.
- 4 Bill Schubert, Okla. City-Cent., Okla.
- 5 Sidney Upsher, Okla. City-Classen, Okla.
- 3 Prudence Saunders, Monessen, Pa.
- 4 James J. Walsh, St. Vincent's, Pa.
- 3 Melvin Bresee, Lead, S. D.
- 3 Viola Pruess, Murdo, S. D.
- 3 Charles A. Ward, Chattanooga, Tenn.
- 6 Jim Burns, Dickson, Tenn.
- 3 Margaret Catledge, Memphis-Messick, Tenn.
- 7 Joe Zellner, Memphis-Tech., Tenn.
- 3 Mary Katherine Baxter, Abilene, Tex.
- 3 Jack Little, Denison, Tex.
- 3 John Dahl, Chippewa Falls, Wis.
- 3 William Bode, Kenosha, Wis.
- 3 Eugene De Vlieg, Kenosha, Wis.
- 3 Deane Bottoms, Casper, Wyo.
- 4 Joseph Minihan, Casper, Wyo.

Dramatic Declamation

- 3 Amy Holcombe, Nashville, Ark.
- 4 Patricia Scheidel, Beverly Hills, Cal.
- 7 Jacqueline White, Beverly Hills, Cal.
- 4 Marjorie Walz, Grossmont, Cal.
- 3 Ellen Gardner, Hollywood, Cal.
- 5 Sherry Ardell, Hollywood, Cal.
- 3 Merle Meier, Hollywood, Cal.
- 6 Phyllis Hanser, Modesto, Cal.
- 8 Lamar Caselli, Santa Rosa, Cal.
- 3 Robert Blodgett, Denver-Cath., Colo.

3 Frances Moriss, Denver-Cath., Colo.
 3 Allene Meek, Caldwell, Ida.
 8 Robert Maurer, Freeport, Ill.
 5 Richard King, Granite City, Ill.
 4 Dick Goodman, Lincoln, Ill.
 7 Evalyn Vaughn, Mansfield, Ill.
 3 Helen Wiehe, Ft. Wayne-South, Ind.
 6 Robert Safer, Ft. Wayne-South, Ind.
 6 Edwin Herzog, North Judson, Ind.
 3 Elaine Hirsch, Terre Haute, Ind.
 3 Ethel Roberg, Decorah, Ia.
 3 Hale Coffeen, Decorah, Ia.
 5 Martha Childress, Oskaloosa, Ia.
 5 Richard Camp, Perry, Ia.
 3 John Woods, Shreveport, La.
 3 Miriam Bowers, Shreveport, La.
 3 Esther Whitman, Foxcroft Acad., Me.
 3 Doris Eddlem, Groton, Mass.
 3 Barbara Nord, Buhl, Minn.
 3 Shirley Archambault, Mpls.-West, Minn.
 4 Bette Askeland, Mpls.-West, Minn.
 3 Mary R. Bartholomew, Mpls.-West,
 5 Norma Jean Hall, Mpls.-West, Minn.
 3 Lois Jean Williams, Independence, Mo.
 3 Beverly Amery, Liberty, Mo.
 4 Helen Prince, Liberty, Mo.
 3 Ted Montague, Marshall, Mo.
 3 Donald Kidd, Joplin, Mo.
 3 Betty Lou Anderson, Omaha-No., Neb.
 3 Loma Kemp, Omaha-North, Neb.
 3 Dorothy Welsh, Thurston, Neb.
 3 Doris Nelson, Wakefield, Neb.
 3 Dorothy MacIver, Cliffside Park, N. J.
 8 Curry Jones, Asheville, N. C.
 6 Doris Bloomberg, Massillon, Ohio
 4 Margie Dell Oare, Cherokee, Okla.
 3 Bill Putnam, El Reno, Okla.
 6 Jean Swidensky, Okla. City-Central,
 Okla.
 8 Martha Jean Reed, Okla. City-Classen,
 Okla.
 8 Ben Morris, Okla. City-Classen, Okla.
 8 Esther Ebenhoe, Monessen, Pa.
 3 Milton Bergstein, Monessen, Pa.
 3 Barbara Stewart, Pendleton, S. C.
 3 Beryl Beach, Montrose, S. D.
 3 Elizabeth Graff, Sioux Falls, S. D.
 7 Jim Burns, Dickson, Tenn.
 3 James Cowan, Dickson, Tenn.
 3 Wallace Crow, Dickson, Tenn.
 4 Violetta Weems, Dickson, Tenn.

3 Vincent Berg, Memphis-Mesick, Tenn.
 3 Vera Jarrard, Memphis-Tech., Tenn.
 3 Marilyn Mandle, Paris, Tenn.
 3 Wanda Mae Clements, Abilene, Tex.
 3 Louise Latham, Dallas-Sunset, Tex.
 3 Shirley Geib, West Bend, Wis.
 3 Joe Hunley, Cheyenne, Wyo.

Humorous Declamation

5 Peter Hagan, Beverly Hills, Calif.
 3 James Williams, Grossmont, Calif.
 3 Gloria Hallward, Hollywood, Cal.
 3 Roberta Light, San Bernardino, Cal.
 3 Robert Tillotson, Santa Rosa, Cal.
 3 Bob Anderson, Fort Collins, Colo.
 3 Paul Kliss, Buhl, Ida.
 3 Richard King, Granite City, Ill.
 7 Joseph Brennan, Granite City, Ill.
 3 Evalyn Vaughn, Mansfield, Ill.
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 3 Raymond O'Toole, Cliffside Park, N. J.
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 3 Florence Osborne, Greensburg, Ohio
 7 Priscilla Smith, Massillon, Ohio
 4 Melvin Milligan, Massillon, Ohio
 3 Robert Straub, Wooster, Ohio
 4 Frank W. Olson, Jr., Enid, Okla.
 4 Dorothy Ann Moore, Hennessey, Okla.
 6 Mary Lee Martin, Okla. City-Cent., Ok.
 3 Cornelia Pendergrass, Okla. City-Class.
 7 Martha Jean Reed, Okla. City-Classen
 3 Helen Kreitner, Centerville, Pa.

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National Student Congress

Second Annual Sessions Continue Splendid Project

The second national student congress was again characterized by clear thinking and brilliant speaking on the part of the select group representing the States and Chapters in its Senate and House.

Since Senate President T. C. Bond was unable to attend, E. E. Bradley of Goodwell, Okla., was chosen to preside in his stead and did so in a manner to move the Senate business along with dispatch. J. Edmund Mayer of Topeka, O., was Speaker pro tem.

Karl Kappel, of Miami, Okla., President pro tem of the Senate, was designated the most outstanding member of the Congress and was awarded a week's vacation at the Balboa Yacht Club. Helen Schwartz of Casper, Wyo., was second: Robert McConnel, Ft. Wayne-North, Ind., third.

Senators

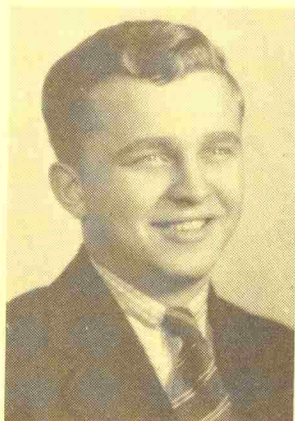
Helen Moore, El Centro, Calif.
 Fred Jennings, Grossmont, Calif.
 James Kenna, Denver-Cathedral, Colo.
 Bill Parsons, Longmont, Colo.
 Bob Hayton, Lewiston, Ida.
 Paul Rogers, Elgin, Ill.
 James Davis, Lincoln, Ill.
 John Buzzard, Charleston, Ill.
 William Swager, Ft. Wayne-North, Ind.
 Richard Wilson, Logansport, Ind.
 Robert Goesser, Burlington, Iowa
 Scott Reed, Lexington, Ky.
 Lee Berlin, Buhl, Minn.
 Ardis Parker, Minneapolis-West, Minn.
 James Dowd, Lexington, Mo.
 Kenneth Hackman, Brentwood, Mo.
 Wanda Crumbaugh, Emerson, Neb.
 Bruce Korten, Dwight School, N. Y.
 Clyde Plexico, Asheville, N. C.
 Tom Walsh, Struthers, Ohio

Don Simester, Wadsworth, O.
 Tommy Sharpe, Bristow, Okla.
 Karl G. Kappel, Miami, Okla.
 Esther Latini, Centerville, Pa.
 Gene McDonald, Derry, Pa.
 Jack Little, Denison, Tex.
 James Cowan, Dickson, Tenn.
 Jack Nicks, Dickson, Tenn.
 John Dahl, Chippewa Falls, Wis.
 Henry Peters, Oconomowoc, Wis.
 Helen Schwartz, Casper, Wyo.

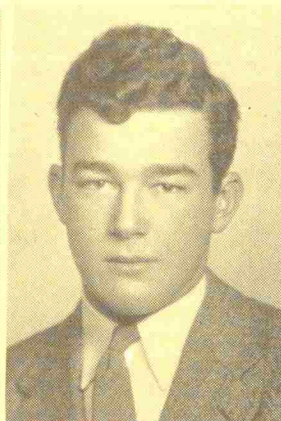
Representatives

Dorothy Jansen, Fresno, Calif.
 Stewart Anthony, Hollywood, Calif.
 Margaret Stimmann, Modesto, Calif.
 Katherine Gardner, San Bernardino, Cal.
 Leonard Lowe, Beverly Hills, Calif.
 Jack Grossjean, Longmont, Colo.
 Francis Morriss, Denver-Cathedral, Colo.
 Peggy Peters, Grossmont, Calif.
 Harold Hulbert, Lewiston, Ida.
 Elmer Hammerman, Granite City, Ill.
 Gordon Rovelstad, Elgin, Ill.
 Robert Schmidt, Freeport, Ill.
 Arvid Anderson, Hammond, Ind.
 Jeanne Fountaine, Logansport, Ind.
 Carl Liske, North Judson, Ind.
 Robert McConnel, Ft. Wayne-No., Ind.
 Betty Cook, Burlington, Ia.
 Albert Goss, Muscatine, Iowa
 Germaine Potter, Davenport, Iowa
 David Stone, Hawarden, Iowa
 Stanley Morton, Lexington, Ky.
 Theodor Herman, Mpls.-West, Minn.
 Jack Hecker, Greensburg, Ohio.
 Mary Lee Lane, Massillon, Ohio
 Ontario Nestor, Youngstown-Chaney, O.
 Paul Redinger, Wadsworth, Ohio
 Guida Bullock, Enid, Okla.
 Robert Davis, Muskogee, Okla.
 Jim Lacy, Classen HS, Okla. City
 Charles Neal, Miami, Okla.
 Edward Cipriani, Monessen, Pa.
 Nola Jean Flisram, Lead, S. D.
 William Webb, Memphis-Messick, Tenn.
 James Matheson, Oconomowoc, Wis.
 Helen Bowman, Casper, Wyo.

Success at Asheville



Clyde Plexico



Bob Bracey



Harry Wagner

Early in October, 1938, a forensic club was organized at Lee Edwards High School of Asheville, N. C. During the months that followed, the Asheville Forensic Club members, under the leadership of Mrs. James M. Hunt were very busy participating in forensic tournaments. The first contests for them were held in Bristol, Tenn., in which they claimed to have ranked lowest among the schools participating. By February they began to make a better showing in the Kingsport, Tenn., tournaments. And in March at Bluefield, W. Va., they began to make competitors sit up and take notice.

About the middle of April an NFL charter was granted to our North Carolina friends, which qualified them to participate in the NFL District Tournament held at Virginia Intermont College Bristol, Va. Of the 12 speakers qualified to enter the contests, ten were finalists, with first place winners in dramatic declamation, hu-



Curry Jones

morous declamation, and debate, and second place winner in oratorical declamation.

Well, our heroes packed their little bags for the long, long trail to California. And they talked and they worked and they worked and they talked their way right along until one of the boys was a finalist in the Dramatic Declamation contest, and another was na-

Distinguished Service Awards Granted at Beverly Hills

Plaques

K. H. Harding, Mt. Sterling, Kentucky.	Charles F. Wright, Beverly Hills, California
S. Stanley Knapp, North Dallas H.S., Dallas, Tex.	Lester R. Brenniman, Eveleth, Minnesota
James A. Tracy, Fort Collins, Colorado	Thos. D. Reed, Hammond HS, Indiana
Hazel A. Hatch, Enid, Okla.	E. E. Bradley, Goodwell, Okla.

Keys

C. C. Diettert, North Judson, Indiana	Chaney High School, Youngstown, Ohio
Dickson, Tennessee	Mt. Sterling, Kentucky
Peekskill, New York	Fort Collins, Colorado
North Dallas H.S., Dallas, Tex.	Ossining, New York

tional winner in the Radio Announcing contest.

But that's not all. Bob Bracey and Harry Wagner went back home to find scholarships awaiting them for their freshman year at Wake Forrest College, North Carolina; and Curry Jones is going to the University of North Carolina while Clyde Plexico will enter Kings College in Bristol, Va. "All of these boys" (I proudly quote from proud Mrs. Hunt) "were able to secure scholarships of self-help in college jobs because of their work in forensic activities in this and nearby states.

So, congratulations to Lee Edwards High School—the youngest NFL Chapter represented at the Beverly Hills tournament. And thank you, Mrs. Hunt, for

your information, and "dem kind words."

Your Success Editor.
Mrs. Elaine Tucker.

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- 4 William Nicoden, Monessen, Pa.
- 4 Elizabeth Stevenson, Norristown, Pa.
- 3 Elenor Herz, Lead, S. D.
- 5 Violetta Weems, Dickson, Tenn.
- 4 Billy Crosby, Dickson, Tenn.
- 5 Wallace Crow, Dickson, Tenn.
- 4 Joy Ramsey, Dickson, Tenn.
- 3 Imogene Thomas, Memphis-Messick, Tenn.
- 5 Geo. Anderson, Nashville-Litton, Tenn.
- 3 Doris McCutcheon, Paris, Tenn.
- 6 Mary W. Bomar, Paris, Tenn.
- 3 Wanda Mae Clements, Abilene, Tex.
- 7 Allen Hansen, Kenosha, Wis.
- 7 Charles W. Avey, Milwaukee, Wis.
- 3 Bobby Rounds, Cheyenne, Wyo.

From the Secretary's Desk

District Chairmen for 1939-40

The following were duly elected Chairmen by the Chapters in their respective districts in the election which closed May 25. Those marked * have served as chairmen previously.

*Chas. F. Wright, Beverly Hills, Calif.

Kathleen Brady, Aberdeen, S. D.
*James A. Tracy, Fort Collins, Colo.

G. B. Barber, Muscatine, Ia.

*John I. Young, Salina, Kas.

C. J. Nebergall, Aurora-West, Ill.

*R. P. Hibbs, DuQuoin, Ill.

*E. J. Diller, Youngstown-Chan-
ey, Ohio

Don Warner, Omaha-Central,
Neb.

M. A. Markert, Jennings, Mo.

*Thos. D. Reed, Hammond HS,
Ind.

Elsa Schilling, Memphis-Humes,
Tenn.

*S. M. Baber, Dallas-Sunset, Tex.

*E. E. Bradley, A&M College,
Goodwell, Okla.

*D. K. Shirey, Derry, Pa.

*O. A. Swanson, Oconomowoc,
Wis.

*Joyce R. Gregory, Mpls.-West,
Minn.

John Crowley, Highland, N. Y.

*Wm. A. Mahoney, Laconia, N.
Hampshire.

*Nickolas W. Williams, Lexing-
ton, Ky.

*Erwin W. Schwiebert, Caldwell,
Idaho

Awards to District Chairmen

Badges have been awarded to the following district chairmen for their service to the chapters and the League for the year 1938-39.

Gold

E. J. Diller, Chaney High
School, Youngstown, O.

James A. Tracy, Fort Collins,
Colo.

Silver

D. K. Shirey, Derry, Pa.
S. M. Baber, Sunset HS, Dallas,
Tex.

H. W. Maule, Washington HS,
Milwaukee, Wis.

E. E. Bradley, Panhandle A&M
College, Goodwell, Okla.

A. E. Keiber, Davenport, Ia.

R. P. Hibbs, DuQuoin, Ill.

Mildred V. Dunham, Hornell,
N. Y.

Bronze

Loy C. Laney, Ft. Wayne-No.,
Ind.

R. S. Cartwright, Elgin, Ill.
Chas. F. Wright, Beverly Hills,
Calif.

J. Arthur Nelson, Omaha-Ben-
son, Neb.

L. W. Welden, Maplewood,
Mo.

John R. Hovious, Nashville-
Central, Tenn.

Copies of The Rostrum

According to Regulation No. 10 each Chapter shall receive two copies of The Rostrum with an additional copy for each member holding the Degree of Honor. Additional copies are obtainable for 25c a year.

Until the annual membership list is returned, two copies only are sent for without this list there is no basis for determining the number of members holding the Honor degree.

When the membership list is returned, chapters in good standing also receive the annual box of debate and contest material. Over half the chapters have done so. If yours has not, do it now.

1939 National Contest

The Wetmore Readings have again scored at the National Contest of the National Forensic League.

LUCKY WINNERS

BOB RAY from the High School at Davenport, Iowa, won the Humorous Division. He used our cutting of "Mid-Summer Night's Dream." His coach was A. E. Keiber.

EDWARD GUNZ of Sacred Heart College High School, San Francisco, California, won the Oratorical Division with our oration, "The Big Parade." His coach was Brother Alexander.

Each of these contestants won our Special Award of \$50.00 for himself, the Wetmore National Trophy and \$100.00 worth of dramatic material for his high school.

WHO WILL BE THE LUCKY WINNERS IN 1940?

Our Special Award is available again this year. (Our 1940 catalog gives information.)

A FEW OF THE MOST POPULAR READINGS

Space permits us to mention only a few of the readings that were popular at the National Contest.

Humorous

At the Swimming Pool, 50c

Brothers Take a Bow, 60c

The Cat Came Back, 60c

An Encounter With An Inter-
viewer, 50c

The Home Talent Rehearsal, 60c

Just One Big Happy Family, 60c

Laugh, Clown, Laugh, 60c

Mid-Summer Night's Dream

(Lucky winner), 50c

Pygmalion and Galatea, 50c

The Widow's Mites, 60c

Dramatic

Afraid of the Dark, 60c

Beyond the Last Mile, 60c

The Burgomaster, 50c

Camille, 50c

Cataracts, 50c

The Chariot Race, 50c

Eyes, 60c

Honey, 60c

Jean-Marie, 60c

Mary Stuart, 60c

A Message from Khufu, 60c

Oh Son—Thy Father, 60c

Romeo and Juliet, 50c

Submerged, 60c

That We Might Be Saved, 60c

ORATIONS

After Patriotism, What? 50c

The Big Parade (Lucky Win-
ner), 50c

The Crisis in Character, 50c

Enough of This, 50c

The Monster in the Public

Square, 50c

My Account With the Unknown
Soldier, 50c

Ropes, 50c

Steel Spike, 50c

The Lost Generation, 50c

The Supreme Menace, 50c

Willard Wilson, 50c

Send for our free catalog of readings, plays, and entertainments, in which are listed the following winnings: 20 National, 37 Interstate, 258 State Contests.

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