

IMPRESSIONS OF SOME OF THE NATIONAL FINALISTS IN THE N. O. C. C.

EDMUND D. DOYLE

St. Xavier College

I was exceedingly fortunate in placing so high in "The Big Test." As a prospective student of the law, the subject of my oration, "The Constitution," held a great natural appeal. Obviously, as the contest progressed through its various stages, the competition became keener, until at the national finals held in Los Angeles, it was practically a toss-up as to which speaker had merited the different ranking positions.

What impressed me most throughout the entire contest was the fact that all collegiate orators are adapting the composition and delivery of their speeches to the conditions and tempo of the age in which they live. The swashbuckling, arm-swinging, poetry-reciting orator of the Civil War period has been displaced by the highly succinct, direct and personal public speaker of the present, who has only one ambition, namely to give a fervent interpretation of his own age in the language of that age. There can be no doubt that intercollegiate debates, placing emphasis as they do on brevity and moving power, have been a powerful factor in bringing about this transformation.

J. ROBERT ELLIOTT

Tau Kappa Alpha, Emory University

"I conceive the contest as being a sincere and patriotic effort on the part of the Better America Federation to foster the study of, and increase the respect for American institutions. And when hundreds of college students throughout the United States, as a result of this contest, are led to a study of the strength of the principles of the American Constitution, the result can be nothing short of better laws, better citizenship, and better Americans. The Better America Federation deserves the unqualified praise of every American citizen for the service already rendered, and with the assumption of sponsorship by the National Junior Chamber of Commerce the contest promises to be equally as great in its purpose and even more tremendous in its influence."

ARTHUR LARSON

Pi Kappa Delta, Augustana College

I wish I could convey to members of Pi Kappa Delta, as well as to other readers of the Forensic, my impressions of the recent contest, not in order to impress, but rather in order that they might help in giving this event the increased interest that it deserves. Pi Kappa Delta has always been well represented, should be more so, and would be, if we all realized the earnestness and care and enthusiasm with which the contest is managed. With the co-sponsorship of the National Junior Chamber of Commerce behind it, the contest of next year should be even greater and more attractive to students interested in speech.

Pi Kappa Delta Honored by Larson's Achievement

We of Pi Kappa Delta do not want to be clannish. We hope other national finalists will grant us the right of just pride in the achievement of Pi Kappa Delta's only finalist representative. Because of Mr. Larson's high place winning (tied for second but lost in the toss-up), and because he is of our membership, we give him special mention by re-printing here the comment taken from the Bulletin of the Better America Federation of July 4.

Arthur Larson brings to this symposium the sturdy blood of his Norwegian ancestry. He arrived at the high climax of zone winner by traveling a long and interesting oratory path. He won his first oratorical contest and its \$10 prize when he was in the seventh grade. He is a junior at Augustana College, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, and has majored in oratory and debate activities with outstanding success.

Mr. Larson defeated the following regional winners, when achieving the honor of representing the Midwestern Zone: State University of Iowa; the College of the Ozarks, Arkansas; Regis College, Colorado; Central College, Missouri; Creighton University, Nebraska; Texas Christian University; The University of Texas; The University of Tulsa, Oklahoma; Washburn College, Kansas.

Mr. Larson, using as his theme, "The Constitution and American Youth," dramatically opened his remarks by telling a bit of an old legend: It was the story of a lance of tremendous size that had lain for generations in the king's palace unused; for there was no knight mighty enough to wield it. Finally an

old man rose and said, "The men who fashioned this lance were mighty men, men who fought giants. The fault, the misfit is not in the lance; it is in ourselves. Therefore let us not destroy the lance, neither change it. But let us raise up young men of the stature of those who formed it." "The youth of America," said Larson, "must be trained, moulded and fashioned to be able to carry on this Republic, and to wield the mighty Constitution in the manner which was the practice of its framers."

The Better America Federation Pays Tribute to Professor Harvey

Professor P. Caspar Harvey, of the Chair of Forensics at William Jewell College, Liberty, Missouri, produced the grand winner in the 1929 Contest, (Lex King Souter). During the 1930 contest, Professor Harvey has demonstrated his versatility and no less his outstanding generosity by his unparalleled directing, without pay, of this nation-wide enterprise. "By all odds the best contest ever held," is the testimonial from all quarters; and the Better America Federation delightedly herewith expresses its deep gratitude to Professor Harvey.

Who Were The Judges?

Mr. William A. Barnhill, former U. S. District Attorney of Alaska.

Hon. Benj. F. Bledsoe, former U. S. District Judge, Southern California District.

Dr. Frank A. Bouelle, Superintendent, Los Angeles City Schools.

Dr. Martin Luther Thomas, office of the Los Angeles Prosecutor.

Mr. J. A. H. Kerr, First Vice President, Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce.

Mrs. Letitia J. Lytle, member Board of Education, City of Los Angeles.

Mr. Pat Milliken, Governor, California-Nevada District Kiwanis International.

Mr. Louis B. Mayer, Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer Studios.

Mrs. Frank Phelps Toms, State Regent, Daughters of the American Revolution.

Junior Chamber Assumes Sponsorship of Contest

The United States Junior Chamber of Commerce with member bodies in eighty-five leading cities throughout the United States, and with a brilliant prospect of doubling that

number in 1930-31, held its annual convention in Brooklyn, N. Y., June 20. The convention voted unanimously to join with the Better America Federation of California in a nation-wide co-sponsorship and support of the National Intercollegiate Oratorical Contest on the Constitution.

The nation-wide backing of this great patriotic enterprise by the Junior Chambers of Commerce over the length and breadth of this Republic is calculated to carry the contest's healthful interest deeply into the colleges, and, equally, into the civic life of the Nation.

President Hoover's Inspiring Telegram

The President of the United States

The White House, Washington, D. C.

Better America Federation,
Los Angeles, Calif.

"I send cordial greetings to those present at the Sixth National Intercollegiate Oratorical Contest in Los Angeles. The inspiration to young citizens in preparation for such contests through study of American fundamentals of government is a valuable service to the nation."

HERBERT HOOVER.



Quotations from Russell H. Conwell in His "Observation— Every Man His Own University"

"There is no greater blessing in the world than poverty, which is allied to self-reliance and the spirit of self-help. Poverty is the north wind which lashes men into Vikings."

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"Men who count for something do not wait for opportunities from any source—they help themselves to their opportunities. They can win who believe they can, and the strong-hearted always ultimately achieve success."

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The self-reliant and the self-helpful are the minority; a majority are forever looking toward and relying upon some government or some institution to do for them what they should only do for themselves."

LET'S GET GOING AND GO UNTIL THE NATIONAL CONVENTION—THEN GO SOME MORE!

So says, in effect, one of our enthusiastic Vice Presidents, Prof. H. Dana Hopkins of Heidelberg College

WITH the opening of a new year, upon each Pi Kappa Delta campus there comes the opportunity for laying a better foundation for a successful year. We have been prone always (and to a degree probably always will) to evaluate the success of the year by the success of the forensic program, just as we may sometimes narrowly view the success of our conventions by our position in the lost and won column. But Pi Kappa Delta is a fraternity. The fact that it is an honor fraternity ought not to blind us to the fact that fellowship is likewise one of the fundamental contributions. There is an almost untouched avenue of development whereby this spirit may grow which will receive a real impetus under the leadership of Vice President Toussaint this coming year. I have heard some of his plans and know that we will be on our way forward when he gets under way.

With the opening of the college year, what should be the first duty of the local chapters? Can you think of anything more important than frankly viewing the question of how your chapter may make its greatest contribution to the life of your campus? What will be the project that your chapter will espouse? Not merely will your chapter espouse a project!

In line with our feeling of fraternity, however, I do know one problem which should occupy definitely the attention of the local chapter at its earliest meeting and that is the formation of plans for the support of the provincial convention this year and the formation of definite plans to make possible the attendance at the national convention wherever it may be held, in 1932.

The relatively low expense of the tournament in each province in the odd years simplifies the problem there. With most of us it can easily be handled out of the annual budget. The attendance, however, at the national conventions presents a more serious problem—a two-year problem, and I want your serious attention to it at the very start of the year.

I voiced to some of you at Wichita the belief that we should have, not a two-year program for the national convention, but that we should be definitely set so far as the *section* of the country in which the convention will be held, for at least two conventions ahead. And it would perhaps be feasible even to forecast the situation one convention date beyond that. For instance, I feel that we have arrived at the time when we owe it to the far-western chapters to take the convention to them and I would vote today without a single reservation that we should pick oranges in California in 1934. Nor am I out of accord with the suggestion made by our genial friend Garretson that the national capital should be our objective in 1936.

I believe we have arrived at the time when we should set as our goal "EVERY CHAPTER at EVERY National Convention." We can provide the inspiration for this if we so smooth out the convention tournament schedule that we may have added time for fraternizing and getting the most out of the fellowship that a national convention affords.

I believe that this can happen if the chapters will lay out for themselves a chapter program for the raising of funds, entirely apart from and in addition to that of the regular budget. It should be specifically and exclusively for the financing of the national convention trip, or at the very least, of so materially aiding in financing it that the regular yearly budget will not be seriously disturbed. Someone will soon suggest to you the formation of a national PKD alumni list. I am suggesting to you the creation of a forensic club along the lines of the athletic letter men club of your institution. If you could thru this medium list a hundred old debaters and orators who are FOR you, would it be so difficult to secure from them a donation of a dollar a piece a year for this purpose? Of course \$200 would not cover your expenses but it would be a real start and would not interfere with many other avenues of raising funds IF THE LOCAL CHAPTER WILL BUT REALIZE ITS OWN POWERS AND RESPONSIBILITIES.

I would like to suggest, Mr. Editor, the running of a contest in the next three issues of the Forensic, a clearing house thru which the chapters may exchange their methods of helping themselves. Out of our membership we should receive 30 red hot tips for successfully meeting our own problems. I would like to see every chapter of PKD at the next convention. If they start out to meet the financial requirements a year and a half ahead, I believe the dream is not so idle.

I am putting the question right at you, every member of every chapter—"How can the local chapter best help itself to get to the next convention?" Send your answer to the Editor of the Forensic. It may be the happy answer to some other chapter that is looking for your very idea.

A GOOD IDEA OF H. D. H.

DO YOU NOT THINK SO, P. K. D.?

ALRIGHT! HERE WE GO!! THE SPACE BELOW IS FOR YOU!!!

WHO WILL BE THE 30 TO SEND THE 30 R. H. T's REFERRED TO IN DANA'S ARTICLE ABOVE?

HOW CAN THE LOCAL CHAPTER BEST HELP ITSELF TO GET TO THE NEXT NATIONAL CONVENTION?



OBJECTIVES OF COMMITTEE ON INTER-CHAPTER RELATIONS

By S. R. TOUSSAINT, of Monmouth College,
Supervisor of Provinces

1. The encouragement of a convention in every province and every chapter represented at its province convention.
2. The encouragement of inter-chapter social programs where feasible—especially after debates, at conventions, or joint meetings where two or more chapters are very close as in some of our cities.

(NOTE—We hear so much about bad treatment at debates, etc. I wonder if we could not track down some instances of very good treatment. We might use the Forensic to print letters from chapters on "Our most pleasant debate experience." What other suggestions have you? I think this objective has possibilities. Think it over.)

3. The stimulus of weak PKD chapters. (We can work in harmony with province governors and the trend in the organization to clear of deadwood. Two committees are working at that data now and will have leads for us. What ideas have you for this?)
4. A clearing house for ideas and suggestions for improving our province conventions. (I should like to have data gathered this fall from past Province Governors and their replies put into shape for printing in the January Forensic.)
5. Complete reports on conventions this spring. (I think I shall prepare a form report to be sent in after the convention by the province governor. The May Forensic, 1931, will probably be a Province number as it was two years ago.)
6. Inter-province rivalry and competition. (This can take the form of several contests we might announce in an early Forensic and will be decided by the official reports of governors. What ideas have you for friendly competition among provinces or chapters?)

ORATORY

By RUSSELL H. CONWELL

Author of "Acres of Diamonds," etc., etc.

(It is said that Mr. Conwell gave his "Acres of Diamonds" approximately 6,000 times at an average fee of \$150.00. The money obtained thru lecturing was not used for his own personal needs, but was loaned or given to worthy, poor students, ambitious to secure a college education.—The Editor.)

ORATORY has always been a potent influence for good. The printing press with its newspapers and magazines and tens of thousands of books has done much during the past fifty years to draw attention away from oratory. The printing press is a huge blessing, and has greatly advanced during these years that oratory has declined in public esteem or public attention. But we are learning that there is yet something in the living man, in his voice and his manner and his mesmeric force, which cannot be expressed through the cold lead of type. Hence the need for orators, both men and women, has been steadily increasing during the past few years, until there seems to be a pressing demand for the restoration of the science and the art of oratory.

The country lad or the hard-working laborer or mechanic who thinks that public speaking is beyond his reach has done himself a wrong. It was such as they who oftener than can be told have become some of the greatest orators of history. Men who afterwards became great as effective debaters made their first addresses to the cows in the pasture, to the pigs in pens, to the birds in trees, and to the dog and the cat upon the hearth. They often drew lessons concerning the effects of their addresses from the actions of the animal auditors which heard their talk, and were attracted or repulsed by what they heard and saw.

There is a mystery about public speaking. After years of study and application, some men cannot accomplish as much by their addresses as some uncultured laborer can do with his very first attempt. Some have imperfectly called this power "personal magnetism." While this is mainly born with men and women—as the power of the true poet and the true teacher—yet it can be cultivated to a surprising degree. The schools of elocution

so often seem to fail to recognize the wide gulf that exists between elocution and oratory. The former is an art which deals primarily with enunciation, pronunciation, and gesture; the work of the latter science is persuasive—it has to do mainly with influencing the head and the heart.

There is a law of oratory which does not seem to be understood or recognized by elocution teachers. The plowboy in a debating society of the country school may feel that natural law, like Daniel Webster, without being conscious that he is following it. But there is a danger of losing this great natural power through injurious cultivation. The

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powerful speaker is consciously or unconsciously observant at all times of his audience, and he naturally adopts the tones, the gesture, and the language which attract the most attention and leave the most potent influence upon the audience. That is the law of all oratory, whether it applies to the domestic animals, to conversation with our fellows, to debates or addresses, lectures, sermons, or arguments. Where the orator has not been misdirected or misled by some superficial teacher of elocution, his aim will be first “to win the favorable attention of his audience” and then to strongly impress them with his opening sentence, his appearance, his manners, and his subject. His reputation will have also very much to do with winning this favorable impression at first. The words of the speaker either drive away or attract, and the speaker endeavors at the outset to command the attention of the hearers, whether they be dogs or congregation.

The beginner in oratory who is true to his instincts strives to adopt the methods which he feels will favorably impress those for whom he has a message. In his oration at the funeral of Julius Caesar, Mark Antony disarmed the enemies of Caesar and of himself by opening his oration with, “Friends, Romans, Countrymen, lend me your ears. I come to bury Caesar, not to praise him.” Almost any man or woman can become an orator of power by keeping himself or herself natural while talking.

The second condition of a successful oration is the statements of the important facts or truths. Cicero, the elder Pitt, and Edward Everett held strictly to the statement of all the facts at the outset of their speech. Facts and truths are the most important things in all kinds of oratory; as they are the most difficult to handle, the audience is more likely to listen to them at the opening of the talk, and they must be placed before

the hearers clearly and emphatically, before the speaker enters upon the next division of his address.

The third condition of a successful address is the argument, or reasoning which is used to prove the conclusion he wishes his hearers to reach. It is here that logic has its special place; it is at this vital point that many political speakers fail to convince the men they address. After he has thus reasoned, the natural orator makes his appeal, which is the chief purpose of all true oratory. It is here where the orator becomes vehement, here where he shows all the ornament

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of his talk in appropriate figures of speech. The most effective orators are always those whose hearts are in strong sympathy with humanity, and whose sympathies are always aroused to plead for men. This is the condition that accounts for the eloquence—the power to arouse hearers—which characterizes men like Logan, the American Indian, and which characterizes many of the religious enthusiasts like Peter the Hermit, who have surprised the world and often moved them to mighty deeds.

So long as our government depends upon the votes of the people, just so long must there be a stirring need of men and women orators to teach the principles of government and to keep open to the light of truth the consciences of the thousands and millions whose votes will decide the welfare or the misfortune of our nation. As the speaker must adapt himself and his message to all kinds of people, it is difficult to advise any one in certain terms how to accomplish this. It is another instance of the necessity of cultivating the daily habit of observation, and of being always loyal to our instincts.

While schools and colleges have their uses, they are by no means a necessity for those who will accomplish great things through their oratory. Many a man laden with a wealth of college accomplishment has been an utter failure on the platform. Where reading-matter is as abundant and as cheap as it is in America, the poor boy at work upon the farm or in the factory, with no time but his evenings for study, may get the essentials of education, and by observing those who speak may give himself forms of oratorical expression that will enable him to outshine those with scholarship who have been led into fads.

We must be impressed with a high sense of duty in becoming an orator of any class; we must feel that it is our calling to adhere to the truth always and in all things, to warn our hearers

of dangers, and to encourage the good and help those who are struggling to be so. We must have a passion for oratory which shall impel us to vigorous thought and eloquent expression. The greatest oratory is that which is most persuasive. It is not so fully in what an orator says or the vehemence with which he says it that counts but the practical good that results from it. Many an oration has been elegant enough from its choice diction and labored phraseology, yet it has fallen flat upon the audience.

When a man has been worked into natural passion over his theme, his words will strike root and inspire the hearers into similar passion. It is wonderful how true are our instincts in detecting what comes from the heart and that which is mere words. The greatest orators have been those who have not learned "by rote" what they have spoken. When

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Lincoln broke away in his celebrated Cooper Institute address, and pictured the word freedom written by the Lord across the skies in rainbow hues, the hearts of his audience stopped beating for the instant. It is foolhardy for any one to presume to speak with no preparation, for those who wish to give themselves to oratory should carefully study the great debaters, learn how they expressed themselves, and then accumulate important truths and facts concerning their subject. But we must not forget that too much study as to nicety of expression may lose something of the mountainous effects of what we wish to state.

When an orator feels his subject, his soul overflows with a thrill indescribable, which is known only to those who have felt it. Genius is lifted free for the moment to fly at will to the mountain heights, and finds supreme delight therein. Everything that is food for the mind is helpful to the orator, whether it come from school or work. But it is an attainment which can be reached by the everyday plain man employed in any everyday occupation. Demosthenes, the greatest orator the world has yet known, found his School of Oratory along the shore talking to the waves. John B. Gough and Henry Clay and both the elder and younger Pitt gained all their powers by means as humble. The mere study of grammar has never yet made a correct speaker; the mere study of rhetoric has never yet made a correct and powerful writer; and the study of elocution cannot make an orator. Grammar, rhetoric, and elocution may teach him only the laws which govern speech, writing, oratory, and leave him ignorant of the best methods of execution.

During the last hundred years the leading orators of Congress have mainly come from among the humble and the poor, and all the learning they had of their art was got in the school house, the shop, the fields, and the University of Hard Knocks. It is a calling that seems to be open to every man and woman of fair talent. IF YOU DESIRE TO BECOME A PLATFORM ORATOR, READ THE LIVES OF SUCCESSFUL ORATORS, AND APPLY TO YOURSELF THE MEANS WHICH HELPED THEM TO DISTINCTION. BUT BE VIGILANT NOT TO LOSE YOUR OWN INDIVIDUALITY, AND NEVER STRIVE TO BE ANY ONE BUT YOURSELF. IN NO PLACE MORE THAN UPON THE PLATFORM DOES SHAM MEAN SHAME; NOTHING IS MORE TRANSPARENT.

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QUOTATIONS FROM RUSSEL H. CONWELL IN HIS "OBSERVATION—
EVERY MAN HIS OWN UNIVERSITY."

"Paradise was not meant for cowards; self-reliance and self-help is the manliness of the soul."

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"Whatever crushes individuality is despotism . . . Men's arms are long enough to reach stars if they will only stretch them."

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"Aspiration plus perspiration carries men to dizzy heights of success. Aspiration minus perspiration often lands them in the gutter."

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"There is no immorality that is comparable to the immorality of a wasted life—And every life is wasted unless its owner has made it hold its full capacity."

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A real man wants no protection; so long as his human powers are left to him, he asks nothing more than the freedom to win his own battles."

IS SPEECH EDUCATION IMPORTANT? SOME EDUCATORS THINK SO

"Those trained in debate are, I find, much better prepared to go forward with serious research work in the graduate school than are those who have not been so trained."—A. Craig Baird, Professor of Speech, University of Iowa.

"The speech curriculum must recognize the needs of the average student. . . . Unfortunately the general public, and all too frequently the student body and the faculty, measure the value of speech training solely by the public performances of public readers and speakers, college actors and intercollegiate debaters."—Maynard Lee Daggy, State College of Washington.

"The time will come when speech as a recognized curricular phase of the educational system will be regarded as basic to the common school, the high school, and the college. Every pupil, every college student will be tested and taught and trained in the minimum essentials of speech as the pivotal point of departure for all other school or college work, just as it is his pivotal point of departure for his life's major activities, from the cradle to the grave."—W. Arthur Cable, University of Arizona.

"Your promise for education justifies the co-operative goodwill of your presidents and deans. You share with *art, poetry, and music* the vital task of raising the emotional levels of student experience. You share with *psychology and philosophy* the task of elemental and primary adjustment to life and environment. You share with the *social sciences* the task of training for good citizenship, for leadership in the better life."—President Alexander C. Roberts, San Francisco State Teachers College.

BUT HE DIDN'T BELIEVE DEBATE WOULD DO IT

"What we need is to turn out of our colleges young men with ardent conviction on the side of right."—Theodore Roosevelt.

HERE'S OUR OFFICIAL DEBATE QUESTION

NOTE ALSO SECRETARY FINLEY'S SUGGESTIONS

To the Local Chapters of Pi Kappa Delta:

The big election returns are not all in yet, but we have enough of them to make it safe to announce the results. It was a veritable "democratic" landslide. At least everything has gone in favor of "free trade."

Counting one point for first place and one-half point for second, this is the way the vote lines up at present:

1. The nations should adopt a policy of free trade	55
2. The states should enact laws providing for employment insurance -----	19½
3. The United States should recognize the Soviet government of Russia -----	14
4. Hydro-Electric power -----	10
5. Prohibition -----	8½
6. World Court -----	6½
7. Modern advertising -----	5½
8. Chain stores -----	3

And so the official Pi Kappa Delta Debate Question for 1930-1931 is number one above, the question of international free trade. Second and third choice questions are, respectively, unemployment insurance and recognition of Russia. Some of the chapters, and possibly some of the provinces, may prefer to use one of these questions instead of free trade, or possibly some will want to use two questions, one for men and one for women.

About a third of our chapters, I'm sorry to say, have not yet sent me a list of active members called for in my recent letter. This is important. I have to have it, and I need it now! Please let me have it at once.

Be sure to see that your college paper goes to the Editor of The Forensic. His address this year is George McCarty, Institute of Character Research, University of Iowa, Iowa, City, Ia. "The constitution" imposes a fine of \$1.00 a month on all chapters failing to meet this requirement.

Now is the time to get your local organization into good running order. Take advantage of the enthusiasm of the early days of the new year. Make your plans now for a strong delegation to your provincial convention this coming spring. Your chapter might as well have some of those beautiful trophies!

Write me for anything you need in the way of materials.
G. W. FINLEY, National Secretary.



MORE OR LESS PERSONAL

Professor Alfred Westfall, former National President of Pi Kappa Delta and former Editor of the Forensic, is back now at his old school, the State Agricultural College at Fort Collins. Dr. Westfall has finished his work at the University of Missouri for his degree and is now a full-fledged Ph. D.

Professor H. G. Hance, Governor of the Province of the Lakes, is now at Albion College.

W. E. Moore, coach at Colorado State Agricultural College, has been appointed Governor of the Province of the Platte, taking the place of W. B. Hunt, who is away on a year's leave of absence at Columbia University in New York.

John Cowley is now assisting Westfall and Moore at Fort Collins.

Leroy Laase is coach at Hastings. He takes the place of Joseph Baccus, who is now with E. R. Nichols at Redlands.

L. C. Staats, formerly at West Virginia Wesleyan, is now at Ohio University at Athens, Ohio.

Southwestern College, Winfield, Kansas, is holding their annual Inter-State Pre-Season Debate Tournament again this year, beginning December 5. J. Thompson Baker is in charge.

Upton Palmer, former Pi Kappa Delta debater at Redlands University, who received his master's degree in Speech at the University of Iowa last June, will have charge of Forensics at South Dakota State College this year, while George McCarty is at the University of Iowa on a year's leave of absence.

AMONG FORENSIC FOLK

If this section of THE FORENSIC contains no news of your chapter, let us hear from you.—The Editor.

(Due to the change of address of the Editor and the consequent delay of receipt of Chapter College papers, we are not including chapter news in this issue of the Forensic.)

PLEASE CHECK UP ON YOUR LOCAL CAMPUS EDITOR

and see that your paper is properly addressed to

George McCarty

Editor, Forensic

Institute of Character Research,

University of Iowa

Iowa City, Ia.

Professor Ira G. Morrison, former Governor of the Province of Missouri, resigned at Central College last spring. Sam Meyer, a Special Distinction Pi Kappa Delta man in both Oratory and Debate, is to be the Debate coach at Central this year. Ben Renz, Pi Kappa Delta man from Aberdeen, is to be instructor in Public Speaking at the same institution.

Professor O. P. McElmeel, who resigned at St. Thomas last year to go into the law profession, has returned to the teaching profession and is back at St. Thomas. Teachers of Speech know of the splendid work of Professor McElmeel, and will rejoice that he has decided to remain with us.

Florence Newcomb, national champion in "Women's Extempore Speaking" at Wichita, is teaching Speech at Freeman, South Dakota. Miss Newcomb was graduated from Eastern State Teachers' College last June. It will be remembered by those who attended the big banquet at the National Tournament, that the South Dakota Theta Chapter representatives were

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LIVING RIGHT

“So live that you wouldn’t be ashamed to sell the family parrot to the town gossip.”—Ex.

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IT’S YOUR MOVE!

If you don’t like this issue of the Forensic, send us some better copy for January.

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BARBECUE AT PAWNEE BILL’S? OH BOY!

Carl Wiedeman, Pres. P. K. D. Okla. Beta, in his “sales talk” mimeograph letter sent to the “Powers” and others of P. K. D. officialdom, whooping-it-up for Tulsa as the next national convention city, mentions as one incentive the possibility of “a beef barbecue at Pawnee Bill’s Frontier Post.”

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Bring hither my trusted trench knife, gird my loins with an Al Capone machine gun and let’s away to the merry-making. Methinks such a thrill would quite rival “Charley” Marsh’s Catalina Island proposal.

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BRYAN’S ORDERS

During the campaign of 1896 when William Jennings Bryan was running for president for the first time, on the Democratic ticket, he was speaking in a town in southern Nebraska, near the Kansas line one afternoon, and he was flaying the Republicans hard from the platform, when an old Republican, with a few too many drinks under his belt, sitting near the center of the room, drolled out, between hiccoughs: “You-go-to-hell!” The audience yelled, “Throw him out!” And several men started to do so. Bryan shouted from the platform: “No! Don’t touch him! Let him alone! I’ve been ordered all up and down this country during this campaign, by the Democratic committee, but this is the first time that anybody has commanded me to go to Republican headquarters.”

THE EDITOR WRITES

Office, Editor of the Forensic
September, Nineteen Hundred Thirty

President of Pi-Kappa-Delta
Your College
Somewhere in Pi-Kappa-Delta Land
Dear Friends:

Well here we are back again at the old school ready to start another year.

We must get busy again in forensics. You can help the Editor of the Forensic. How? Well first of all, see that your college paper is sent to me at the address given below. (See article V No. 15, page 11.) You will want the Forensic to carry news of your chapter achievements.

You should be looking forward to your Province Convention to be held next spring. Your chapter will want to make its presence felt in that convention. Your members in that convention will want to help your chapter win distinction there. I will expect to make the last Forensic of the year a special "Province Convention Number." I will want pictures and information of the various Province winners.

The Governor of your Province is listed in the official directory on the inside cover page of the Forensic. Your chapter should be prepared to cooperate with him in making your Province convention a success.

In the January Forensic, I wish to run a special department of the outstanding forensic students of the various chapters. Please select your best all-round speaker and send me a brief statement of his or her forensic record. If this member is chosen later as one to be honored in this special section, I will write for a picture.

I have appreciated the cooperation of our many chapters the past two years during the time of my Editorship. Since President Pflaum has seen fit to re-appoint me, I shall count it an