Pi Kappa Delta. Those who became charter members were: Cleola M. Dawson, Maryville; Glenn S. Duncan, Excelsior Springs; Prof. Orville C. Miller and Prof. E. W. Mounce, Maryville; Wilbur B. Pettigrew, Shenandoah, Iowa; Marvin C. Shamberger, Graham; Dale Missildine and H. Jerome Smith, Des Moines, Iowa; Ernest Stalling, Barnard. Those initiated lated last year are: honorary member, President Uel W. Lamkin; Lowell T. Galt, Shenandoah, Iowa; Arri Ann Freeland, Athelstan, Iowa.

During the present year, while Prof. Orville C. Miller is on leave of absence attending Columbia University, Prof. E. W. Mounce has charge of forensiv activities.

MARVIN C. SHAMBERGER, Debate Manager.

William Jewell Debates with the University of Mexico

William Jewell engaged in its fifth international debate when it met the University of Mexico on its home floor April 7. The subject for discussion was the Monroe Doctrine, one of vital interest to the people of both countries.

Mr. C. M. Gaxiola, Consul of Mexico for the district, acted as chairman. At his request, Prof. W. Prewitt Ewing, the William Jewell coach, opened the debate by reading the original Monroe Doctrine.

The University of Mexico was represented by P. Jaime Montalbo and Alejandro Carrillo. While they announced that their mission in the United States was one of friendliness, they did not hesitate to attack the Monroe Doctrine. They called it a myth with no definite meaning and for which there was no need. They pointed out inconsistencies in its application, and called for a new doctrine which would unite Latin America and the United States in a better understanding.

William Jewell was represented by Lowell Ditzen and Orvar Swenson. They defended the doctrine, excused the mistakes which had been made in its application, and argued for its retention. There was no decision.

After the debate the visitors spoke to the audience about their own country. They described its civilization and advantages and invited the students to come to the University of Mexico for future study.—The William Jewell Student.

EDITOR'S PERSONAL PAGE

The public speaker, whose tools are words, will appreciate the following tribute to the dictionary. It is translated from a French excerpt, the author of which I have been unable to identify.

I love dictionaries: I love them not only for their great utility, but also for their beauty and magnificence. Yes, beauty! Yes, magnificence! Look at a French dictionary: Observe that in its one thousand or twelve hundred pages of little signs lie the genius and soul of France, the thoughts, the joys, the achievements, and the sorrows of our ancestors and ourselves. I feel a profound tenderness rise in my heart before all these words of the French language, before this army of humble and superb terms. I love them all, or at least all of them interest me, and I press in my warm and affectionate hand the little book which contains them all. Yes, I love French dictionaries especially.

Debaters and orators will find it interesting to read in an unabridged dictionary the origin of the word buncombe or bunkum.

Perhaps you are familiar with the definition of *oats* which Dr. Johnson used in his famous dictionary. "A grain which in England is generally given to horses, but in Scotland supports the people." To this slur on the Scotch Lord Elibank afterwards smartly replied, "Very true, and where will you find such horses, and such men."

A man punched a hole in a penny and tied a fine wire through it. He dropped the penny into a gum machine and got a stick of gum. Then by means of the wire he pulled his penny back. Which did he steal, the penny or the gum?

Send your answer to the Editor.

For the answer to the problem in the last issue see page 169.

The Editor appreciates the many items of forensic news and the pictures he has received. He regrets that space and a decreasing budget do not permit him to use more of them.

Alfred Westfall, Editor of the FORENSIC, had an article entitled "The Critic Judge Arrives at his Decision," in the last number of *The Gavel* of Delta Sigma Rho.

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The tournament idea has been increasing in popularity during the past few years. This issue contains accounts of more than a dozen. Some of them are high school invitation meets which might come under the heading of extension activities. Most of them are college meets bringing together as many as fifty teams from as high as twenty-five colleges in several states.

The necessity of economy forced upon the forensic people by the depression is responsible for some of the sudden increase in tournament interest. There is no more economical means of handling a number of debates than through the tournament. Traveling expenses are minimized. Debaters can make one trip and meet a half dozen different institutions. The problem and expense of judges is eliminated through having the coaches act in this capacity.

Another advantage is the opportunity the tournament brings for acquaintances. The student speakers are thrown together with fifty or a hundred others with the same interests. Ideas are exchanged, friendships made, and experience broadened. The coaches have opportunity to discuss common problems.

It is interesting to note that much of the bitter competitive spirit has been eliminated. In many of the tournaments the idea is to provide forensic experience to the maximum number. Institutions do not concentrate their efforts on a few of their best men. Sometimes a college enters as many as ten teams. New men are given an opportunity to gain experience. Instead of eliminating teams as rapidly as possible, an effort is made to provide several debates for every representative present.



Dr. Hale V. Davis, who was installed as president of Oklahoma Baptist University during November of last year, is an alumnus of that university who was active in forensics during his student days. The Oklahoma Gamma chapter was installed in his alma mater while he was in college. He was one of its early initiates, holding membership during 1924-25. In 1932, less than eight years afterwards, be became president of the university.

Connecticut Aggies won a unanimous decision over New York University in a debate on the war debt question. The Aggies were on the negative. On the affirmative of the recognition of Russia question, they defeated the American International College of Springfield, Massachusetts.—N. D. BALDWIN.

The final wording for the debate question which will be used next year in many state high school leagues has recently been announced by a committee for which Professor A. Craig Baird of Iowa acted as chairman. The question now reads: Resolved: That the United States should adopt the essential features of the British system of radio control and operation.

"So far we have had 116 debates this year with 35 different colleges. That establishes a record for us. Lots of work, but what fun! I am taking ten contestants to the Provincial P. K. D. tournaments at Emporia this week. Will enter two in all events. We expect to have about 20 more debates there and then we shall sign off for the year."—J. THOMPSON BAKER, Coach, Southwestern College.

NOTES FROM THE SECRETARY'S OFFICE

Bad pennies are not the only things that come back! Pi Kappa Delta keys have a way of doing it, too. I recently had a letter from Mr. Joseph C. Nate, Grand Tribune of Sigma Chi, to the effect that a man had picked up a Pi Kappa Delta key on the streets of Chicago and brought it to him to see if he could help find its owner. The key belonged to Gordon Bryan of Bradley Polytechnic Institute. I wrote him about it and I hope he has his key back by this time.

And still we grow!—Latest membership number, 11722, Clay J. Smith, Kansas Delta; Latest key number, 8701, Jean Shattuck, Kansas Iota.

Up to the date of this writing the prize for the greatest number of new members taken in this spring goes to Kansas Zeta. They have taken in 14 candidates. Can any of you beat their record before the season closes?

The call for debate questions for next year brought in a wide variety of topics. In accordance with our regular custom I am sending each chapter the entire list and asking for your first and second choice. The responses to this call will narrow the list down to some half dozen topics, from which we will make final selection the first thing next fall.

In spite of financial conditions in this "bottom of the depression" many of our chapters have put on forensic programs that would have been considered impossible a few years ago. Hastings College and Wesleyan University, of Nebraska, and Emporia Teachers and Southwestern College, of Kansas, all report from 130 to 150 different debates and other contests. Many of the other chapters report a schedule running well up toward a hundred contests. Who was it that said intercollegiate debating was dying out?

In ordering keys chapters are asked to use the revised prices. They are published on the backs of the January and the March Forensics. The prices you find on the back of the constitution are the old ones. You will notice that we secured a reduction ranging from 75c to \$3.50, depending upon the price of the key.

DURANT TOURNAMENT

The Fourth annual intercollegiate interstate invitation forensic conducted by Southeastern Teachers College at Durant, Oklahoma, on March 10 and 11, was a success in spite of the closing of the banks just at the time entries were being made. It was feared by those in charge that the banking moratorium might disrupt the tournament, but only two or three institutions failed to send entries on account of financial tie-ups.

Institutions from four states sent entries, three from Kansas, one from Arkansas, nine from Oklahoma, and thirteen from Texas. Twenty-six institutions entered thirty-six teams in the men's debate tournament, fiften teams in the women's division, and six teams in the junior college tournament. There were fifteen entries in the men's division of extemporaneous speaking and nine in the women's division; fifteen in men's oratory and four in women's oratory.

The Denton, Texas, Teachers won the men's tournament. Wichita University and East Central Teachers of Oklahoma tied for second.

In the women's division, first place was won by Geneva George and Lois Armstrong of East Central, Oklahoma, and second place by Erma Phillips and Florine Rankin of Emporia Kansas State Teachers College.

In the Junior College division, first place was won by Cameron Agricultural College, and second place by Altus Junior College.

The individual cups were awarded as follows: Best individual debater in the men's division, Cecil Alsup, of Denton, who was also awarded first place in men's oratory. In the women's division first place was won by Juliaette Naylor, who also received honorable mention for third place in extemporaneous speaking; in the Junior College division first place was won by Lloyd Wallace of Cameron Agricultural College.

Second place in men's oratory was won by Silas Freeman of East Central State Teachers college of Oklahoma. Roy Baker of Austin College, Jas. Hester of East Central, and Trive Starnes tied for third place.

In men's extemporaneous speaking, first place was won by Willis Smith, Central Teachers, Oklahoma; second place by Jas. Hester, East Central, Oklahoma; while Marion Hicks of Texas Christian University received honorable mention for third place.

In women's oratory, Rozelle Kleper of Wichita University won first place; Juliaette Naylor of Central of Oklahoma second place; while Gertrude Pendergraft of East Central of Oklohoma and Dorothy Brinkley of Wichita University tied for third place.

In women's extemporaneous speaking, Lois Armstrong and Gertrude Pendergraft, both of East Central of Oklahoma won first and second respectively, while Juliaette Naylor of Central

of Oklahoma was third.

T. A. HOUSTON, Director.

BARNES AND BARNES

Twenty-seven victories out of 32 debates in which they engaged was the record this year of Charles Barnes and Tom Barnes, representatives of Simmons University, Abilene, Texas, who won the championship of the Lower Mississippi region in the tournament recently at Huntsville, Texas.

The Simmons men had the unusual distinction also of getting unanimous decisions in every contest during the tournament. Not a decision of a judge was given an opponent. They defeated North Texas State Teachers College in the finals.

Previously these debaters had won an invitation tournament at Abilene, Texas, in which 27 men's teams were entered from 15 colleges including one team from New Mexico and two

from Oklahoma colleges.

Charles Barnes also took second in oratory at the regional Pi Kappa Delta meet. He is president of the Simmons Student Assembly, and a member of the tennis team. Tom is president of the Scholarship chapter at Simmons. The boys are not brothers.

PROVINCE OF THE MISSOURI PASSES A RESOLUTION

It is the consensus of the delegates of the Missouri Province of Pi Kappa Delta assembled that the interests of the society will be better served through its attempting to select for the school year 1933-1934 a debate proposition that is neither international in scope nor predominantly economic in character. Be it further resolved that this resolution be made part of the minutes of this session and that a copy of the resolution be sent to the FORENSIC. (It is understood that this resolution shall be in no wise binding upon any chapter in its voting for a debate proposition.)

FORENSIC TOURNAMENT AT CEDAR FALLS

The Forensic Association of Iowa Colleges held a very interesting tournament at Cedar Falls, Iowa, March 15-18. This is a very active organization of eleven colleges, eight of which are PKD schools. The winners of the contests were as follows:

Men's Debate

John Fletcher College Luther College *Simpson College

Women's Debate

*Simpson College *Central College Iowa State Teachers College

Men's Oratory

*Penn Iowa State Teachers College Coe

Women's Oratory

John Fletcher College

*Drake University

*Simpson College

Men's Extempore

*Parsons College Iowa State Teachers College John Fletcher College

Women's Extempore

*Central College *Simpson College *Upper Iowa College

After Dinner Speaking

*Parsons College *Simpson College John Fletcher College

*The starred schools are PKD schools. In the girls' contests Simpson ranked first over all and Central second.

The feature of the banquet which closed the tournament was the after dinner speaking contest on the general theme of "Poise."

CUNERA VAN EMMERIK. Central College.

REFUSED TO STAY DEAD

Dear Professor Westfall:

The article on "The History of Pi Kappa Delta" in the March "Forensic" was very interesting. A look backward helps us to appreciate our organization more, and it helps us to appreciate those who founded the organization. In our case it helps us to appreciate our very life more, for the history gives this sad fact: "The eighth chapter was established at Central College,

Pella, Iowa. The college was sold soon after and the chapter died."

Now I want to give you the brighter side, for there was a resurrection. In 1922 the Iowa Beta chapter was reinstated at Central College and has shown increased signs of activity each year following. This year we held 36 debates, sent a full delegation of eight students to the State and to the Provincial Pi Kappa Delta tournaments. In the State our representatives in women's extempore placed first and in women's debate second. In the provincial our women's debate team got into the semi-finals and the orator won third in the women's contest. Lest you think our women do it all, I shall add that our men's debate team went through seven rounds at the National Tournament last year and our representative won the state Peace Contest. This year twelve students have become eligible for membership.

We continue to look forward to big things in Pi Kappa Delta. Our students are hoping the National Tournament will be held in Kentucky. Let's hope we all have money enough to get

there.

Fraternally yours, CUNERA VAN EMMERIK, Coach.

PKD CAPTURES INTERSTATE ORATORICAL

Several PKD orators represented their states in the old line oratorical contests. The interstate divisionals and the final contest were held at Northwestern University April 27-8. First and second places went to Richard Smith of Nebraska Alpha, and Ralph Bonacker of Missouri Beta. The speakers and their ranking in the finals were as follows:

Richard Smith, Nebraska Wesleyan. Ralph Bonacker, Park, Missouri. Stuart Anderson, Albion, Michigan. Alois F. Kiefer, Carleton, Minnesota. Ernest Grunwald, Ohio University. Vernon Van Dyke, Manchester, Indiana.

The Editor appreciates the many letters he received commending his editorial on the "bootlegging" of debate speeches.

The last issue of the FORENSIC contained the following problem: A taveling salesman who was something of a wag slipped a hundred dollar bill into an envelope and handed it to the hotel clerk with the request that it be held in the safe for him. A little later the butcher came in and presented his bill for a hundred dollars. The clerk did not have that much money on hand, but he knew he would take in more than that during the course of the day. He therefore paid the butcher with the hundred dollar bill the traveling salesman had left. The butcher paid the bill to his grocer. The grocer used it to settle his advertising account with the local paper. The newspaper owner paid it to his lawyer. The lawyer, who lived at the hotel, handed it back to the clerk. The clerk recognized it as the one he had borrowed and slipped it back in the envelope. A little later the salesman returned. When the clerk handed him his bill, he rolled it up and used it to light his cigar. The clerk gave a startled exclamation. "It was only a fake, a bit of stage money," replied the practical joker. Had anyone been cheated by the transaction?

No. The bill had been used merely to cancel credits.

The women of Michigan Epsilon, Normal College, have been carrying some of their debates to their audiences. They met Adrian before the high school at Britton and Hillsdale before the North Adams High School.—The Normal College News.

Ralph Bonacker, Park, Missouri Beta, won the Missouri Old Line oratorical contest. The title of his oration was "A Mandate to the College Bred."—The Park Stylus.

Baker University, Kansas Kappa, celebrated the seventy-fifth anniversary of the granting of the charter on February 12.

—The Baker Orange.

Two debaters from South Dakota Gamma presented the war debt question to the Yankton Rotary Club.—The Yankton Student.

Linfield, Oregon Alpha, held a high school debate tournament February 3. Nine high schools competed.—The Linfield Review.

Wheaton, Illinois Mu, invited 200 high schools from Illinois, Indiana, and Wisconsin to its first high school debate tournament March 31 and April 1.—The Wheaton College Record.

Dr. J. H. Muyskens of the University of Michigan, who was one of the guest speakers at the Tulsa convention, recently addressed the student body of the University of Toledo.—*The Campus Collegian*.

"We have had 117 debates this year with 41 different colleges from nine states, and carried on this program on a reduced forensic budget, yet we still have a balance of \$400 that we are saving toward the national next year," writes Professor Pflaum of Kansas Zeta.

The South Dakota Beta chapter at Huron put on a potpourri of entertainment to raise funds to send its delegates to the provincial convention. The program consisted of two one-act plays and a short audience-decision debate. The admission charged was ten and twenty-five cents.—*The Huron Alphomega*.

Mary Marie Holton, young daughter of Prof, and Mrs. Samuel Holton of State Teachers, was elected mascot of the Virginia Alpha chapter. While Mary Marie is less than a year old, she was able to carry through a successful political campaign partly through her own charms and partly through the "pull" given her by her father who is debate coach.—*The Rotunda*.

Some idea of just what effect debating has on the opinions of debaters may be gained from the fact that, after a season of argument extending from here to California, most of the University's forensic prides have not materially changed the stand on the question of cancellation of war debts which they took early in the fall.

Most of the debaters lean to the cancellation of the debts, with several including such things as trade agreements, disarmanent treaties, etc., in their acquiesence.—*The Bison*, Oklahoma Baptist University Student Publication.

A team of Carroll, Wisconsin Beta, women upheld the third party idea against the Lawrence College women in a series of three debates before the Kaukauna and Neenah Rotary Clubs, and the Appleton Women's Club.—The Carroll College Echo.

The Weber College debaters of Ogden, Utah, had been hitch hiking east. In the fall they toured California via the thumb wagging route. They headed east this spring and dropped off at Le Mars. Iowa, for two clashes with Western Union, before continuing on their way into Illinois and Missouri. They have been able to carry through an extensive campaign at little cost by using this method of transportation.—The Gleam.

Professor George R. R. Pflaum, former national president, took two girls' teams from his Emporia Teachers on an intensive debate trip during March. On March 23 they met Northwestern Teachers, Missouri Kappa, in two debates. March 24 they met Park, Missouri Beta, in two debates in the morning. In the afternoon one team debated William Jewell, Missouri Delta, at Liberty, while the other engaged the Weber, Utah, team, which had hitch hiked into Liberty. In the evening the same girls met two women's teams from the Kansas City Law School.—

The Bulletin.

Prof. W. Prewitt Ewing, National Fourth Vice President, is already setting up the machinery to handle the contests at the next national convention. He announces the chairmen of the committees which will handle four of the tournaments, and hopes to be able to announce the others before long.

Men's Extemporaneous Speaking:

Professor George V. Bohman, Dakota Wesleyan University, Mitchell, South Dakota.

Women's Extemporaneous Speaking:

Professor C. Horton Talley, Nebraska Wesleyan University, Lincoln.

Men's debate:

Professor Forrest H. Rose, Southeast Missouri State Teachers, Cape Girardeau.

Women's debate:

Professor Edith Whitaker, Simpson College, Indianola, Iowa.

Former Governor Harry H. Woodring of Kansas, who last year was initiated into the Kansas Zeta chapter, is now Assistant Secretary of War. Professor Pflaum says, "Woodring is a very quiet, peaceful sort of man, and I don't see how he qualifies for a place in the War Department because he isn't even married."

Miss Floreine Rankin and Miss Dorothy Abromson, freshman and sophomore at Emporia Teachers, have established a unique record in this, their first year in debate. They won second place in the Durant tournament as a beginning. In the Kansas provincial they won first place over an unusually large and strong field.

The Colorado Alpha and Beta chapters met at Greeley April 27 for their annual joint initiation program and banquet. Thirteen new members from the two chapters were initiated into the society. After the initiation forty members of the two chapters sat down to a banquet. The after-dinner program consisted of a lively debate on the question of taking the "point" out of "three-point-two." The negative "case," which was presented in evidence, was particularly strong. After the debate there was a dance.

Professor Ray Ehrensberger, last year at Doane, Nebraska Gamma, who is this year establishing a department of speech at Franklin, Indiana Alpha, has completed a very successful year. His students brought home the honors from the provincial tournament at Maryville, Tennessee. Franklin sent eight representatives to this convention, six of whom were freshmen and two seniors. The six freshmen gave the following account of themselves:

Baker Humes, first in men's oratory.

Traber Guthrie, first in women's oratory.

Myrl Guthrie, first in women's extempore.

Eugene Firestone, second in men's extempore.

Beatrice Roehm with her senior partner Margaret Reguli won first in women's debate.

James Pease and his senior colleague George Dick went to the semi-finals in men's debate. Pease also tied for third in after-dinner speaking. The Shurtleff and South Eastern Missouri State Teachers College debate was broadcast February 2.—The Capaha Arrow.

Michigan Epsilon won debates from Adrian and Alma on the general property tax question.—The Normal College News.

The Normal College women defeated Central State Teachers College by the decision of a critic judge.—*The Normal College News*.

North Western State Teachers, Oklahoma Delta, held an invitation high school debate tournament February 24.—The Northwestern.

Carleton won the Minnesota old line oratorical contest, with Gustavus Adolphus second, and St. Thomas third.—The Hamline Oracle.

For the fifty-fourth year Monmouth, Illinois Zeta, spoke in the competition of the Illinois Intercollegiate Oratorical Association.—The Oracle.

Howard-Payne sent a group on a debate trip during February. Debates were held with Southwestern, Baylor, Belton and San Marcos Teachers, with the results about even.—Yellow Jacket.

Six teams comprising the East Central, Oklahoma Eta, debating squad held a five-round debate tournament among themselves in preparation for the tournaments they were planning to enter.—The East Central Journal.

Women's teams from Ripon and Carroll debated the third political party question before the patients at the county tuber-culosis sanatarium at Waukesha. The audience decision was in favor of the Ripon affirmative.—*Ripon College Days*.

Phi Rho Pi, the junior college forensic society, has requested permission to republish in its national magazine, *The Persuader*, the splendid article, "A Debate Clientele," by Professor Daniel M. Sunday, which appeared in the October FORENSIC.

Western Union and Morningside debated the war debt question before the Sioux City Lions Club.—*The Gleam*.

Denton Teachers, Texas Eta, won a decision from the visiting Durant Teachers, Oklahoma Theta.—The Campus Chat.

Olivet junior varsity teams have been debating the recognition of Russia with a number of neighboring junior colleges.—

The Olivet College Echo.

Michigan had an intercollegiate poetry reading contest in which eleven schools participated. Five of them were PKD institutions.—The Olivet College Echo.

Five debaters from the College of St. Thomas, Minnesota Epsilon, made a flying invasion of Wisconsin, engaging in ten debates in five days. The trip was made by automobile.—*The Purple and Gray*.

Kalamazoo and Western State Normal debated the general property tax question before a Parent-Teachers Association. The audience vote was for the Western State negative team.—The Kalamazoo College Index.

Four student speakers of Yankton, South Dakota Gamma, tried out the speeches on a church audience before setting out for the state contests. The audience showed an active interest in the work of these student speakers.—The Yankton Student.

Oklahoma Delta, Alva Teachers, was represented in the debate tournament at Conway, Arkansas, February 17-18, by a men's and women's team. Both teams went out in the sixth round of the tournament which was won by the men of Southwest Missouri Teachers and the women of Arkansas College.—

Alva Review-Courier.

William Jewell was represented by two teams in the tournament conducted by St. Benedict's College of Atchison, Kansas. Other institutions represented were Nebraska Wesleyan; Peru, Nebraska, Teachers; Park; Kansas City Junior College; and Kansas University. As the tournament was for practice, no decisions were rendered.—The William Jewell Student.

Hamline and St. Olaf engaged in two women's no decision debates.—Hamline Oracle.

Pittsburg and Maryville Teachers tried out the direct clash debate plan described in the last Forensic.—The Collegio.

South Dakota Gamma is planning a debate trip through the southern part of the state and into Iowa and Nebraska. Twelve debates are scheduled for the trip.—*The Yankton Student*.

Hampden-Sydney and Lynchburg colleges debated whether or not socialism as advocated by Norman Thomas is preferable to our present capitalistic form of government.—*The Rotunda*.

Western Union and Morningside engaged in a day of debating February 1. After different teams had argued during the afternoon, there was a split team debate in the evening.—The Gleam.

California Delta, College of the Pacific, opened its debate season with a victory over Baptist University, Oklahoma Gamma. The Oklahoma team invaded California.—The Pacific Weekly.

Bowling Green, Ohio Eta, met a team from the Akron Goodyear company in a debate on the cancellation of the war debts. While the college men's negative team won the debate, the students found the rubber men able opponents.—Bee Gee News.

Sioux Falls, South Dakota Epsilon, has been meeting a number of schools in the state, usually in squad debates which give practice to more than one team. Such debates have been held with the University of South Dakota, Yankton, Eastern Normal, Dakota Wesleyan, and Augustana.—The Stylus.

A debating team from Northwest Teachers, Missouri Kappa, took a four day debate trip during February. The two men on the team crowded in five no-decision debates, two with Kansas Teachers at Pittsburg, and one each with Springfield, Missouri, Teachers; Drury; and Westminster.—The Northwest Missourian.