

## DEBATE SUBJECT SURVEY 1937-38

Professor E. R. Nichols' annual survey for intercollegiate debates gave the results tabulated below. The Pi Kappa Delta subject is as usual away to a big lead.

## Tabulation of Results of Questionnaire

- 132 Institutions replied.
- 121 Pi Kappa Delta subject.
- 48 Unicameral legislature.
- 25 Foreign Policy with 10 for Isolation or cooperation with Britain, 15 Neutrality.
- 10 Closed Shop.
- 6 Armed protection of nationals in time of war.
- 5 C. I. O. and Craft vs. Industrial Unions, Third term for President Roosevelt, Women in industry, Democracy vs. other forms or preservation of democracy, Educational subjects (including Chicago plan and Examinations).
- 3 Referendum on declaration of war, Collective bargaining, Consumer cooperatives.
- 2 Academic freedom, Ever normal granary, Social diseases, Taxation, Uniform marriage law.
- 1 Alimony, Balanced Budget, Calendar Reform, Capital Punishment, Careers and Marriage, Censorship of Movies, Executive Reorganization, Fascism vs. Communism, Federal Ownership of Communication facilities, College Fraternities, Constitutional Convention for New York, Conscription of Wealth in time of War, Control of Capital and Labor Relations, Economic Nationalism, Inflation, Installment Buying, Intercollegiate Athletics, Appointive vs. Elective Judiciary, Labor in Politics, Minimum Wages, Nationalization of Munitions, Civil Liberties, Proportional Representation, Federal Ownership of Public Utilities, Restoration of Gold to Circulation, Sit-Down Strikes, Soil Conservation, State Housing, War as Mid-Wife of Progress.

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James W. Logan, who won the extempore contests at the Bakersfield tournament and who won the Pi Kappa Delta Pacific Coast extempore contest in 1936, collaborated with Professor E. R. Nichols in compiling a "Reference Shelf Number" on the Pi Kappa Delta debate subject for H. W. Wilson Co. Logan will be out for debate and extempore speaking at Topeka.



## PI KAPPA DELTA ROMANCE

The Eleventh National Pi Kappa Delta convention at Houston, Texas, during 1936, brought romance and championships to two Baylor, Texas Iota, students. While J. W. Bruner, Jr., was winning second place in the men's debate tournament, Helen Harris was winning first in the women's. They first became acquainted with each other at a meeting of the local chapter of Pi Kappa Delta. Their friendship and common interests led to their marriage last fall.

Mr. Bruner was active in forensics during his whole college course. He participated in 225 debates, winning 92 per cent of them. He was equally successful in oratory.

Mrs. Bruner was tongue-tied until she was six. She started debating to overcome an inferiority complex. She has had an equally brilliant career in high school and college forensics and in dramatics.

The wedding had a decided Pi Kappa Delta complexion. Paul Geren, Mr. Bruner's debate partner at Houston, was best man. Among the ushers was his debate coach, Prof. Glen Capp. There were a number of other forensic stars present.

Mr. Bruner is now Grady County, Oklahoma, director of the National Youth Administration. The young couple have established their home in Chickasha. They will need a fireplace with a wide mantel on which to display the numerous cups they gathered in their forensic competition.



MR. AND MRS. J. W. BRUNER

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The Red River Valley Debate tournament was held at Concordia, Minnesota Zeta. Thirty-six colleges entered. In the finals of the men's debate tournament Concordia defeated Gustavus Adolphus. In the women's tournament Iowa State Teachers defeated St. Catherine's. Dorothy O. Holm of Concordia, and Geraldine Fergen of Yankton won the women's extempore. Ted Bowman of Nebraska Wesleyan, and Francis C. Gamelin of Gustavus Adolphus won the men's extempore.—*The Colleague*.



## *Notes From the National Secretary's Desk*



Just recently we received an order for a re-placement key from Mr. Samuel Marsh, Crystal Lake, Illinois. Mr. Marsh holds membership certificate No. 11 and his key number is 6. That is the lowest numbered replacement key that has been ordered in the past 12 years. We are hoping Mr. Marsh may be able to celebrate the Silver anniversary with us at Topeka.

Evelyn Kerr, of Colorado Beta, has the distinction of holding key number 1000. She ordered a replacement recently. Her home is now in Belle Fourche, S. D.

An interesting letter came the other day from Herbert D. Ramsay, now Professor of Biology at the Kansas City College of Pharmacy. He is a member of our old Iowa Gamma chapter and is asking for a transfer to Iowa Mu, as he holds a degree from Drake. The Iowa Gamma was installed at Highland Park College in 1915. Later it was taken over by the University of Des Moines and became inactive when that university closed its doors.

A debate team from William Jewell College, Missouri Delta, has just been on an 8,000 mile jaunt. They left Liberty, Missouri, February 28 and travelled all the way to the Pacific. Among others they met University of Montana, University of North Dakota, University of Washington, and University of California at Berkeley.

Coach Edward Betz and his debaters from Hastings College stopped off for a round with Colorado Beta at Greeley and Colorado Alpha at Fort Collins on their way to the Speech Conference at Denver University. Ed is lined up for the toughest job of them all for the Topeka convention; he is chairman of the committee on judging. Give him and his committee all the help you can; they'll need and appreciate every bit of it.

La Verne Roberts, Michigan State 1929, is now practicing law in Lansing. He writes that he had the misfortune to lose the key he has worn since 1927, and says that he feels lost without it. He is sending an order for a replacement.

C. Horton Talley, Governor of the Province of the Platte, and for several years past co-worker with Miss Enid Miller in forensic work at Nebraska Wesleyan University, has left the land of the "Corn-



huskers" and thrown in his lot with the "Long-horns." He is now on the staff of the State College for Women at Denton, Texas.

Ray Nichols, former Student Representative on the National Council, is now teaching at the University of Wyoming. Ray says he is coming to the Topeka convention if he can find a way to get there; he says he wants to see if Billy Greene and Janet Brown can beat the "*Student Night*" program that he and Grace Proffitt engineered at Houston.

This year Colorado Beta at Greeley held the Annual Tri-State Debate Tournament which they sponsor every year on March 4-5. They had twenty-one schools represented from Northern Colorado, Wyoming, Western Nebraska, and two from South Dakota. A distinctive feature of the tournament is that it is divided into two parts, a novice tournament for beginners, and a championship tournament for all others.

Billy Greene, Student Representative for Men on the National Council, is this year attending the University of Oklahoma at Norman. Janet Brown, Representative for Women, is still at Franklin. They will both be on hand at Topeka to take their full share in running the big show. They have complete charge of Student Night, Thursday, April 21. If your chapter has any talent to offer for that occasion be sure to let them know about it early.

The first entry list for the national contests was received from Arizona Alpha, Flagstaff. They will send a men's debate team and the coach.

The first big membership list for 1938 came in on February 25, from Kansas Iota, College of Emporia. They have thirteen new members and ordered thirteen keys. The list included two honorary members, Dr. A. Bower Sageser, Head of the Department of History and Science; and Dr. R. Norris Miller, Head of the Economics and Sociology Department. The earlier you send your new members, the better we like it.

### CONVENTION RAILROAD RATES

Special convention rates were discontinued by the railroads in 1936 when a general cut was made in the regular rates. You can now secure round trip rates to the convention at rates lower than the old one-and-a-third fare by taking advantage of chair-car rates, tourist accommodations, etc. Consult your local agent about the best rates for you from your home city to Topeka and back.



## EDITOR'S PERSONAL PAGE

Where inconsistencies cease from troubling and logic is at rest

"Never speak extemporaneously without due preparation."

—*Mister Dooley.*

"The way to get at the merits of a case is not to listen to the fool who imagines himself impartial, but to get it argued with reckless bias for and against."—*George Bernard Shaw.*

Beyond the vague Atlantic deep,  
Far as the farthest prairies sweep,  
Where forest glooms the nerve appall,  
Where burns the radiant Western fall,  
One duty lies on old and young  
With filial piety to guard,  
As on its greenest native sward,  
The glory of the English tongue.  
That ample speech! That subtle speech!  
Apt for the need of all and each:  
Strong to endure, yet prompt to bend  
Wherever human feelings tend,  
Preserve its force, expand its powers,  
And through the maze of civic life  
In Letters, Commerce, even in Strife,  
Forget not it is yours and ours.

Some people I always like to meet at a national Pi Kappa Delta convention.

The tough coach who wants the whole world to understand they can't slip anything over on him.

The good looking blond who came to give the boys a heart-throb. She can debate at home.

The hick who didn't know they were wearing two galluses.

The important man who never slows down to a walk.

The mysterious politician who is always whispering emphatically to some victim in a corner.

The baby with all the new clothes who parades them around to let the backwoods sisters see what the gals along the Appian Way are really wearing.

The "Harbor-light"—the pious youth who knows the youngsters steer their course by him.

The dope who ate on the diner and got a quill toothpick.



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About eight hundred young men and women will attend the Twelfth National Biennial Convention of Pi Kappa Delta at Topeka, beginning April 17. They will represent more than a hundred of our educational institutions and will come from most of the states in the union.

It will take on an average at least five school days of each representative's time. For eight hundred students, this means 4,000 school days. The average student spends 180 days a year in college. This means that the college men and women will invest as many school days at Topeka as five and a half students would spend in their whole college courses. Fifty dollars per representative is a very conservative estimate of what it will cost those who attend. This means at least \$40,000.

The student attending and competing, the administrator of the college which he represents, and all who look on have a right to ask "Why?" Why go to the expense and take the time? What should a student expect to get out of such a great forensic gathering?

Each student should attempt to answer the question for himself. He should attempt to make the investment in time and money a profitable one for himself and his institution.

Here are some suggestions:

Every student who attends should have a good time. He should enter into the spirit of this great forensic meeting. If he doesn't enjoy its serious purpose and intense spirit, he shouldn't be there.

Every student should do his best to acquit himself well in the contests. He should try to make himself the best speaker he can be.

Every speaker can and should learn more about effective speaking. He will have an opportunity to see the best stu-



dent speakers of the nation in action and to study their methods.

Each delegate should try to gain some knowledge which will enable him to improve forensics on his own campus. Unless he can do that, it will be difficult for him to justify the use of institution funds to send him.

Such a convention is a wonderful place to form friendships and establish broadening contacts. The middle western boy who gets to spend several days in the company of an eastern youth should gain something from the experience.

There is much geographical knowledge to be gained in traveling to and from the convention and while in Kansas.

Returning delegates should be prepared to show what they got for their investment.

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### COMMENDS STUDENT CONGRESS

The *Congressional Record*, under date of February 10, 1938, carried a two page story about The National Student Congress. Honorable Clarence Cannon of Missouri made a speech to the House of Representatives on that date announcing the student congress and giving the names of all the students who will sit in it. He described the purpose, organization, and plan of the Congress. In concluding his remarks, Representative Cannon said:

"May I suggest to Members of the House that they consult the roster of student senators and representatives and supply those from their districts with House manuals and other material which might be of service during the session. An invitation is extended by the committee on arrangements to all Members of the United States Congress and members of the several State legislatures to attend as the guests of the assembly.

"The congress, composed of outstanding students of colleges and universities from all sections of the Nation, carefully selected through a long process of elimination, will be representative of the thought and culture of our times, and its proceedings and conclusions will be noted with more than passing interest."

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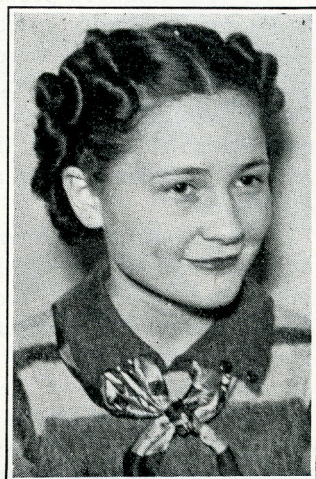
The College of Pacific held a Junior College and lower division tournament for Northern California and visitors desiring to attend February 10 to 12. The Pi Kappa Delta subject was being used and there were contests in oratory and extempore speaking.



## TWO OKLAHOMA LADIES WHO CAN SPEAK

Miss Louise Briggs, who represents Oklahoma College for women in debate and extempore speaking, has been very successful on the platform. She is also popular in dramatics. She was elected "Miss O. C. W." at the Junior Carnival. Miss Briggs is a junior majoring in history.

Miss Synia Wynne has represented Oklahoma Zeta in six oratorical contests, with first, second and third honors in



LOUISE BRIGGS  
Oklahoma College for Women



SYNIA WYNNE  
Oklahoma College for Women

different contests. She won second in extempore in the 1935 provincial. As a sophomore she was a member of the team which won the junior division of the Savage forensic tournament. She has appeared in college dramatics. She is a history major and a student teacher in the department. Miss Wynne is president of Oklahoma Zeta chapter of Pi Kappa Delta.

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The annual Pacific Province Open Tournament will be held this year at the College of Pacific, Stockton, California, April 7, 8, 9. There will be two general classifications, upper division open to all four year colleges, and lower division open to junior colleges, lower division students of four year colleges, and beginning debaters from upper division of four year colleges. Besides debate there will be contests for men and women in oratory and extempore speaking.



## BAYLOR INVITATION SPEECH TOURNAMENT

Over four hundred people representing 39 colleges participated in the Baylor University Invitation Speech Tournament at Waco, Texas, January 14-15. There were 114 debate teams in the various divisions, and contests in oratory, extempore, poetry reading, radio and after-dinner speaking. One new feature was the mixed team debate tournament, which was won by Marjorie Bozeman and Jeff Bell of Baylor, with Mary Helen Parker and E. Terry Prothero of Louisiana College second.

In the debate tournament a three-fold rating was used. A team could advance to the elimination round by winning its debates, by being rated superior by the judges, or by a superior rating from the teams against which it had debated. While these ratings usually agreed, some teams were placed in the final rounds by reason of their standing in each one of these rankings.

First and second in the various debate tournaments were as follows: Men's senior debate: Springfield (Missouri) Teachers; Baylor. Women's senior debate: Baylor, Southwestern Teachers, Oklahoma. Men's junior debate: Muskogee (Oklahoma) Junior College; North Texas Teachers. Women's junior debate: Southwest Texas Teachers; North Texas Teachers.

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The Linfield tournament was held February 17, 18, 19. This tournament is open to all comers, although entered chiefly by teams from the Northwest and from California. Contests in debate, oratory, extempore speaking, and after-dinner speaking are offered. A sweepstakes prize is offered for the best two year record in this annual event, debate counting 10 points, second in debate 8 points, and each debate won in the second series 2 points; first in oratory, extempore speaking and after dinner speaking 5 points, second 3 points. Finalists in these contests, exclusive of second winners, get 1 point. The Linfield tournament has three divisions: J. C., Four Year Colleges, and an overflow for teams not entered in Division 1. Women's contests were separate except in after-dinner speaking. Student judges are used in Division III.

The Appalachian Mountain Tournament, The Dixie Championships, and the South Atlantic Tournaments have been engaging the attention of the colleges along the south Atlantic, according to Dr. Albert Keiser of Lenoir Rhyne. He says that the Pi Kappa Delta debate question is not popular in that region.



Karl E. Mundt of South Dakota, president of the National Forensic League, and former debate coach at South Dakota Theta, has announced his intention again to be a candidate for Congress on the Republican ticket. He was defeated in the last election by a narrow margin. South Dakota already has a Pi Kappa Delta Democratic Congressman in Representative Francis H. Case. Another district would be well represented if Pi Kappa Delta Mundt is elected.

On Saturday, February 5th, the annual oratory and extempore speaking tournament of Southern California was held at Pasadena College. This one day tournament was devoted exclusively to these two kinds of speaking, and was open to Junior colleges as well as four year colleges. There was no limit on the number of entries from one institution providing a requisite number of judges were furnished.

Egbert Ray Nichols, Jr., who is in charge of debate at the University of Wyoming this year, had the pleasure of seeing one of his debate teams defeat his dad's team at the Western Speech Tournament at Denver in November. Look-out for the oncoming generation!

The College of the Pacific and the University of Redlands are planning to hold an electrical transcription debate this season. Both institutions have Universal recording machines.

Maryville, Tennessee Alpha, freshmen met Alabama Polytechnic Institute in a debate on unicameral legislatures for Southern states.—*The Highland Echo*.

Maryville women won honors in the Smoky Mountain Speech Tournament at Bristol, Virginia, February 19.—*The Highland Echo*.

Texas Christian University is planning to send a team on a tour of the Pacific Coast and Rocky Mountain states in April.

A Kansas State College team toured California during January this year on the Unicameral subject.

Oklahoma Teachers College (Weatherford) toured California early in the debate season last fall.

Heidelberg, Ohio Beta, is sponsoring a high school debate tournament.—*The Kilikilik*.



Park, Missouri Beta, won chief honors among the twenty-two colleges entered in the Missouri Debate Tournament February 18-19. Mary Carroll Donnelly won the women's oratory, and, teamed with Wanda Jones, won the women's debate tournament. George Shrader won the men's extempore and Miss Jones placed second in the women's.—*The Park Stylus*.

A. Murray Smith, University of Manitoba; and William B. Ayre, University of Alberta, have been touring some of the northern states. On February 22 they debated Concordia, Minnesota Zeta, on the question of whether moral progress depends more largely on the reformation of the individual than on the reconstruction of society.—*The Colleague*.

The Kansas Theta debaters of Pittsburg Teachers, who attended the Mid-South debate tournament at Arkadelphia, Arkansas, met with floods. One bridge went out just after the debaters had crossed it. On the way back they had to detour because a bridge had been washed out at Little Rock.—*The Collegio*.

Drake, Iowa Mu, sent a debate team on a five thousand mile trip, which included a stop at Abilene for a debate with Hardin-Simmons, Texas Theta. The Drake debaters were followed by Texas Christian debaters, who were starting on a four thousand mile jaunt.—*The H-SU Brand*.

Centre, Kentucky Alpha, entertained debaters from Georgetown, Kentucky Wesleyan, and Transylvania in a Bluegrass tournament January 8. There were contests in extempore and after-dinner speaking also.—*Centre College Cento*.

Hays Teachers, Kansas Nu, won top honors at the junior college tournament at Hutchinson Junior College February 4-5. Over one hundred fifty students from nineteen colleges participated.—*State College Leader*.

At the Foreign Policy Association dinner in St. Paul three speakers debated the partitioning of Palestine. They spoke for the British, Arabs, and Jews.—*The Hamline Oracle*.

Robert Sutton, No. 12,716, Missouri Lambda, writes from St. Louis that he frequently meets people wearing Pi Kappa Delta keys, especially in the section occupied by law firms.

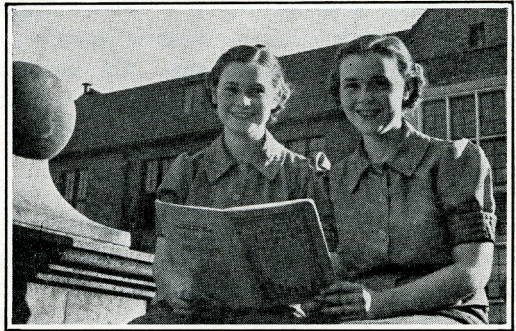


## TWINS FROM WASHINGTON

Marie and Margaret Gilstrap, twins, form the women's debate team with the six delegates which the College of Puget Sound, Washington Alpha, is sending to the Twelfth National Convention.

These sophomore girls were high school champions of Washington.

Last year they won their way into the quarter finals of the Linfield tournament and placed second in women's division of the junior college regional Pi Kappa Delta tournament at the College of the Pacific, California Delta. The twins this year placed second in the women's senior division at Linfield.



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The annual Southern California Lower Division and Beginners debate tournament was held January 14 and 15 at Glendale Junior College. About fifteen institutions entered teams. This tournament was built around the squad championship plan. To compete for the squad championship a college had to enter five teams or designate five of its teams entered. As soon as each team of the five won four debates it was scored according to the round it was in when it won its fourth debate and allowed to leave the tournament. This meant that losing teams must debate longer on the theory that they needed the more practice in debating. Teams winning in the first four rounds and thus scoring early for their squads were put into a new competition for the individual team championship. The squad championship was won by five teams from the University of Redlands, one of them being a women's team. Fourteen persons participated on these five teams as substitutions were allowed but retiring debaters were not allowed to re-enter. The individual championship was won for men by the University of Southern California, and for women by Pasadena College. These two teams met at the end of the tournament for the open team trophy.



Yankton College was host February 19-20 to the colleges of South Dakota in a general forensic meet which brought together fifty students from nine institutions. Sioux Falls won the women's oratory and the men's extemporaneous speaking contests. Augustana won the Peace oratorical contest. Yankton was first in men's oratory and women's extempore and also carried off the sweepstakes for the highest total score.—*Huron Alphomega*.

College of the Pacific, California Delta, won second in after-dinner speaking, and women's extempore and debate at the Linfield tournament, February 17-9. This tournament sponsored by Oregon Alpha brought together representatives from more than twenty colleges in seven Pacific coast states.—*Pacific Weekly*.

Charles Harrison, Augustana, Illinois Xi, freshman, was voted the most effective debater in the junior division of the Whitewater, Wisconsin, Teachers College tournament February 18-19. Roger McShane of Wheaton was named first in the discussion problem contest.—*The Augustana Observer*.

Centre, Kentucky Alpha, in the fall initiated three new members, holding part of the initiation ceremony at the college chapel service. "This public recognition gives more prestige to the chapter than any amount of newspaper publicity."—*Charles Manning, Governor, Province of Kentucky*.

Miss Ethel Mae Moore and Mr. E. Terry Prothero of Louisiana College, Alpha, won the men's and women's state oratorical contests. This is the second consecutive year Louisiana has won both contests.—*The Wildcat*.

Nine Michigan colleges sent forty-two debate teams to the state tournament. Albion and Calvin colleges tied for first. Western State was second. Kalamazoo, Michigan State, and State Normal tied for third.—*Michigan State News*.

Illinois Wesleyan, Alpha, won the women's oratorical contest. Augustana, Xi, placed second in both men's and women's oratory.—*The Augustana Observer*.

Central, Penn, and John Fletcher sent debate teams to the Simpson, Iowa Epsilon, campus for a series of practice debates February 19.—*The Central Ray*.

The article on "Good Manners in Debate" in the January number of the *FORENSIC* appeared under the name of "Mary A. Hill, Debate Coach, Arizona Alpha." Professor Hill has written in to ask that a correction be made. Miss Margaret Temme, secretary of the chapter, helped in the preparation of the article. Both names should have appeared with it.

Centre entertained Kentucky Wesleyan, Georgetown, and Transylvania at a debate tournament January 8. The four Pi Kappa Delta schools brought together fifteen debate teams. There were no decisions. Kenneth Phifer of Centre won the extempore contest.

Misses Jeane Beaukema and Maryan Ashley of Michigan State, Delta chapter, interviewed Mr. M. P. Church, secretary of the state tax commission, over WKAR, February 16, on the subject of "The Staggering Taxpayer."—*Michigan State News*.

Hiram, Ohio Gamma, held its fifth annual novice tournament January 15. Thirteen colleges located in three states sent forty-four teams.—*Robert L. Hubbell, Secretary*.

Robert Hudson and Jack Hays of Tulsa, Oklahoma Beta, conducted a radio debate with Texas Christain, Zeta, at Fort Worth, February 27.—*The Tulsa Collegian*.

Prof. George McCarty, South Dakota State, former national president of Pi Kappa Delta, has been elected president of the Brookings Kiwanis Club.

The Red River Tournament, at Concordia, Minnesota Zeta, February 4-5, brought together fifty debate teams from six states.—*Huron Alphomega*.

Heidelberg, Baldwin Wallace, and Bowling Green women traveled to Toledo February 11 for a series of practice debates.—*The Kilikilik*.

The eighth annual Mid-South debate tournament was held at Ouachita, Arkansas Beta, February 18-19.—*The Wildcat*.



## LIKES NEWS NOTES

"The members of the Beta chapter of Pi Kappa Delta at Tusculum have been interested in learning of the activities of other groups through the FORENSIC. We should like to share some of our activities with the other chapters.

"Thus far we have had representatives at three tournaments. At a practice tournament at Appalachian Teachers College, Boone, North Carolina, Paul Ottinger won second place in extemporaneous speaking and third in impromptu.

"At the Smoky Mountain Men's Forensic Tournament held at East Tennessee State Teachers, Johnson City, Ottinger and Ogden won first.

"The girls were represented in a tournament at Virginia Intermount College, Bristol, where Helen Schneider and Maurine Brooks won three out of four debates.

"Early in the season the men debated a team from Bard College, New York, in a no-decision, Oxford style debate.

"We are hoping to send delegates to the National Convention."

MARY HEADRICK.

## CONVENTION EXPENSES

Travelling expenses—Depending on many things.

Hotel rooms—75c a day and up.

Eats—Usual rates.

Entry fees (paid with the entry blank), \$1.00 per event, \$1.00 per Senator, \$1.00 each Representative.

Registration—(paid at Topeka) \$2.00 per delegate, (covers banquet ticket).

Judging fee for delegations that do not bring a coach—\$10.00.

One of the annual features of the forensic season at College of the Pacific, California Delta, is the debate with the prisoners at San Quentin. This year Louis Sandine, Gregg Phifer, and Erwin Farley went in "The Big House" and had to talk their way out. The prisoners have some good debaters, often college men with forensic experience. Some of them are used to long sentences. They are hard to beat on their own ground and refuse invitations to appear before audiences away from home.—*The Pacific Weekly*.



Her name is Victory Pearson. She's from Augustana, Illinois Xi. She has lived up to her name in a devastating manner. With Sylvia Strum, her colleague, she won second place in the Northwest tournament. She has been impressing judges with her first name all season. And if Greta Garbo doesn't get back from the Isle of Capri, Hollywood should look over Victory.—that is after the forensic season is over. She'll be busy until then.

Two Illinois teams, Augustana and Wheaton, Xi and Mu, met in the finals of Northwest debate tournament at St. Thomas, Minnesota Epsilon. Sixty-four teams started. The last three left in competition were the two finalists and Gusavus Adolphus, Minnesota Gamma. In the women's division, St. Catherine's defeated Augustana in the finals.—*The Aquin*.

J. D. Coon, National Counsel from South Dakota, has notified the FORENSIC that he has been appointed Lobbyist for the student legislative assembly. I understand he is working for an appropriation to provide second hand cars for students with broken arches.

One hundred fifteen teams entered the Savage Debate tournament sponsored by Southeastern Teachers, Oklahoma Theta. East Central Teachers, Oklahoma Eta, was second in both men's and women's debate.—*East Central Journal*.

Six St. Thomas, Minnesota Epsilon, debaters crowded thirteen debates into a five day trip through Wisconsin and Illinois.—*The Aquin*.

Two University of Manitoba debaters discussed the sit down strike with College of St. Thomas speakers February 17.—*The Aquin*.

Ottawa University, Kansas Alpha, visited Louisiana Alpha at Pineville for two no-decision debates February 14.—*The Wildcat*.

Harold Lyda, Park, Missouri Beta, won the state oratorical contest. He spoke on Human Values.—*The Park Stylus*.

Three cuts from the January FORENSIC were borrowed for use in *Banta's Greek Exchange*.



## *Book Reviews*

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*Speech Correction on the Contract Plan.* By Ruth B. Manser. New York, Prentice-Hall, Inc. 1937. Pp. xix, 333.

This is the third reprinting of a book which first appeared in 1935. This fact is a recommendation for the book. Fifty per cent of the college students have speech defects. This is justification for such a book.

Under the contract plan, the instructor shows the student what is to be done, breaks up the work into small, definite units, and puts the responsibility for making progress on the student. The study of the speech mechanism is given to enable the instructor and student to diagnose difficulties. Corrective exercises are suggested for the common defects.

This is a practical and serviceable text.

*Arbitration and the National Labor Relations Board.* By Egbert Ray Nichols and James W. Logan, New York. H. W. Wilson Co. 1937. (Vol. II, No. 7, Reference Shelf) Pp. 345.

This is the third annual handbook on the official Pi Kappa Delta question prepared by Prof. E. R. Nichols, founder of the society, and well known writer and editor on forensic subjects. It is comprehensive and conveniently arranged. From the outline of the question to the exhaustive bibliography it is splendidly done. No debater can afford to be without it.