

NOISE VS. THINKING

There was once a man by the name of, let us not say Smith, but Jones. He sold life insurance. He knew life insurance. He studied it. When he cornered a good prospect, he was able to meet any excuse with such logical reasons that he usually made a sale.

Jones had a dislike for the League of Nations. He didn't know where he got his prejudice, for he knew very little about the League of Nations, but upon every opportunity he condemned it in a loud voice. He never offered any reasons other than that it was all wrong. But somehow people were not much influenced by what he said.

Then one day a neighbor said, "When you talk insurance to me you give me facts and figures. When you talk about the League of Nations you are more violent, but you don't bother about evidence. Now I try to be a reasoning being. If you have any evidence against this League, trot it out."

"Why this League," gasped Jones. "Why I tell you it's wrong, all wrong." Then he stopped. He couldn't think of any reasons against it, in fact he couldn't think of anything definite about it. He felt a trifle embarrassed and went home determined to study it.

He got some books from the library. When he learned what the League of Nations was and what it was trying to do, he found that he was not so violently opposed, in fact he could not condemn it at all. It was a little embarrassing to him to have to change front on the question, but he determined to be reasonable.

Then he discovered that there were a great many other notions he had expressed loudly, about politics, evolution, the church, the schools, for which he had no reasons or evidence. In fact he discovered he had been using his lungs a great deal but that he had been resting his brain. When he got thru checking up on himself, he realized for the first time that the opinions he had expressed with the greatest noise, were the ones for which he had the least evidence.

Jones is a much quieter man now. He says less, is less positive in his assertions, but he is listened to with much more respect. At present he is not sure whether the League of Nations is going to succeed or fail, but he is an interested observer.

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CHAPTER STATIONERY

Arrangements have been made with the Colorado Printing Company, Fort Collins, which prints the stationery used by the national officers, whereby any chapter may secure letter heads printed on the same brown paper and in the same style as the official letter heads. A chapter may order letter heads with a cut of the key at the top and the names of the officers of the chapter. It may have at the side, if it cares to, the list of chapters. This company is also ready to furnish individual letter heads of any style or design.

It would be worth while for us all to use stationery of one distinctive style. For that reason the national officers recommend that the chapters investigate the offer of this printing company and send for samples and prices.

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J. Farnham Boose, Wisconsin Beta, Carroll, is editor of the college paper, the Carroll Echo. He writes, "I noticed a number of extracts from our publication in the Forensic last year, and will do all I can to provide you with news of our forensic activities this year."

The Editor's Personal Page

Where inconsistencies cease from troubling and logic is at rest.

"Resolved, that we pity our grandchildren," is the proposition that was used in the Yale-Cambridge debate.

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NOT FAR TO ESTES PARK

"Speaking of conventions," writes one of these impudent Californians, "a lot of you people think that Estes Park is a long ways away from you. Do you realize that Los Angeles is as far away from Estes Park as is Chicago, and perhaps farther from Heaven? Do you know that you can get from Pittsburg to Estes Park in the same amount of time it takes to get from Los Angeles to Estes Park? That doesn't leave many of you farther away. Well, the five chapters in California have 21 delegates planned for the convention. Let's hear from the rest of you."

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"How beautiful is candor! All faults may be forgiven of him who has perfect candor. Henceforth let no man of us lie, for we have seen that openness wins the inner and outer world and that there is no single exception, and that never since our earth gathered itself in a mass have deceit or subterfuge or prevarication attracted its smallest particle or the faintest tinge of a shade—and that through the enveloping wealth and rank of a state or the whole republic of states a sneak or sly person shall be discovered and despised....and that the soul has never once been fooled and never can be fooled.... and thrift without the loving nod of the soul is only a foetid puff.... and there never grew up in any of the continents of the globe nor upon any planet or satellite or star, nor upon the asteroids, nor in any part of the ethereal space nor in the midst of density, nor in that condition which precedes the birth of babes, nor at any time during the changes of life, nor in that condition that follows what we term death, nor in any stretch of abeyance or action afterward of vitality, nor in any process of formation or reformation anywhere, a being whose instinct hated truth."

—WALT WHITMAN in the preface of *The Leaves of Grass*.

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No pen can anything eternal write

That is not steeped in shadows of the night.—*Chapman*.

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There was a reformer in our town. He could see things wrong with the schools, the church, the city, the whole country in fact. But then it takes no great amount of intellect to do that, for no human institution pretends to be perfect. This reformer expounded theories by the yard for reforming everything. Without bothering to investigate the facts or study the problem, he could show how to fill the churches, make our small town rival New York, and perfect the League of Nations. But then any one can suggest methods for improving conditions. If all people would be honest, we could discontinue our police force; if all students would get each lesson perfectly, no one would flunk; if men refused to fight, there would be no more war. But they won't. The reformer overlooked this. In his theories he was dealing with unvarying units, not human beings. Any fool can solve problems under such conditions. But what requires courage and intellect is to take these uncertain, imperfect humans and improve conditions, accomplish some measure of reform.

Our reformer never saw this. He liked to use his tongue. It was well muscled. But actual work made blisters on his hands.

CONVENTION ATTENDANCE REQUIRED BY THE CONSTITUTION

There are two sections of the national constitution which relate to the attendance of the chapters at national conventions.

Article 5, Division A, Section 13: Any chapter failing to have a delegate at the first national convention after the granting of its charter, or any chapter failing to have a delegate at two consecutive conventions shall have its charter suspended. Any charter thus suspended can be regranted only by action of a national convention before which some delegate of the institution appears in person.

Article 9, Section 2: All institutions petitioning for chapter of Pi Kappa Delta shall obligate themselves to send a delegate to the first National Convention following the granting of their petition.

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AN INVITATION FOR THE NEXT CONVENTION

"Since Pi Kappa Delta is gaining a firmer foothold in the East; since Tiffin is a very desirable convention town because of hotel, auditorium, railroad accommodations; and since Ohio Beta is very anxious to be host to Pi Kappa Delta, we now place with you our invitation to Pi Kappa Delta to come to Heidelberg University at Tiffin, Ohio, for the next, 1928, national convention."

(Signed) RICHARD PALMER,
President Ohio Beta.

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A 100 PER CENT CONVENTION

Let us make this a 100 per cent convention by having every chapter represented by at least one delegate. To have every chapter represented will do more than anything else to make the convention stimulating, inspiring, and most worth while.

The convention itself will be a powerful influence for advancing forensics because it will bring together representatives, faculty and student, from colleges and universities all over the United States. The more that are represented, the stronger the convention. The maximum representation will give us the maximum strength.

Progress in any undertaking depends to a large extent upon the faith in the undertaking of those taking part in it and the zeal with which they are inspired to serve. The purpose of this convention is to furnish this faith and inspiration. One heroic deed will sometimes inspire a whole army. It will greatly increase our faith and confidence in our cause and organization if we can point to the fact that every chapter was represented. We can then feel that there is not a weak place in our chain of 111 links, that each chapter is alive, pressing forward, eager to advance forensics, contributing its share to the common cause.

Each chapter can be represented if it wants to be. There are means of raising funds, if there is the desire to raise them. The chapter that stays away not only shuts itself off from partaking of the benefits of what will be the greatest forensic convention ever held and the greatest single effort to advance the cause of intercollegiate debate and oratory, but it also robs the convention of some of the power for good that it would otherwise have. Of course the convention will go on any way, but it will be only a 95 per cent or a 90 per cent convention.

Can you think of anything that would do more to win the interest and support of the students of your institution than to come back with the report that every one of the 111 chapters of II K Δ, from the Canadian border to the Gulf, from the Atlantic to the Pacific, from twenty-nine different states, was represented at this convention?

A FEW CORRECTIONS

The May issue of *The Forensic* contained several items about forensic activity at William Jewell College which were incorrect which are herewith corrected.

On page 51 a news item credited to "The William Jewell Student," the college paper of William Jewell College, stated that William Jewell had won on the affirmative from Westminster. The college paper had printed a story that William Jewell had lost 2 to 1. The *Forensic* quotation also said that William Jewell had won both sides of a debate with Washington University of St. Louis; William Jewell never debated Washington at all, but won a dual debate from St. Louis University and the college paper carried such a story. William Jewell also won a debate from the University of Southern California and not from Occidental as the *Forensic* stated, the college paper never mentioning Occidental all year. The other items in the news item in the *Forensic* on page 51 were correct.

On page 44 was a paragraph taken from the "Highlander" of Des Moines University which left the inference that William Jewell lost one of its debates to Des Moines; William Jewell won both debates.

On page 43 the *Forensic* printed a paragraph from "The Simpsonian" of Simpson College to the effect that Simpson won a debate over the Freshman team from William Jewell. The debate was decisionless.

On page 1 the *Forensic's* leading article stated that the season's debate record for the largest number of debates was 23 held by Southwestern of Kansas. This information was based on a questionnaire returned to the national officers early in the year. This questionnaire called only for the number of debates then planned upon and did not record the season's record as would be the inference from reading the article. William Jewell had 29 debates and lost 7 during the season.

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The Better America Federation of California plans to repeat again this year the national oratorical contest on the constitution. This contest will be divided into two sections, one for high schools and one for colleges. Last year 150,000 orations were prepared in the high school contest. Hundreds of others were entered in the college contest. The winners in each contest received a prize of \$2,000. Other generous prizes were awarded the other speakers.

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"We are planning on a larger debate schedule than has been conducted before. In order to make such an enlarged program possible greater financial aid has been secured largely thru the local Pi Kappa Delta influence. Interest in forensic is increasing to a considerable extent. There will be about twenty students trying out for oratory and it is anticipated that an equal interest will be manifested when the call for debaters is issued."

CLARENCE A. ROLLOFF,
Corresponding Secretary,
Minnesota Delta, Hamline University.

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Professor E. C. Buehler, formerly of Washburn, writes that he is now in charge of forensics at the University of Kansas. He adds that he wants to keep in touch with Π Κ Δ and that he hopes to attend the convention.

LOCALS

Practically all the forensic news in the following paragraphs was clipped from college papers sent to the editor in exchange for the Forensic. If there is no news of your college in the following pages, it is most likely because your editor is not exchanging with the Forensic. Will you please see that your chapter requests the editor of the college paper to put ΠΚΔ on his exchange list. We want to get your forensic news. The other chapters want to see it. You want them to know what you are doing. Please make this possible by arranging for this exchange. This should be taken up officially in one of the chapter meetings.

Ouachita won the annual debate with Henderson-Brown.—*The Oracle*.

Louis Galowich, Illinois Delta, was awarded the Jocquin prize in scholarship.—*The Bradley Tech*.

Reno Silliman and George Otto won first and second in the Coe Extempore contest.—*The Coe College Cosmos*.

Henderson-Brown met the College of the Ozarks in the first co-ed debate ever held in Arkadelphia.—*The Oracle*.

Miss Violet Sherrow of Sterling won first in the women's oratorical contest at the regional convention at Emporia.—*The Sterling Stir*.

Milton Thompson was awarded the \$50 debating prize at Des Moines and Miss Spry the second prize of \$25.—*The Highlander*.

Blake Smith of Ouachita, Arkansas Beta, won the annual college association oratorical contest for the state. College of the Ozarks was second.—*The Oracle*.

The Debating Council at Arkansas Alpha has turned over the scheduling of debates to the Pi Kappa Delta chapter. The chapter is planning on sending a team on a trip, to the convention if possible.—*The Oracle*.

Arkansas Beta, Ouachita, is making out a heavy debating schedule. It plans on sending a team on a long trip west, with the idea of having it represent the institution at the national convention.—*The Ouachita Signal*.

Bob Fulwider, ΠΚΔ man, was high man in the honor point contest at California Tech. Of the twenty who won honor keys, five were debaters. Conrad Scullin won the \$50 Conger Peace Prize in oratory.—*The California Tech*.

The University of Redlands had an unusually successful forensic season last year. It won most of its twenty-five debates, winning the Southern California championship for both men and women. Merrill Brininstool won third place in the Pacific coast division of the national oratorical contest on the constitution. Russell Andrus, one of the forensic leaders, was voted high man in the total student vote in selecting the man who had best served the college. Dwayne Orton, another debater, was elected student body president. The chapter plans to send a debating team across the mountains again to the national convention. This will be the sixth time.—*The University of Redlands Campus*.

Eureka won first and Augustana second in the Illinois Intercollegiate debate league last year.—*The Bradley Tech.*

The Ottawa Rotary club entertained the debaters, men and women, at the close of the season.—*The Ottawa Campus.*

Henderson-Brown freshmen defeated the first year men of Hendrix on the question of government ownership of Muscles Shoals.—*The Oracle.*

College of the Pacific is planning a series of interclass and interfraternity debates to lead up to the selection of the varsity teams.—*The Pacific Weekly.*

Gertrude Davis won the \$25 oratorical prize at Illinois Alpha, Wesleyan, with the oration "An Americanized American." Leslie Mimmo won second.—*The Argus.*

North-Western Illinois Iota, closed its season with a banquet and initiation, the first of what it expects to become an annual initiation.—*The College Chronicle.*

Professor Durward Sandifer, debate coach at Illinois Beta, Eureka, and Miss Irene Reiterman, Eureka '24, were married this summer. Both are members of $\Pi K \Delta$.—*The Eureka Stylus.*

At Indiana Alpha, Franklin, the chapter is sponsoring a series of intramural debates. The Child Labor Amendment has been selected for the debate question of the year.—*The Franklin.*

Silver gavels were awarded the members of the freshman debating team of the University of California, Southern Branch, for winning the championship in the freshman schedule of the Southern California Debate Conference.—*The Grizzly.*

Illinois Theta, McKendree, initiated ten new members at the close of its season. The chapter has been busy in organizing a Southern Illinois and Southeastern Missouri Oratorical Association. Miss Belle Nixon, head of the English Department, is largely responsible for this new league. The first contest was held last year.—*The McKendree Review.*

The biennial Pi Kappa Delta convention will be held at Estes Park, Colorado, next year and the active chapter at Bradley wishes to send as many representatives as possible. After the very successful convention which was held at Bradley in 1924, forensic activities here have bounded forward and will no doubt continue to do so under the leadership of Pi Kappa Delta.—*The Bradley Tech.*

Last Monday morning we were glad to welcome the following distinguished visitors on the campus: Cleopatra, the retire boy; the little girl, Lord Fauntleroy, the million dollar beauty, Mush-mouth, and Mr. and Mrs. Jiggs. Needless to say, the professors were unusually impressed by their presence in the class-rooms. These Pi Kappa Delta neophytes endeavored to entertain the student body by their speeches, songs and dances and from the applause they received, we are sure they were somewhat appreciated. The mock initiation was over at 4 o'clock Monday but the banquet on Tuesday night was the real culmination. The formal initiation of the new members was held from 6:00-7:30 on Tuesday evening.—*The Carthage Chronicle.*

The Mid-West Conference has selected the repeal of the eighteenth amendment for its debates this year.—*The (Michigan) Normal College News*.

Richard Palmer, president of the Ohio Beta chapter, Heidelberg University, writes that his chapter will be at the National Convention "full force," "we will send a debate team."

The Iowa Kappa chapter, Buena Vista college, is this year offering prizes of \$25 each to the winners of the local men's and women's oratorical contests and \$15 each to the winners of the extempore contests.—*The Buena Vista Tack*.

Kansas Aggies won first in the men's extempore contest, third in men's oratorical, first in the women's extempore, and second in the women's oratorical at the regional ΠΚΔ convention at Emporia.—*The Kansas State Collegian*.

Western Union has already made a good start on its forensic season. "Coach R. M. Smith expects to have at least three or four representatives at the convention. The best debaters and the best orator of the year will go."—*The Glean*.

Ray Simpson, of Simpson College, won second place in the Iowa State Peace contest. The debate season at Simpson closed with losses to Parsons and State Teachers on the Japanese question, and a loss by the girls to John Fletcher.—*The Simpsonian*.

Indiana Alpha will hold a homecoming dinner November 24 for all former members. This dinner is becoming an annual affair. The chapter has inaugurated a series of inter-fraternity debates. A silver loving cup will be awarded to the winner.—*The Franklin*.

Nine colleges were represented at the ΠΚΔ regional convention at Emporia, Kansas, last spring. College of Emporia won first in the men's debating and oratory. Kansas State Teachers of Emporia won first in women's debating and Sterling won first in women's oratory. During the convention, initiation ceremonies were held. Twenty-three from Emporia and twelve from Bethany were initiated.—*College Paper*.

Kansas Gamma, the Aggies, are planning a very extensive forensic season. Besides a heavy schedule with state and neighboring state institutions, the college will send a team on an eastern invasion which will carry them to the coast and another team as far west as Colorado. The chapter will be well represented at the national convention.—*The Kansas State Collegian*.

"We are coming to Estes Park with a good sized delegation this spring. We should like to debate schools en route—either girls' or boys' teams—with or without judges. We will pay our own traveling expenses. Does any school want to debate with us? We shall also be open to debates at home with teams traveling thru here, and will pay their way down here from Kansas City, providing they can reach us before we start our western migration.

We may also have an orator at the Park.

Yours for a great convention.

(Signed) JOHN R. PELSMA, Debate Coach,
Kansas State Teachers College of Pittsburg.

The Michigan Beta chapter is planning to conduct a college forum this year.—*The Olivet Echo*.

Paul Ward, $\Pi K \Delta$, was elected president of the senior class at Michigan Epsilon.—*The Normal College News*.

Eral Raitt won first in the state Peace oratorical contest for Nebraska. He represented the Alpha chapter.—*The Wesleyan*.

At Colby the Murray debate prize of \$75 was awarded the affirmative team in the debate on state ownership of water power in Maine.—*The Colby Echo*.

A debate on the metric system was held at Michigan Alpha. The Metric Association distributed \$15 in prizes to the winners.—*Kalamazoo College Index*.

Rufus Logan, Minnesota Beta, won the state peace contest. He will represent St. Olaf in the state oratorical contest this year.—*The Manitou Messenger*.

Stanley Albers and Harriet Heneveld, winners of the local contests, will represent Hope in the men's and women's state contests in Michigan.—*The Hope Anchor*.

The women at Michigan Delta, State College, were awarded college pillow tops and the men pennants at the end of the forensic season.—*The Michigan State News*.

The Kansas Mu chapter at Bethany announces that the winners of the men's and women's oratorical contests will be sent to the national convention at Estes Park.—*The Bethany Messenger*.

Emil Newstrand won first and Theodore Nelson second in the local contest at Gustavus Adolphus. Newstrand will represent the college in the state contest and Nelson in the Peace contest.—*The Gustavian Weekly*.

Intramural debates between fraternities and sororities will engage the attention of those forensically active the first semester at Linfield. The first and second choice $\Pi K \Delta$ question will be used.—*The Linfield Review*.

"Resolved, that Detroit surpasses Chicago in opportunities for development," was the question debated by the College of the City of Detroit and Crane College team of Chicago. The Windy City bunch won.—*The Detroit Collegian*.

The Nebraska Alpha chapter issued a special number of the college paper, the Wesleyan, at the close of the forensic season. It reviewed the successful year of the college and proclaimed the slogan, "Win at Estes." The chapter plans to send a big delegation to the national convention and to put the institution on the map.—*The Wesleyan*.

Fifty persons, including twenty alumni, attended the annual $\Pi K \Delta$ banquet at Michigan State Normal. Two hundred thirty-nine dollars in prizes and eighteen keys were awarded the debaters and orators. The cash prizes were given by two local bank presidents and two members of the faculty. The address of the evening was made by the president of the college.—*The Normal College News*.

George Bruntz, Hastings, won second in the state Peace contest.—*The Hastings College Paper*.

The Ohio Northern Conference has selected the child labor amendment for its official question.—*The Advocate*.

Seven debaters were awarded gold medals at the end of the forensic season at South Dakota State.—*The Industrial Collegian*.

Walter E. Stiefel, Baldwin-Wallace, was elected president of the Ohio province of ΠΚΔ. Paul R. Ebel of Heidelberg is secretary.

Northern State Teachers of South Dakota are planning to send a full delegation to Estes Park to compete in all events.—*The Exponent*.

Helen Boyle, representing Alpha at Oklahoma A. and M., won fourth in the regional contest in the orations on the constitution.—*The O'Collegian*.

The Fairmount chapter is giving "Enter Madame" October 23, to raise funds to send two men and two women to the national convention.—*The Sunflower*.

Maryville took second place in the state oratorical contest. "The Challenge of Leadership," delivered by Edward C. Cornelius was second only to "Murderers of Men" given by Herbert Nance of Vanderbilt.—*The Highland Echo*.

The Purple, Green and Gold of Lambda Chi Alpha, has a picture of Edward C. Burris, Oklahoma A. and M. and a story of his achievements. He made the highest scholastic record ever made there. He was a member of the Oklahoma Alpha chapter of ΠΚΔ.

Oklahoma Baptists closed the season with a win over Louisiana College. Kenneth Marshall, a member of the chapter, has been elected student body president. The faculty and student council voted to award sweaters with the college letter to the debaters.—*The Bison*.

Ohio held its first women's intercollegiate oratorical contest. Ethel Wisehart of Wittenberg won first, Miss Nina Baker of Ohio Wesleyan captured second honors. Ohio Northern, represented by Miss Mary Kalp, won third. Miss Elizabeth Palmer represented Heidelberg.—*The Kilikilik*.

Hardy M. Ray, North Carolina Alpha, represented his college in both the state Peace contest and the southern sectional contest on the constitution. He has been awarded the Noyes Scholarship in Northwestern University where he will specialize in dramatics and public speaking. Professor C. C. Cunningham of the same institution taught at Northwestern during the summer school.

One of the eight debates reported in full in this year's University Debaters' Annual is the one between the University and the State College of North Carolina on the question, Resolved, That the dissemination of the knowledge of birth control by contraceptive methods should be legalized thruout the United States. The debate is given in full from a stenographic report.—*College Paper*.

Augustana won sixteen debates with no defeats and also won the state oratorical contest.—*The Augustana Mirror*.

East Texas Teachers were successful in the first girls' debate ever held between teachers colleges in Texas.—*The East Texan*.

Southwestern of Texas closed the season with a debate on the child labor amendment with Southern Methodist University.—*The Megaphone*.

Discussing Philippine independence, Howard Payne girls closed the forensic season with a debate with Simmons College.—*The Howard-Payne Yellowjacket*.

Ohio Beta, Heidelberg, already has twentytwo men competing for places on the debating teams. The chapter plans to send a debating team to the national contest at the Estes Park Convention. The chapter this year is establishing a speakers' bureau to serve the community. The entire forensic department has been turned over to the chapter.—*The Kiliklik*.

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NEW KEY ORDER BOOKS

The L. G. Balfour Co., our official jeweler, has just printed and mailed to each chapter a new book of key order blanks. Each chapter should keep this book among its permanent possessions. In it can be kept a record of all keys ordered by the chapter.

If any chapter did not receive one of these books, it should notify the national secretary at once. All chapters which did receive books, should take care of them, as they cost money.

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GIRLS' KEYS

When women were first admitted to Π Κ Δ, the lavalier was being worn a great deal. The key was therefore designed for wearing on a chain. Since the fashions have changed, the women have had trouble getting a satisfactory arrangement for wearing their keys.

The problem is now solved. Keys can be purchased with a safety pin attachment so that they can be pinned on a coat or waist any place. The pin attachment costs one dollar extra and must be specified in the description when the key is ordered.

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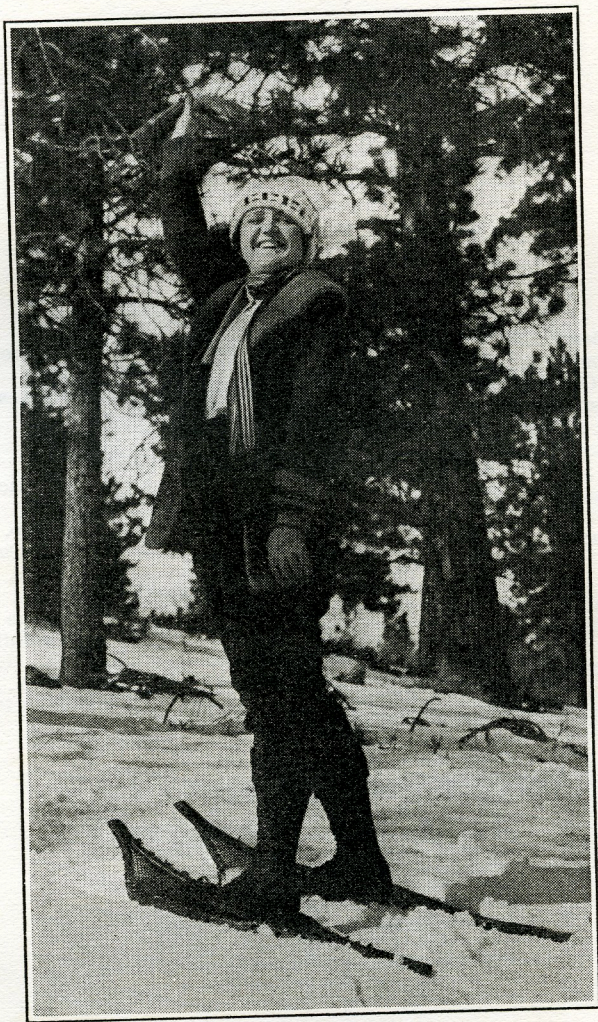
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