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TENTATIVE TIME-CARD FOR TULSA TOURNAMENT

President Pflaum asks that you offer any suggestions you may have for improvements.

Monday, March 28.

- 8:15 a. m. First roll call. General assembly, ball room—mezzanine floor of Tulsa hotel.
- 9:15 a. m. First round of men's and women's debates, high school.
- 10:30 a. m. Second round of men's and women's debates, high school.
- 12:00 Noon Council luncheon. Parlor—mezzanine floor of Tulsa hotel.
- 12:00 Noon Luncheon of Kansas Province.
- 1:30 p. m. Third round of men's and women's debates, high school.
- 2:45 p. m. Drawing of topics for first round of men's and women's extemporaneous speech contest. Extemporaneous speech headquarters—mezzanine floor of Tulsa hotel (or high school).
- 3:45 p. m. First round of men's and women's extemporaneous speech, high school.
- 6:00 p. m. Pi Kappa Delta dinner. Ball room—mezzanine floor, Tulsa hotel.
- 8:15 p. m. First round of men's and women's oratory, high school.

Tuesday, March 29.

- 8:15 a. m. Fourth round of men's and women's debates, high school.
- 9:45 a. m. Second roll call. First business session; committee reports. ball room—mezzanine floor, Tulsa hotel.
- 12:00 Noon Council luncheon. Parlor—mezzanine floor, Tulsa hotel.
- 1:30 p. m. Second round of men's and women's oratory, high school.

- 3:30 p. m. Fifth round of men's and women's debates, high school.
 6:00 p. m. Pi Kappa Delta dinner, ball room—mezzanine floor, Tulsa hotel.
 7:15 p. m. Drawing of topics for second round of men's and women's extemporaneous speech. Extemporaneous headquarters—mezzanine floor, Tulsa hotel (or high school).
 8:15 p. m. Second round men's and women's extemporaneous speech contest, high school.

Wednesday, March 30.

- 8:15 a. m. Sixth round of men's and women's debates, Tulsa hotel, high school and churches.
 9:30 a. m. Province meetings, Tulsa hotel.
 11:00 a. m. Second general assembly, Tulsa hotel.
 12:00 Noon Council luncheon, Parlor—club room on lobby floor, Tulsa hotel.
 1:30 p. m. Seventh round of men's and women's debates, high school, hotel and churches.
 2:30 p. m. Drawings for third round extempore contests.
 3:30 p. m. Third round extempore contests.
 4:30 p. m. Third round of men's and women's oratory, high school.
 6:00 p. m. Pi Kappa Delta dinner, ball room—mezzanine floor, Tulsa hotel.
 7:00 p. m. Faculty and Student conferences.
 8:30 p. m. Social evening, University of Tulsa.

Thursday, March 31.

- 8:15 a. m. Eighth round of men's and women's debates, Hotel Tulsa and churches (semi-finals for women).
 9:30 a. m. Third roll call and business session, ball room, Tulsa hotel—mezzanine floor.
 12:00 Noon Council luncheon, parlor—mezzanine floor, Tulsa hotel.
 1:30 p. m. Semi-finals in men's debate. Finals in women's debate.
 1:30 p. m. Meeting of all faculty members for symposium on forensic problems.
 3:30 p. m. Sight seeing trips and airplane rides.
 6:00 p. m. Pi Kappa Delta dinner, ball room—mezzanine floor, Tulsa hotel.
 8:00 p. m. Finals in men's debate—to be broadcast over N. B. C. hookup.

Friday, April 1.

- 8:15 a. m. Drawings for men's and women's semi-final extemporaneous speech contest, Hotel Tulsa.
 9:15 a. m. Semi-finals in men's and women's extempore. Finals, men's and women's oratory, Hotel Tulsa.
 12:00 Noon Council luncheon, parlor—mezzanine floor, Tulsa hotel.
 1:30 p. m. Finals, men's and women's extempore.
 2:45 p. m. Final roll call and business session, Tulsa hotel.
 6:30 p. m. Pi Kappa Delta biennial banquet, ball room—mezzanine floor, Tulsa hotel.

QUESTIONS BEFORE THE HOUSE

We are indebted to The Gavel, of Delta Sigma Rho,
for much of the information given below.

Oxford University Questions

1. That the Statue of Liberty is not a signpost but a grave-stone. (Oxford team takes the affirmative).
2. That immediate independence should be granted to India. (Oxford, negative).
3. That the press is Democracy's greatest danger. (Oxford, affirmative).
4. That the nations of the world should take a twenty-year tariff holiday. (Both teams split).
5. That American civilization is a greater danger to the world than that of Russia. (Oxford, affirmative).

English University Questions

1. That the dole provides a better method of solving the unemployment problem than does the charity system. (English team affirms).
2. That the world has more to fear from Fascism than from Bolshevism. (Teams split).
3. That the formation of a federation of European states would be conducive to world peace and prosperity. (Teams split).
4. That the future well being of humanity depends on the continued dominance of the white races. (Teams split).
5. That this house favors international agreements for free trade among the nations. (English team affirms).

Robert College Questions

1. That Turkey should be a member of the League of Nations. (Turkish team denies).
2. That the mandatory system used by the Great Powers is a continuation of imperialistic policies. (Turkish team affirms).
4. That the United States should recognize the government of U. S. S. R. (Turkish team affirms).

5. That compulsory unemployment insurance should be adopted by the sovereign states as public protection against the vicissitudes of the Machine Age.

Arizona Junior College League: A third political party based upon present economic needs should be established in the United States.

Southern Idaho Conference: Pi Kappa Delta question.

Indiana Intercollegiate Debate League: The United States government should extend political recognition to the present government of Russia (DePauw, Earlham, Wabash, and other Indiana colleges). For women in the same colleges: The distinction between amateurs and professionals should be abolished in all athletic contests to which admission is charged.

Illinois Intercollegiate Debate League: For the men's debates, The federal government should enact legislation embodying the essential features of the Stuart-Chase plan for the stabilization of business. (13 Illinois colleges). Question for women, The United States should offer to participate in the cancellation of all inter-governmental World War debts including reparations.

Michigan Debate League: Some substitute for the present capitalistic system should be adopted in the United States. (10 colleges in Michigan). For the women, the same question as that of the Illinois Women's League.

Midwest Conference: The Stuart-Chase plan as outlined in the June, 1931, number of *Harpers Magazine*. Constitutionality is waived. (About 30 colleges in the middle West. Mentioned by Albion, Beloit, Lawrence, Shurtleff, and other colleges in recent reports). For the women, the same question as for the women of the Illinois and Michigan Leagues.

Missouri Valley Conference: Government control of industry. Second choice in the final voting of this league was the Sales Tax, and third choice, Capitalism. (Arkansas, Colorado, Drake, Iowa State College, Kansas, Kansas State, Missouri, Nebraska, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Texas, and Washington University of St. Louis).

New Mexico College Debate League: Pi Kappa Delta subject. (New Mexico Normal University, University of New Mexico, State Teachers College).

Buckeye League: For the men, Capitalism as a system of economic organization is unsound in principle. For the women in same league, The entrance of women into the industrial and political life of the United States is to be deplored. (Informal

organization including University of Cincinnati, Ohio University, Denison, Ohio Wesleyan, and Miami).

Interstate League: Capitalism as a system of economic organization is unsound in principle. (Allegheny, Oberlin, Ohio Wesleyan, Western Reserve, and Wooster).

Ohio Debating Conference: For men, The principle of communism is best adapted in solving our present economic problems. (Heidelberg, Mt. Union, Wittenberg, and other colleges in Ohio). For women, Government direction of public conscience should be condemned.

Oregon Intercollegiate Forensic Association: Proportional representation, wages, marriage and divorce.

Pacific Forensic League: The Republican Party is a major cause of the present financial depression in the United States.

Northwest Conference: For men, The cutting of wages during the present depression has retarded the process of recovery. (Reported by Whitman College and Washington State College). For women, College disciplinary regulations should be the same for men and women.

Western Conference Debate League: The United States should adopt a compulsory nation-wide plan for the control of production and distribution in major basic industries. (Universities of Wisconsin, Illinois, Michigan, Purdue, Northwestern, Iowa and Minnesota).

Miscellaneous

There should be proportional representation of political parties in the federal House of Representatives.

The federal Farm Board should be abolished.

Denison University: Unemployment insurance.

Drake University: Compulsory unemployment insurance.

Georgia: The election of President Hoover has not been justified by the record of his administration.

Grinnell: Compulsory unemployment insurance.

Hamilton: The dole provides a better method of solving unemployment problems than does the charity system.

Kansas State College:

1. Capitalism has proved a failure.
2. The state of Kansas should provide from state funds for a major portion of the cost of secondary education within the state.

3. Corporation farming should be condemned.

4. The Republican Party should be returned to power in

DEBATING TOURNAMENTS

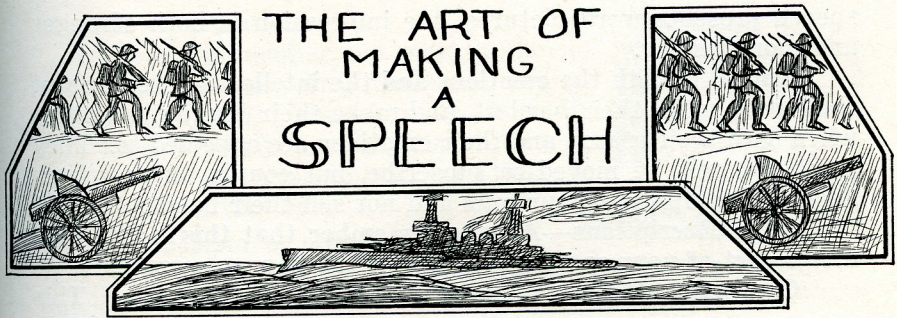
Professor E. R. Nichols of Redlands has an article in the December issue of the Southern California Journal of Speech on "Debating Tournaments." He traces the rise of the plan among the schools and colleges of the Dakotas, and relates Professor Veatch's introduction of the plan at the Pi Kappa Delta Convention at Peoria in 1924, the subsequent development of the idea at the National Conventions in Estes Park, Tiffin and Wichita, noting also the rise of the practice tournament idea at Southwestern College, Winfield, Kansas. The article also discusses the advantages and disadvantages of the tournament as an educational process.

In tabulating the results of the annual questionnaire for intercollegiate debates, Professor Nichols has just listed the following tournaments that are being held this debate season.

Practice Tournament—Southwestern College, Winfield, December 4-5; Practice Tournament—University of Redlands, California, December 4-5; Invitational Tournament—University of Redlands, California, March 17-18; Invitational Tournament—Arkansas Colleges, Arkadelphia; Invitational Tournament—Northwest colleges, Linfield College, Ore.; Invitational Tournament—Iowa colleges, Cedar Falls, March 9-12; League Tournament—S. California colleges, Los Angeles, February 18-19; Delta Sigma Rho Tournament—Madison, Wisconsin, March 24-25; Pi Kappa Delta National—Tulsa, Oklahoma, March 28-April 1.

A BOOK EVERY DEBATER SHOULD HAVE

Winning Intercollegiate Debates and Orations, volumes I, II and III, are now on sale. Vol. III was published during the summer. In it appear the debates, orations, and extempore speeches which won the national contests at Wichita. Every chapter of P. K. D. and every library in a P. K. D. institution should have a copy. Each chapter should ask its library to order one or more. Individuals will want copies. Order now. Regular price \$1.50. Special price \$1.00. Address all orders to Noble & Noble, 76 Fifth Ave., New York City.

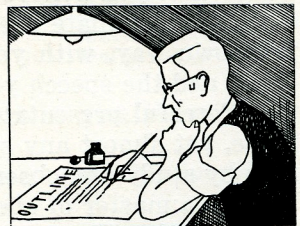


Editor's Note: The following article contains excellent advice both for the experienced and for the inexperienced. We know of college professors, jurists and politicians, as well as college debaters, who would profit by its practical principles. This article appeared during the World War, under the title "A Handbook for Speakers," and was issued for the information of those who were to assist in raising the Liberty Loan. As one might expect, therefore, it does not detour by way of hair-splitting discussions on academic non-entities. Although the war is over, the art of making a speech has not materially changed.

Plan Carefully.—Plan your speech with care. Don't trust to inspiration. Assume to speak only when you have thought out beforehand what you are going to say.

The boast of some speakers that they always speak extemporaneously, that their speeches are never twice the same, may well be the cause of the failure of some patriotic meetings.

One of the greatest speeches of all time, Lincoln's Gettysburg Address, was drafted three times before it was delivered. If that great master of English and oratory felt it necessary thus to work over his material before addressing an audience fully aware of his position and power, how much more necessary is it for the average speaker to do likewise. If it be distasteful to write out the whole speech, the safe and wise thing to do is to prepare a comprehensive outline. As the campaign progresses revise your speech as experience dictates.



Be Consecutive.—Plan your speech so as to keep it moving forward. Let one thing lead to another. When you have made a point, pass on in logical order; your audience will travel with you.

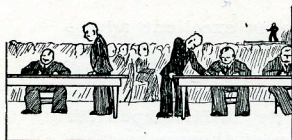
Be Specific.—Visualize things for your hearers. If your

speech presents word pictures, the impression is both stronger and more lasting.

Appeal to both the emotions and the intellect.—People fight their best, work their hardest, and make their biggest sacrifices when both their reason and their emotions are appealed to. They must not only be moved to subscribe, but convinced that they should keep up their payments and not sell their bonds.

Get Subscriptions—Always remember that this is the definite object of your speech, and the test of your success.

Character of appeal.—Avoid “high brow” methods. This is democracy’s war and you should talk democracy’s language. Therefore, be clear and simple, using short words and crisp sentences.



A good speech gets attention

Avoid equally the other extreme. Don’t be too colloquial, too slangy. It is perfectly possible to keep the thought and the sentiment on a high plane and yet do so in simple language

Be adaptable.—Find out about the place and the audience. Ascertain local conditions. Get the figures for that town as to the men in service, the number of casualties, the record on former loans, on the Red Cross, the Y. M. C. A. Inquire about local organizations, Home Guard, Red Cross branches, etc.

Let your speech fit your audience. Draw your illustrations from things they know about and care about. Consider what is the best appeal to farmers, to factory workers, to tradesmen, etc.

“Canned” speeches will get few subscriptions. Select those topics that you believe will appeal most to that particular audience. Assimilate them, think them over, dress them up in your own way, with your own illustrations. Make them **your** ideas, and the speech **your** speech.

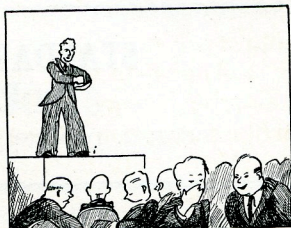
Forceful presentation.—Though orators may be born, not made, yet almost any speaker can greatly improve his effectiveness by study and observation.

As a master of speaking has tersely said, “Attack your audience, or it will attack you.” An audience to which you do not give your best will be slow indeed to respond to any message you bring.

If inattention occurs in any part of the audience, the speaker must not turn away from that section and speak to those who appear interested. Inattention spreads rapidly and should be stopped at its source. Let the speaker address his words to the inattentive, and through natural courtesy they will assume the

attitude of attention.

Always remember the man in the far corner of the room. You want his subscription, too. Therefore speak so that he can hear you. People soon tire of the effort of trying to hear, and thus drift into inattention.



Enthusiasm is born of conviction.

It is earnestness, not noise, which counts. An American audience quickly realizes whether a speaker means what he says. Nothing is more contagious than enthusiasm that is genuine.

Finish strong.—Daniel Webster tells us that he always worked out and memorized a strong closing sentence, no matter how extemporaneous the other portions of the speech might be. With a comprehensive outline and a strong closing sentence or paragraph the speaker is less likely to exceed the proper time.

Many speeches otherwise effective have lost all effect because the speaker did not know when he was through. It is a matter of mere courtesy, both to the audience and to other speakers, to be as brief as logic and clearness allow. A college president, when asked by a visiting clergyman how long the latter could preach to the students, replied, "There is no time limit, but rumor has it that no souls are saved after the first twenty minutes."

Keep these points in mind

Begin with a positive, concrete, striking statement. Tell them something at the start that will immediately grip their attention.

Use short sentences. Try to make one word do the work of two.

Avoid fine phrases. You aren't there to give them an ear-full, but a mind-full.

Talk to the back row of your audience; you'll hit everything closer in.

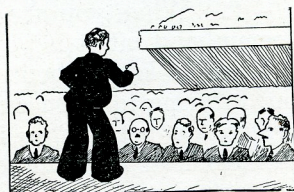
Talk to the simplest intelligence in your audience; you'll touch everything higher up.

Be natural and direct. Sincerity wears no frills.

Speak slowly. A jumbled sentence is a wasted sentence.

You represent the United States of America. Don't forget this. And don't let your audience forget it.

Finish strong and sharp.



"Signing them up"

It's results you are after

STANDARDS FOR ADMISSION TO PI KAPPA DELTA

PROF. J. D. MENCHHOFER, National First Vice-President

AT the Wichita convention a resolution was passed prohibiting the granting of charters to institutions except at national conventions. This means that if any college wishes to have a chapter of Pi Kappa Delta within the next two years, petition should be made soon, so that the Charter Committee will have opportunity for complete investigation.

The Charter Committee makes these urgent requests of the local chapters:

1. If there are any colleges in your vicinity or province which would like to affiliate with our organization or which you should like to have become members, speak to the proper representatives of these institutions at once. The committee does not solicit. We expect the local chapters to develop interest in our fraternity.

2. When you are asked for information by the committee, remember that it is your official duty to comply. You are in a position to know about the colleges in your vicinity. Give us all the information you can, so that your committee may properly evaluate a petitioning institution. The following standards for admission of new chapters were adopted at the last convention. Use these standards as a guide when supplying us with your information.

1. The college must be a member of the North Central Association or its equivalent.
2. The college must offer courses in public speaking amounting to the equivalent of a three hour course for two or more semesters.
3. The college must have engaged in inter-collegiate forensics continuously for not less than five years.
4. The college must have an average of ten students actually engaged in inter-collegiate forensic contests for each of the five years immediately preceding the application.

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WANTED: A THEME SONG AND CONVENTION STUNTS

H. DANA HOPKINS, Chairman Convention Committee

Now if Al Jolson or J. D. Coon would only write us a theme-song, say, such as "Tulsa Bound," or "Oklahoma, We're On the Way," this musical daily dozen would give us something to do between the endless activities which the chapters are now pursuing so that the elusive fund for that trip to the convention may be securely coralled.

Perhaps you would like to write a convention song yourself. We want a good red hot one that will raise the roof when we gather there at Tulsa in our daily dinners at the end of each forensic day.

Besides this, I want to know what your chapter delegation can have ready in the way of a special stunt to be used as a short program at one of these dinner hours. We will have use for perhaps three or four. They should be short and potent enough to make the losers of the day forget their sorrows and the winners put away for the moment at least their self-esteem. I would like to have both the songs and your suggestions of stunts not later than the middle of February.

In this issue of the Forensic are pictures showing some of the aspects of your home from March 28th to April 3rd. The



Hotel Tulsa

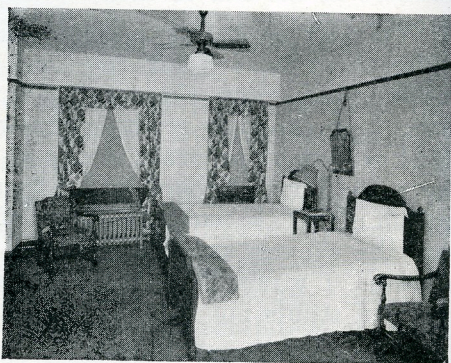
banquet hall is located off the mezzanine floor and will be used for our evening meals. The hotel is admir-



Hotel Tulsa Dining Room
Private Luncheon Room

ably suited to a convention such as ours. Its sleeping rooms are roomy and the beds are wonderful. The lobby is spacious with ample room for desk space necessary for your convenience. The mezzanine floor, admirably suited to our needs, is flanked on two sides by rooms splendidly adapted for small conferences or private luncheons, and arrangements can be made with the management for these if state delegations would like to have during the convention, noon lunch-

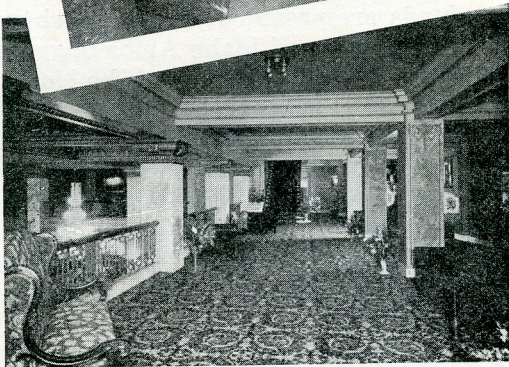
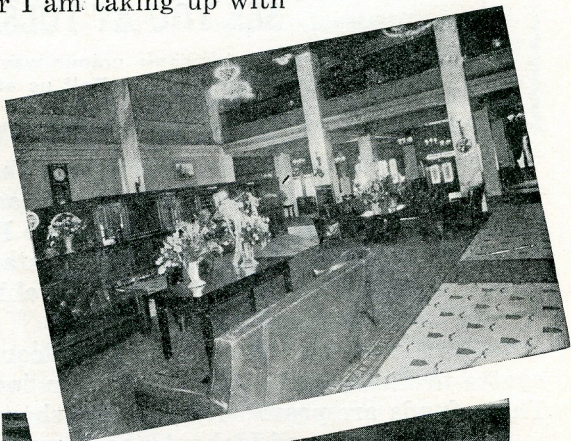
eons of this nature. The hotel is located within easy access of any section of the Tulsa business section and yet not so centrally that the business of the convention will be handicapped by city traffic. I know you are going to be charmed with the unusually fine conveniences of the Hotel Tulsa and that our convention will reflect



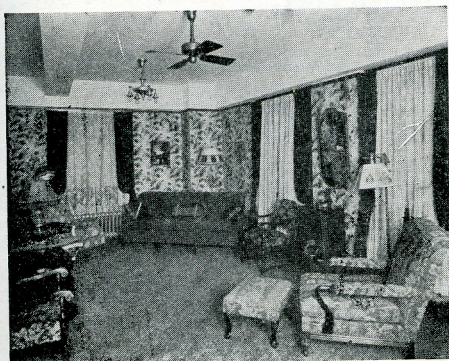
Bed Room

in smoother working its adaptation to our needs.

In a chapter letter I am taking up with you the item of cost so I am not including it here. I wish to emphasize that we have received every consideration from Mr. Ketchem, the owner of the hotel and that these favors to us were his response to our assurance that the hotel Tulsa would have ALL of our delegation. Such an arrangement will be advantageous to us, for the success of the convention program, the close fellowship which such a convention affords and your personal enjoyment will reach their



Hotel Tulsa Lobby
Mezzanine Floor Corridor



Lounge Room

fullest degree only if we keep our fraternity family united.



SEE YOU AT TULSA

Has your chapter some unique way of securing tournament funds? Tell us about it.

The following chapters report that they expect to send representatives to participate in all forensic activities at the National Tournament: Wisconsin Alpha, Ohio Eta, Iowa Epsilon, Oklahoma Eta, Illinois Mu. Many others state that they will have "large," "experienced," "strong," "able," "representative," "quota," or "winning" delegations.

The Texas Gamma chapter has adequate funds to send delegates to Tulsa, and to pay for their local forensic program. These funds are provided thru their share of the student fund.

Prof. Hayman of Idaho Alpha suggests as a matter of economy that some of the schools of the Northwest Province charter a bus for their conveyance to Tulsa.

West Virginia Wesleyan P. K. D.'s have added to their convention fund by selling football programs on homecoming day and by raking leaves on the campus. Other enterprises are being considered.

Prof. Toussaint's speakers at Monmouth have recently presented a play, the funds from which, we understand, are to aid in the Tulsa trip.



WHAT CAN WE DO ABOUT COLLEGE DEBATING?

By E. R. NICHOLS

I have not seen the statement this fall that debate is officially dead, but several predictions have reached me as usual. Therefore I wish to present another walking of its ghost. And it was quite a walk—94 debates held, 30 judges used, 14 schools represented, 40 teams participated, 7 rounds to final eliminations—all held from 10:30 A. M. Friday to 3:30 P. M. Saturday. And there was time for recreation and fellowship in between.

The Redlands Invitation Practice Tournament is thus graphically described. It was held at the University of Red-

lands, December 4 and 5, and was the first of its kind in the west. It represents the attempt of the colleges and junior colleges of Southern California to better their understanding and analysis of the question under discussion.

The question used was the official Pi Kappa Delta question: "Resolved, that Congress should enact legislation providing for the centralized control of industry, constitutionality waived." Fourteen schools attended the tournament. They were: Glendale Junior College; San Bernardino Junior College; Los Angeles Junior College; Santa Ana Junior college; Long Beach Junior College; Compton Junior college; Pasadena Junior College; Pasadena College; Woodbury College, Los Angeles; Whittier College; La Verne College; Santa Barbara State Teachers College; California Christian College, Los Angeles; and University of Redlands. These schools sent a total of 40 teams.

There were three divisions—Varsity men; women, made up of all women's teams, whether junior college or college; junior college, to which was added freshmen and sophomore teams from the colleges. The winners were, in the men's division, University of Redlands; in the women's division, University of Redlands, and in the junior college division, Los Angeles Junior College. Medals were awarded to the members of the winning team in each division, and a cup to the winning school in each division.

The meet was conducted like the national Pi Kappa Delta tournament. There were four rounds of debates without any judgments being published. At the end of four rounds all teams with no or one defeat continued. Twenty-six debates were necessary to determine a winner in the men's division, with twelve teams entered. Twenty-two debates were needed for the women's division, with ten teams entered. Forty-six debates were needed in the junior college division with eighteen teams entered.

The affirmative side won 57 and the negative 37.

All in all it was a huge success, as voted by participants, coaches and judges.

In spite of the repeated staging of successful forensic tournaments like that at Redlands, our critics repeat their annual prophecies of debate's demise.

SOME OTHER LEAGUE DOINGS

The Southern California Public Speaking Conference will hold its annual league debate this year in the form of a tournament at the California Christian College, Los Angeles, the third week in February. The colleges entering are Whittier, La-Verne, California Christian, Pasadena College, California Institute of Technology, University of Redlands. Both men's and women's tournaments will be held. Each college will have two teams in each round.

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The Pacific Forensic League will hold its oratorical and extempore contests at Pomona College March 21 to 24, 1932. The Pacific League is debating a political question this year, the idea being that the country should change to a Democratic administration.

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The Western Association of Teachers of Speech met at the Pasadena community playhouse and the hotel Maryland in Pasadena, California, during the Thanksgiving recess. It was a fine convention and extremely well attended. About 80 attended the Thanksgiving dinner. Many additional registrations came in Friday. The Saturday sessions were also large. The one act plays at the Pasadena Junior College, Friday evening, were especially good, and the opening session Thursday afternoon featuring addresses by Professor L. E. Bassett of Stanford, president of the Western Association, and by Gilmore Brown of the Pasadena community playhouse and Hamlin Garland, the noted author, were inspirational high lights of the meeting.

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The College Teachers of Speech in Southern California have merged with the Speech Arts Association of Southern California, an organization maintained by the high school, junior high school speech teachers and the speech correction teachers of the elementary schools. The merged organizations will publish the *Southern California Journal of Speech*. Professor J. P. Beasom, of the department of speech of Glendale Junior College, is the editor.

Professor E. R. Nichols, who heads the College Teachers of Southern California, is a member of the board of directors of the journal.

ABRAHAM LINCOLN: A TRIBUTE

An extract from Henry Ward Beecher's memorial sermon
on Abraham Lincoln, delivered at Plymouth Church
Brooklyn, April 25, 1865.

(In reprinting this extract our purpose is two-fold, namely: To commemorate that date, more significant as the years pass, marking the birth of the martyred Lincoln; to call attention to, and make easily available for all Forensic readers, one of the foremost examples of commemorative oratory.—The Editor.)

HERE is no historic figure more noble than that of Moses, the Jewish law-giver. There is scarcely another event in history more touching than his death. He had borne the great burdens of state for forty years, shaped the Jews to a nation, filled out their civil and religious polity, administered their laws, guided their steps, dwelt with them in all their journeyings in the wilderness; had mourned in their punishment, kept step with their march, and led them in wars, until the end of their labors drew nigh. The last stage was reached. Jordan only lay between them and the promised land.

"From that silent summit, the hoary leader gazed to the north, to the south, to the west, with hungry eyes. The dim outlines rose up. The hazy recesses spoke of quiet valleys between the hills. With eager longing, with sad resignation, he looked upon the promised land. It was now to him a forbidden land. It was a moment's anguish. He forgot all his personal wants, and drank in the vision of his people's home. His work was done. There lay God's promise fulfilled.

"Again a great leader of the people has passed through toil, sorrow, battle, and war, and come near to the promised land of peace, into which he might not pass over. Who shall recount our martyr's sufferings for this people? Since the November of 1860, his horizon has been black with storms. By day and by night he trod a way of danger and darkness. On his shoulders rested a government dearer to him than his own life. At its integrity millions of men were striking at home. Upon this government foreign eyes lowered. It stood like a lone island in a sea full of storms; and every tide and wave seemed eager to devour it. Upon thousands of hearts great sorrows and anxieties have rested, but not on one such, and in such measure, as upon

that simple, truthful, noble soul, our faithful and sainted Lincoln. He wrestled ceaselessly, through four black and dreadful purgatorial years, wherein God was cleansing the sin of his people as by fire.

"At last the watcher beheld the gray dawn for the country. The mountains began to give forth their forms from out of the darkness; and the East came rushing toward us with arms full of joy for all our sorrows. Then it was for him to be glad exceedingly, that had sorrowed immeasurably. Peace could bring to no other heart such joy, such rest, such honor, such trust, such gratitude. But he looked upon it as Moses looked upon the promised land. Then the wail of a nation proclaimed that he had gone from among us. Not thine the sorrow, but ours, sainted soul.

"Never did two such orbs of experience meet in one hemisphere, as the joy and the sorrow of the same week in this land. The joy was as sudden as if no man had expected it, and as entrancing as if it had fallen a sphere from heaven. In one hour it lay without a pulse, without a gleam, or breath. A sorrow came that swept through the land as huge storms sweep through the forest and field, rolling thunder along the sky, disheveling the flowers, daunting every singer in thicket and forest, and pouring blackness and darkness across the land and up the mountains. Did ever so many hearts, in so brief a time, touch two such boundless feelings? It was the uttermost of joy; it was the uttermost of sorrow—noon and midnight, without a space between.

"The blow brought not a sharp pang. It was so terrible that at first it stunned sensibility. Citizens were like men awakened at midnight by an earthquake, and bewildered to find everything that they were accustomed to trust wavering and falling. The very earth was no longer solid. The first feeling was the least. Men waited to get straight to feel. They wandered in the streets as if groping after some impending dread, or undeveloped sorrow, or some one to tell them what ailed them. They met each other as if each would ask the other, "Am I awake or do I dream?" There was a piteous helplessness. Strong men bowed down and wept. Other and common griefs belonged to some one in chief: this belonged to all. It was each and every man's. Every virtuous household in the land felt as if its first-born were gone. Rear to his name monuments, found charitable institutions, and write his name above their lintels; but no monument will ever equal the universal, spontaneous, and sublime sorrow

that in a moment swept down lines and parties, and covered up animosities, and in an hour brought a divided people into unity of grief and indivisible fellowship of anguish.

"And now the martyr is moving in triumphal march, mightier than when alive. The nation rises up at every stage of his coming. Cities and states are his pall-bearers, and the cannon beats the hours with solemn progression. Dead, dead, dead, he yet speaketh. Is Washington dead? Is Hampden dead? Is David dead? Is any man that ever was fit to live dead? Disenthralled of flesh, and risen in the unobstructed sphere where passion never comes, he begins his illimitable work. His life now is grafted upon the infinite, and will be fruitful as no earthly life can be. Pass on, thou that hast overcome! Your sorrows, oh people, are his peace! Your bells and bands, and muffled drums, sound triumph in his ear. Wail and weep here; God makes it echo joy and triumph there. Pass on!

"Four years ago, oh Illinois, we took from your midst an untried man, and from among the people. We return him to you a mighty conqueror. Not thine any more, but the Nation's; not ours, but the World's. Give him place, oh ye prairies! In the midst of this great continent his dust shall rest, a sacred treasure to the myriads who shall pilgrim to that shrine to kindle anew their zeal and patriotism. Ye winds that move over the mighty places of the West, chant requiem! Ye people, behold a martyr whose blood, as so many articulate words, pleads for fidelity, for law, for liberty!"



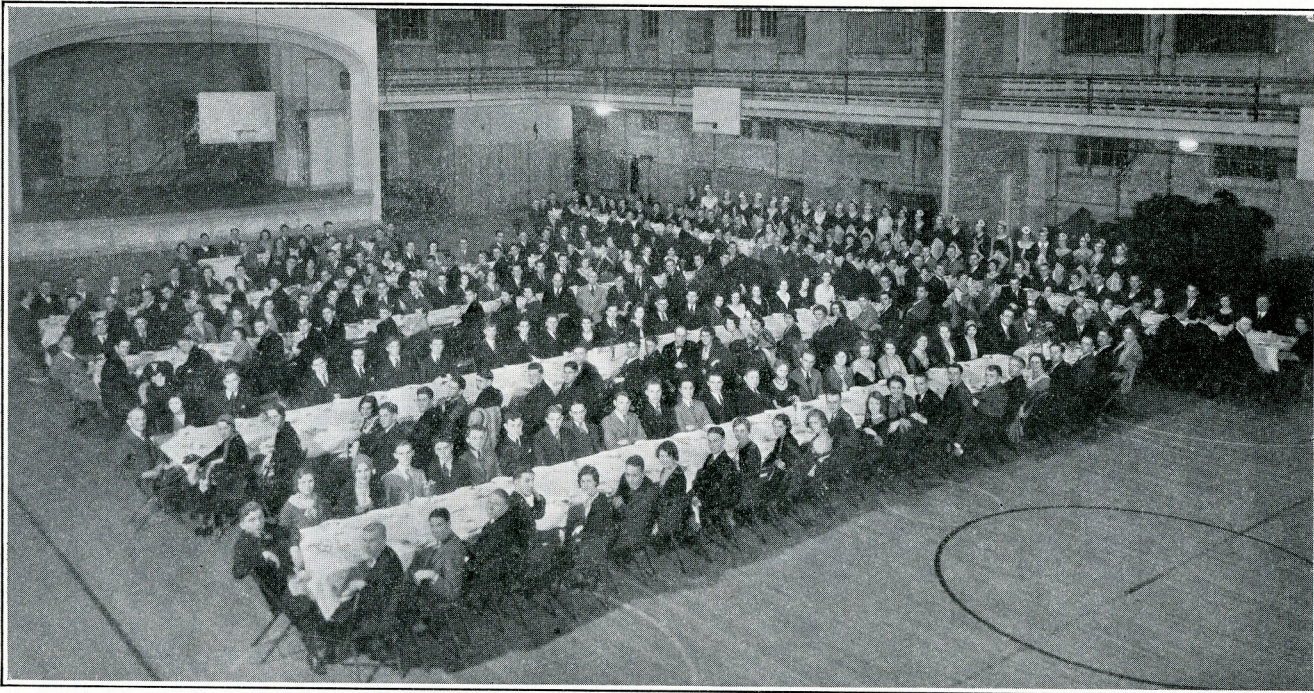
MORE "BALM" FOR DEBATORS

Extra-curricular activities and socialized educational projects are not substitutes for class room study, Dr. Luther T. Purdon, University of Michigan vocational guidance expert, told three Toledo audiences recently.

A survey in a large New York bank showed that only one of the 20 highest paid bank employes had been a socially prominent under-graduate.

The average salaries for ex-college athletes, dramatic stars and class presidents is less than the average for all college graduates, surveys show.

Annual and newspaper editing and debating are the only extra-curricular activities that tend to make students more successful after graduation, Dr. Purdon believes.—(From the *Bee Gee News* of Bowling Green State College.



THE SOUTHWESTERN CONFERENCE

What is doubtless conceded to be the largest debate tournament of 1931 was held on December 4 and 5 at Southwestern College, Winfield, Kansas. This is an annual event at Southwestern, and each succeeding year has seen increased interest and attendance. In the recent meet, 300 debaters, representing forty-nine colleges of seven states, participated. Practically all the debaters attended the banquet which was served in the Stewart Gymnasium. Dr. Baker, Director of the Tournament, and Toastmaster at the banquet, is seen at the right end of the table in the foreground. Seated at his right is Prof. Geo. R. R. Pflaum, National President of Pi Kappa Delta, guest speaker, who told of plans for the Tulsa Tournament.