

States. His forensic activities have carried him into 36 states. He has already been in two international debates.

Breckenridge came to William Jewell last fall as a senior from Central College, Missouri Gamma. In 1936 and 1938 he represented Central at the Pi Kappa Delta conventions in Houston and Topeka. He has won honors in various tournaments and conferences. He has participated in more than 125 debates. This year he and Winger were the only undefeated team in the Mid-West speech tournament at Kirksville.

Both men have been presidents of their chapters of Pi Kappa Delta, Winger at William Jewell, and Breckenridge at Central. Both are Sigma Nu's. A full account of the activities of each appears in *Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities*.

In addition to his forensic work, Winger has been an honor student, twice winning the competitive scholarship for the highest grades in his class. In 1938 he was editor of his college paper. He has been president of the International Relations Club, class president, member of the student senate, and was chosen by the faculty as candidate for the Rhodes Scholarship.

Breckenridge was president of his freshman class at Central, assistant business manager of the college paper, on the honor roll, and a member of a number of honorary organizations.

This year Winger and Breckenridge, accompanied by their coach, P. Casper Harvey, made a tour of the southern and middle Atlantic states. In Washington, D. C., they represented Missouri in the model student senate.

Their debate with Harvard was broadcast over the Blue network of the N. B. C., and was also sent to England by short wave over WBZ of Boston. This debate was presented by NBC as one of the features of the educational broadcasts of the year. The Harvard debaters were Charles Peel of Danville, Kentucky, and Jack Orloff of Newark, New Jersey. William Jewell also met Yale in New Haven. These debates were on the advantages of the small college.

In New York, Winger and Breckenridge had two radio programs over coast-to-coast networks; once with Ted Malone, a former William Jewell debater and national Pi Kappa Delta champion in extempore, over the blue of NBC; and once with "The Voice of Experience" over Mutual with 138 stations in the United States and Canada hooked up for the program. They had luncheon at the famous Lambs Club with Fred Waring and William Gaxton. In Washington the team



had luncheon in the House of Representatives dining room with Congressman Clarence Cannon.

In England the boys will debate the following questions:

1. Resolved that cooperation between democracies and totalitarian states is undesirable. Affirmative supported by American team.

2. Resolved that a pronouncement that the Rhine is the American frontier would more effectively promote world peace than an Anglo-American alliance. Affirmative supported by the American team.

3. Resolved that Germany's former African territories should be returned as an outlet for her Jewish population. Affirmative supported by the American team.

4. Resolved that, in a democracy, private control of radio is preferable to government monopoly. Affirmative supported by the American team.

5. Resolved that American movies have raised the cultural standards of the world. Affirmative supported by the American team.

Representative Karl Mundt has reported that Coach Menchoffer of Michigan State visited him in Washington recently. He was leading a girl's team on an eastern invasion. Karl says the latch string is out to any Pi Kappa Delta folks who pass through the capital.

Kansas State this year participated in fifty-six debates, including nine radio contests. Twenty-two students participated. The high light of the season was a radio debate with the Oxford-Cambridge team.

Edgar E. Stanton, Jr., has recently been appointed debate coach at Presbyterian, South Carolina Beta, his alma mater. He was captain of the debate team while he was in college.

Maida Rettberg, Illinois Wesleyan, and John Reinemund, Augustana, Illinois Xi, won Illinois state extempore contest, February 18.—*The Argus*.

Robert Hudson, William Epperson, and Fred Sharp represented Tulsa, Oklahoma Beta, in the Grand Eastern debate tournament at Winthrop, South Carolina Delta.—*The Tulsa Collegian*.

J. D. Coon, National Counsel of PKD, was the speaker at the South Dakota Delta, State College, initiation banquet.



## NOTES FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK



Geraldine K. Fergen, who won third place in the national women's oratorical contest for South Dakota Theta at Houston in 1936 and then transferred to Yankton and represented that chapter at Topeka in 1938, writes from Java, South Dakota, that she is now coaching debate in the high school there.



The Culver-Stockton chapter was the first to propose debate questions for 1939-40. Its suggestions are: "The democracies should form an alliance against the dictatorships" and "Government reorganization."



Membership card No. 16535 has just been issued to Arthur Bruce Painter of Oregon Alpha. His coach adds a note to his application stating that Bruce is the son of Roy D. Painter, first National Treasurer of Pi Kappa Delta. The father holds membership certificate No. 24 and wears key No. 13, issued from Kansas Beta in 1913. If Bruce gets his key order in shortly it will be about 11,313.



Michigan Epsilon Chapter, Ypsilanti, has just completed its first Forensic Scholarship of \$1,000. It is named in honor of their long-time coach, Prof. Frederick B. McKay.



The twenty-second annual Recognition Dinner of the Kansas Zeta Chapter was held at Emporia on April 20. Initiation is always a real event at Kansas Zeta, but it was bigger and better than ever this year. Five other chapters joined with the Emporia Teachers in a joint banquet and initiation ceremony: Kansas Alpha, Ottawa; Beta, Washburn; Gamma, State College; Kappa, Baker; and Mu, Bethany. Honorary memberships were conferred upon Governor Payne H. Ratner, Dr. H. C. Lull by the Zeta chapter; and President Nelson P. Horn by the Kappa chapter.

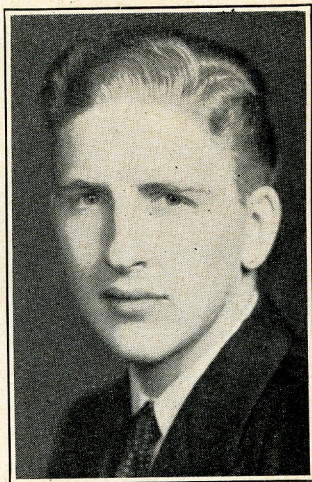


Meet the winner of the 1939 Interstate Oratorical contest, Kenneth Phifer, Centre College, Kentucky Alpha. He also won the extempore contest in the Kentucky provincial. He has debated for three years. In other words, these big contests are no place for amateurs.

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Georgetown, Kentucky Alpha, reports a successful forensic year. At the Transylvania Round-Robin tournament, Georgetown's A and B teams won first and second. At the Provincial Wayne Howell and David Proffitt won first in debate, and Harold Waincott won second in oratory. At the Grand Eastern at Rock Hill, South Carolina, Waincott won championships in oratory and extemporaneous speaking, being the only double winner in the contest. The Georgetown debaters ranked second. Wayne Howell was ranked as the fourth best debater in the tournament. Miss Rena Calhoun and Prof. Carl Fields have been coaching the orators and debaters.

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KENNETH PHIFER  
Centre College

Lenoir Rhyne, North Carolina Delta, won four of the contests in Southeastern Experimental Tournament March 1-2. Mary Beth Kuhn placed first in duplicate debating and Joel Herren in argumentation. Weston Hatfield and Inez Seagle won the men's and women's radio contest. The Lenoir Rhyne well balanced group did equally as well in the South Atlantic Forensic Tournament at Salisbury, North Carolina, March 2-4. Jack Mauney tied for second in oratory and received third in formulating group opinion. Vance Daniel won third in after-dinner speaking. Inez Seagle placed first in the women's contests in problem solving and formulating group opinion, and won second in stimulating group discussion. Alda Gregory placed first in women's impromptu, extempore, and oratory. The debate teams also placed well up in the tournament.—*The Lenoir Rhynean*.

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Trinity, Texas Beta, debaters hitch hiked 940 miles on debate trips to Abilene and Norman, Oklahoma.



## EDITOR'S PERSONAL PAGE

Where inconsistencies cease from troubling and logic is at rest

"All things that get done in this world, good or bad, are done through words."

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"The rulers of the state have said that only free men should be educated. But God has said that only educated men shall be free." Epictetus. Quoted by Alexander Meiklejohn in *What Does America Mean*.

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"No demand of our common life seems to me more reasonable than that men and women and children should be free to express their thoughts with candor, without fear of punishment, without legal or social restraint."—*What Does America Mean*.

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Mrs. Roosevelt recently received a rare compliment on her speaking ability. Heywood Broun wrote of her address before the Youth Conference in San Antonio, Texas, that it "went at least part way on the road to the Gettysburg Address." Mrs. Roosevelt is giving serious attention to speech training and is much in demand as a speaker. The March 13 issue of *Life* contained two pages of striking pictures of Mrs. Roosevelt taking speech lessons from a New York teacher. Any member of Pi Kappa Delta who is trying to travel in the direction of the Gettysburg Address will find them very instructive.

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In *Mein Kampf* Adolph Hitler explains some of his success in rabble rousing. "In the morning and even during the day men's will power revolts with highest energy against an attempt at being forced under another's will and another's opinion. In the evening, however, they succumb more easily to the dominating force of a stronger will." He never held his early agitational meetings during the day.

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"For we must look about us under every stone, lest an orator bite us."—*Aristophanes*.

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"A thoughtless beginning is almost fatal . . . The attention that awaits a speaker is rare, and it is simply tragic to lose it in a first moment."—*W. G. Hoffman*.



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Dear Editor:

I wish the old foggy who wrote that suggestion about having college debaters spend their freshman year memorizing and repeating speeches by Bryan and Wendell Phillips would try some of this "dipping her pen in the sunlight" stuff on a modern audience. It just does not work. Why try to speak Bryan's words? The college freshman is not Bryan. He does not think like the "boy orator of the Platte." Bryan and his day have passed. Most of the generation he spoke to have given place to another generation. Anyway Bryan never earned his oratorical reputation repeating the words of others. He started out being Bryan. As a college student he wrote his own oration. We can read his valedictory oration or the one he used in the interstate contest. He was not trying to imitate Cicero or Chatham. He was being Bryan in the platitudinous manner which later became famous.

People and ways of talking to them have changed. If Bryan were alive today, he would speak in a different manner, for he learned how to reach men and make them listen. The modern student has to cultivate the plain, direct style of speaking to which people will listen today.

I wonder if our friend plays golf. If he is serious about it, he probably studies pictures of the golf stars in action, reads their books, and watches them play. He may even imitate their strokes, but he will never learn to play golf that way. He has to get out and



knock the ball around. He will try to correct his mistakes by their directions, but he has to hit his own ball with his own club.

Your friend is barking up the wrong tree any way. What the forensic director is after is not the way of repeating words, but the ability to think. If Providence is kind and sends him some youngsters who can think, he can help them learn to speak their ideas effectively. What he is trying to produce is men and women who can think clearly rather than echoes with glib tongues. People do not learn to think by repeating some great orator's words. They have to come to grips with some problem, get all the information available concerning it, try to formulate their opinions about it, and then submit them to test. They gradually learn to think clearly and with penetration. The speech that fails more often fails because of poor thinking than because of poor speaking.

It is not done the way our friend suggests. No one can ever again be Bryan, Serviss, Webster, Lincoln, or Demosthenes. No freshman could if he went around a year wearing Bryan's or Lincoln's clothes and repeating his words. He has to strike out for himself, acquire the knowledge that belongs to our generation, get acquainted with its men and women, learn to think and feel as they do, and to speak their language. He may never develop the rhetorical style of the old masters, but he may learn to think clearly and speak sincerely, which was what they were trying to do.

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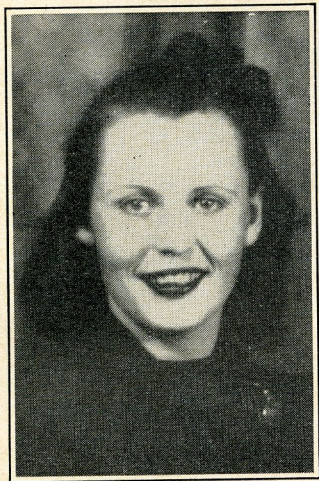
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Monmouth and the University of Chicago discussed what type of education can best fit man for twentieth century life. The debate was in the nature of an open forum. The Chicago men argued for the teaching of broad general principles, while the Monmouth people urged training for the practical application of knowledge. The debate was introduced by a presentation of the educational principles of each institution by one of its faculty. The audience joined in the forum discussion in a lively manner.—*The Oracle*.

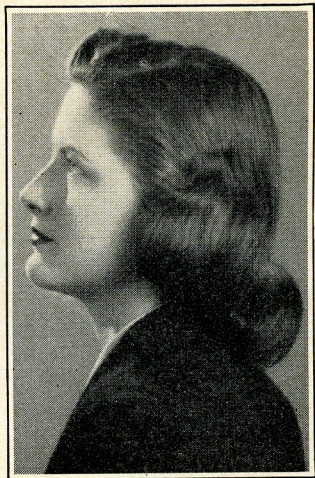
Representatives of Pi Kappa Delta colleges showed up well in the recent Battle Royal Junior Debate Tournament sponsored by Ouachita College, Arkansas Beta. Teams from five states were entered. Henderson State Teachers College, Arkansas Alpha, placed first in men's debate. East Central Oklahoma Teachers, Oklahoma Eta, placed first in women's debate and second in men's debate. Ouachita placed first in consolation debate and second in mixed debate. Millsaps College, Mississippi Alpha, placed second in consolation debate.



Eleanor Waner and Bruce Johnston, East Central Teachers, Oklahoma Eta, won the women's debate tournament at Rock Hill, South Carolina, April 13-4. They were the only undefeated team of



BRUCE JOHNSTON  
East Central Teachers, Oklahoma



ELEANOR WANER  
East Central Teachers, Oklahoma

the tournament. Forty-eight colleges from sixteen states competed. These two girls also won the Natchitoches (Mississippi) women's debate tournament. The "Bruce" in Miss Johnston's name is not a misprint.

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Pi Kappa Delta schools made a clean sweep of the first places in the Red River Valley tournament sponsored by Concordia, Minnesota Zeta, February 3-4. Gustavus Adolphus and South Dakota State won the men's and women's debate tournament. Reynold Johnson of Jamestown and Janice Shuler of Hastings won the oratorical contests. Wyman Wumkes and Margaret Mensch won the extempore contests for Augustana and South Dakota State. Earl Holmer of Concordia was first in discussion. Wumkes also won the radio speech contest.—*The Colleague*, (published by the Minnesota Zeta Chapter).

Robert Short, Minnesota Epsilon of St. Thomas, won the state oratorical contest and represented his state in the national.—*The Aquin*.

John Martin, Illinois Zeta of Monmouth, won the state oratorical contest. He spoke on "The Gentile Problem."—*The Oracle*.



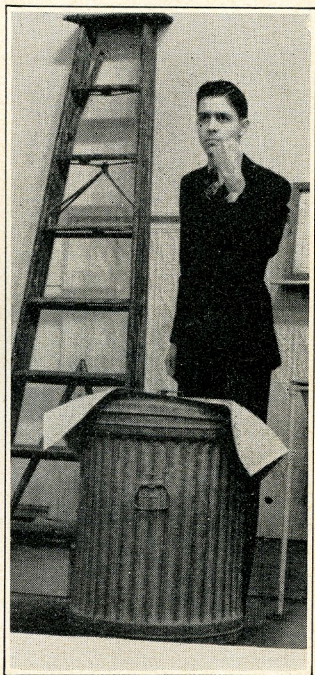
## SOUTH DAKOTA DELTA HOLDS UNIQUE INITIATION CEREMONY

The neophytes at South Dakota State have to pass through a strenuous informal initiation program before they can qualify for membership.

Each neophyte is provided with a number of sheets on which are printed his obligations. This page carries the title "Silence is Golden." He is required to keep silent for a period prior to his initiation. When addressed by any one during his "silence" period, he hands him a copy of his obligation.

At other times during his period of informal initiation he is required to address the students from certain designated places on the campus on some rabble rousing subject. At the appointed hour, he appears, rings a bell, attracts what crowd he can, and in radical style addresses those who will listen. Some of the subjects recently used were "Down with Democracy, I favor a Fascist Regime," "Capital punishment for dull teachers," "A night club for the new Union Building," "Less faculty domination," "An office PWA job for every senior," and "Gosh!"

The picture shows Gordon Carlson demanding "New blood in or on our faculty." Incidentally Carlson won second in the after-dinner speaking contest at the University of Iowa where he discussed "Women as Warriors." He hopes to attend the 1940 National Convention.



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St. Olaf, Minnesota Beta, won both the men's and women's division of the Northwest Debate Tournament at St. Thomas, Minnesota Epsilon, February 25, the first time one school has won both tournaments. Two other PKD schools were second, Gustavus Adolphus in the men's and Chadron, Nebraska Eta, in the women's tournament. Over a hundred teams competed.—*The Aquin.*



## HOPE COLLEGE HAS "GLORY DAY"

Hope College, Michigan Gamma, celebrated its forensic victories in the provincial tournaments with a "Glory Day," April 10, the Monday after the convention. A school holiday was declared and the day was spent in honoring Wilbur Jacobs, who won third in extempore speaking; Donald Van Liere, first in debate; and Robert Bonthius, first in debate and second in oratory.

The day began with the announcements through signs and a special edition of the *Hope College Anchor*. At eight o'clock there was an assembly in the gymnasium at which President Wickers congratulated the students on their victories. The girls' team was presented and cheered. Dr. Shackson, the debate coach, introduced the tourney winners and spoke on the excellent training for later life which forensics provides.

At nine o'clock the band led the students in a "Glory Day" snake dance down town. The Holland High School was visited, where the principal welcomed the students in the name of the high school and again congratulated them. An impromptu program was given in the auditorium, with Bob Bonthius swinging "Small Fry," John Palmer singing "Deep Purple," and the girls' trio doing the "Umbrella Man." The parade then reformed and marched to the Colonial theatre for a special morning show.

The last "Glory Day" was held two years ago when Lucille Buter won the state oratorical contest. Five years ago Henry Kuisinga won the same honor.

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Margaret Mensch, State College, South Dakota Delta, has closed her forensic career with a very successful year. She ranked second in the state extempore contest, was the only girl to rank in the upper quartile of debaters at the University of Iowa tournament, won second in the women's discussion there, was a member of the winning and only undefeated debate team at the Red River Valley tournament.

Heidelberg, Ohio Beta, sponsored a high school debate tournament which brought representatives from 27 schools to the campus. Two one-hundred-dollar and two fifty-dollar scholarships were awarded the winning schools.—*The Kilikilik*.

Kirksville Teachers, Missouri Theta, participated in 93 debates this year, winning more than 75 percent of the decision contests.—*The Teachers College Index*.



## CONVENTION AND TOURNAMENT AT BATON ROUGE

The Southern Association of Teachers of Speech held a convention and tournament at Baton Rouge, Louisiana, March 28-30. There were 98 student and 18 faculty representatives from 20 colleges and universities. One interesting record of the tournament shows that the affirmative won only 38 debates to the negative's 64. The Council voted to use the direct class plan of debate in one round in next year's tournament.

Texas Tech won the men's tournament, with Hendrix and Union second and third. Baylor, Southern Methodist, and Agnes Scott finished in the order given in the women's tournament. The junior college debates were won by Louisiana State Normal, Southern Methodists, and University of Alabama.

The men's extempore resulted in victory for Baylor, Southern Methodist, and Hendrix. Furman, Baylor, and Southern Methodist won the women's contest. Florida and Louisiana State won the men's oratory with a tie between Union and Duke for third. Hendrix, Furman, and Union topped the women's contest. In the after-dinner speaking Southern Methodist, Baylor, and Louisiana State finished first for the men. The women finished Union, Baylor, and Duke.

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Colorado Alpha and Beta held their annual joint initiation in Greeley, May 4. Nineteen neophytes were received into the society. The initiation service was conducted by the National Secretary, G. W. Finley, and two past presidents, Alfred Westfall and Sylvester Toussaint. President Fraser of Colorado Beta was the speaker of the evening. President Fraser, an old debater, told of the great interest in debate during his student days. While in high school he helped win some debate honors in Michigan. The town supported the debaters with a special train and a big parade in which the debaters were carried on the shoulders of their admirers.—*The Rocky Mountain Collegian*.

Ottawa, Kansas Alpha, has this year debated the PKD question, control of the business cycle, the New Deal, and the Anglo-American alliance. Its speakers have participated in tournaments in Colorado, Oklahoma, and Kansas. One of the interesting features of the year was the discussion of the national question before a group of the citizens of Richmond, Kansas.

Five Flagstaff, Arizona Alpha, debate teams attended the Province of the Pacific tournament in Pasadena. More than 140 teams from 36 colleges participated.



## BAYLOR DEBATORS ON TOUR

Baylor university forensic teams traveled an aggregate of 108,000 miles in six states and spoke 3,261,000 words to engage in more activities and receive more awards this past season than in any other previous year, according to Prof. Glenn R. Capp, director of forensics.

The figures are estimated on the basis of 150 words spoken each minute, and an average of nine students making each trip, he said.

Winnings in 12 tournaments entered included eight first places, two seconds, one third and one fourth in men's debating, and seven firsts and three thirds in women's debating. Two hundred and seventy-two wins compared to the 111 losses gave the students a winning percentage in their 383 decision rounds of 71.

Other winnings included six firsts and five seconds in extemporaneous speaking, three firsts and two seconds in oratory, and numerous places in after-dinner speaking, radio speaking, and poetry reading. Thirty-eight students were used.

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Heywood Broun, noted columnist, devoted a large part of his April 28 article to a discussion of some statements Representative Karl Mundt of South Dakota had made in Washington. Karl is one of the several Pi Kappa Deltans now sitting in Congress. He had been quoted as saying that the United States should let Europe have the best war it can, while we found solace in our own comfort. Mr. Broun wrote, "It was Cotton Mather, as I remember, who said that the joys of blessed souls in heaven rose largely from contemplation of the torture of the damned in hell. I never cared much for that doctrine, and I am loathe to believe that Representative Mundt is accurate in asserting that his attitude is that of the average congressman." We have no desire to become involved in this argument between Karl and Heywood. Each is amply able to speak for himself and each is presenting a position on a great public question which is held by many American citizens.

The Student Board of Control at South Dakota State has authorized the Forensic council to award the PKD key of special distinction out of forensic funds to all juniors and seniors who win the degree.

Dean Dykstra, of Hope College, Michigan Gamma, won the state Peace Oratorical contest with an oration on "Reflection in the Water."

Linfield, Oregon Alpha, won both the men's and women's competition in the State Old Line oratorical contest.



Maryville, Tennessee Alpha, won the state forensic meet for the third time. The victory gave Maryville permanent possession of the cup. Sara Lee Hellums and Harriet Miller won the women's debate tournament. Arnold Kramer and Clifford Proctor tied for first in the men's contest. Arda Walker won the women's oratorical, second in extempore, and tied for first in impromptu. She also placed fourth in the Peace contest. Arnold Kramer won second in men's oratory. Clifford Proctor tied for first in after-dinner speaking. The freshmen placed second in both the men's and women's contest.—*The Highland Echo*.

Alabama State College for Women, the Beta chapter, won second place in the Grand Eastern Tournament at Rock Hill, South Carolina Delta. Twenty-two colleges competed. Annie Mae Paulk was ranked the fourth best debater of the tournament. She also won first and second in extempore contests and second in problem solving. Mallie Knight won first in impromptu. Mary Grace Orr was second in radio speaking. After the Grand Eastern the Beta girls headed for a visit in Washington, D. C., and the provincial tournament in Farmville, Virginia.

Augustana, Illinois Xi, debaters won 93 debates and lost 28. They also won four firsts, two seconds, and two thirds in oratorical contests; two firsts and a second in extempore contests; a first in poetry reading; and seconds in impromptu poetry reading and public discussion.—*Augustana Observer*.

E. Terry Prothro, Louisiana Alpha's forensic star, was recently named valedictorian of his class. Prothro has won the state oratorical contest and many other forensic honors in debate and oratory. Last year he edited the *Pine Knot*, the college annual.—*The Wildcat*.

Central Teachers', Oklahoma Iota's, eighth annual speech and scholastic tournament April 7-8, drew 600 high school students from over the state.—*The Vista*.

Monmouth and Wheaton debaters discussed "The plights of the railroads and possible solutions," over station WCFL on March 4.—*The Oracle*.

Pi Kappa Delta led all other campus organizations in scholarship at Chadron, Nebraska Eta. Its members had a 2.21 average.—*The Eagle*.

W. M. Garoutte, who won the provincial oratorical contest for East Texas Teachers, is president of the student council.—*The East Texan*.