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HOUSTON, TEXAS

has been selected by the National Council of Pi Kappa Delta, after an effort to determine the preference of the individual chapters, as the location for the ELEVENTH NATIONAL CONVENTION. The convention will assemble about a year from now, the exact date to be determined later.

Plan now to get to Houston in 1936. Attend the convention, compete in the national contests, share in the inspiring fellowship of Pi Kappa Delta, enjoy the hospitality of Houston and Texas.

One after another our national conventions have increased in size and improved in character. After Estes Park, Colorado; Tiffin, Ohio; Wichita, Kansas; Tulsa, Oklahoma; Lexington, Kentucky; comes

HOUSTON, TEXAS

J. Hamilton Lawrence

Prof. J. Hamilton Lawrence, Professor of English at the College of Emporia, Kansas Iota, died suddenly February 18.

Professor Lawrence had been a member of Pi Kappa Delta since 1922 and was an active and familiar figure at provincial and national conventions. He served as governor of the Kansas Province in 1927. In 1926 his men's debate team won the first Pi Kappa Delta national tournament at Estes Park.



J. HAMILTON LAWRENCE
College of Emporia.

He taught at Park College, Missouri Beta, from 1902 to 1918, and at the College of Emporia from 1918 until his death. He was sixty-two years old.

Professor Lawrence was an able teacher, an inspiring debate coach, and a kindly gentleman. He was loved and respected by hundreds of members of Pi Kappa Delta. His presence will be missed at the next convention.

"Little National" Conventions

The province conventions have been called our "Little National" conventions. To so designate them has not been an exaggeration so far as the number of forensic activities in the program has been concerned, for with few exceptions the provincial conventions have included debating, oratory and extemporaneous speaking for both men and women. A few provinces have gone beyond the national tournament to include after dinner speaking. Other innovations may be included this year.

Some province tournaments have deserved the title of "Little National" in the matter of attendance. It will be interesting to compare our thirteen provinces on this basis.

Who will be the strong contestants from your province in attendance at the national convention in 1936? One can never be sure on this point, for of course, this year's seniors, who win in the provinces, cannot compete at Houston. Then, too, there are always new forensic "hopes" recruited in each new college year. However, eliminating the seniors, and remembering that high forensic achievement is rarely accomplished during the freshman year, we can estimate with some degree of accuracy, from the results of this year's province tournaments, the strength and personnel of the various provinces at the national gathering the following year.

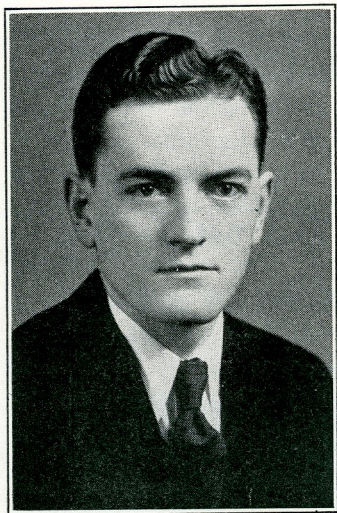
I suggest that you keep your 1935 May FORENSIC, in order that you may note to what extent this year's winners continue to win judges' decisions in the Houston tournament. I am requesting the province governors to send comprehensive reports of our province activities to Vice-president George Bohman, chairman of the Inter-Chapter Relations committee, so that he may prepare a composite report for the pages of the May FORENSIC.

Our attendance at the Lexington national convention last year was approximately seven hundred. What will be the combined attendance at our "little national" conventions this year? What of your forensic achievement last year and this?

GEORGE McCARTY, National President.

Book reviews of Rohrbaugh's *Natural Approach to Philosophy* and Nichols and Baccus's *Debater's Help Book*, which appeared in the January FORENSIC, have been reprinted by the publishers, Noble and Noble, in an advertising folder.

George Bickle, Colorado Beta, State College of Education, is nearing the end of a very successful forensic career. While his specialty has been extemporaneous speaking, he has found time to sandwich in fifty-two debates. He won the Colorado and Province of the Platte extempore honors in 1933, the Rocky Mountain in 1934, and won fourth in the national contests at Lexington. He again annexed the Rocky Mountain title in 1935. In 1934 Bickle and his debate colleague, Dick Tatman, took a 1,900 mile hitch-hike debate trip meeting thirteen midwestern colleges.



GEORGE BICKLE
Colorado Beta

When Bickle found that his college work and forensics did not keep him fully occupied, he took on the editorship of his college paper, the *Mirror*. It goes without saying that he holds the degree of special distinction in Pi Kappa Delta.

NORTHWEST DEBATE TOURNAMENT

With eleven consecutive wins Robert Sheran and Martin Cogley of the College of St. Thomas, Minnesota Epsilon, won the men's debate tournament from the fifty-five other teams entered. St. Thomas has won three of the four Northwest tournaments it has sponsored. Clarence Newell and Lowell Ashby, Hastings, Nebraska Delta, captured second honors.

The women's tournament, added for the first time this year, and conducted at the neighboring College of St. Catherine, drew twenty-eight teams. Doris Nelson and Ruth Butcher, Nebraska Wesleyan, won from Frances Flint and Elizabeth Douglas of Northern Normal of South Dakota in the final contest.

A banquet was held at the close of the tournament at which Prof. George McCarty, national president of Pi Kappa Delta, was the principal speaker. He spoke of the duties of educated men to the country at this critical period. "The banqueters were charmed with his excellent speaking and challenging thought," writes Prof. McElmeel of St. Thomas.—*The Aquin*.

Wins a Job On His Speaking Ability

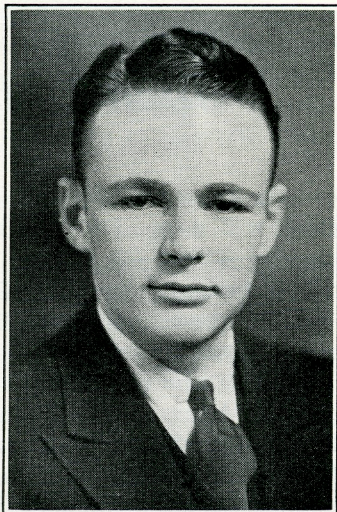
Jack Barrows represented Colorado State College in the extemporaneous speaking contest at Lexington. He got as far as the semi-finals. Although he did not win a prize at Lexington, he has since cashed in on his speaking ability to the extent of winning a job, although he will not graduate from college until this spring.

Barrows is majoring in forestry. This fall he attended a meeting of the Rocky Mountain Section of the Society of American Foresters. He had been given a place on the program as a student speaker because of his three years of forensic work in college. Jack put some Pi Kappa Delta enthusiasm in his address and held his audience spellbound.

He did not know that the district forestry supervisor was in the audience and that he was looking for a forester who could present the national shelter-belt program to the public. After the meeting the supervisor hunted up Barrows and offered him the job. The student turned it down in order to finish his college work. In a few weeks the Forestry Department in which he was studying offered him another job which called for part time work until June first. This will enable him to finish his college course.

He is now Assistant Extension Forester for the state of Colorado, working under the Forestry Department of Colorado State College. His duties consist chiefly in giving lectures on tree wind-breaks and the shelter-belt program, which, in case you do not know, is a plan to extend a belt of trees perhaps sixty miles wide, from the Canadian border to the Mexican, passing through the western states which have suffered much from drought in the past few years.

"Forensic work made it possible for me to get this position," Mr. Barrows stated. "Now, in my actual work, I find both debating



JACK BARROWS
Colorado Alpha

and oratory are of almost untold value to me in carrying out my duties.

"I appear before farm groups a great deal. It is difficult to convince dry land farmers that our program will be of any benefit to them. To hold their attention I have to make my speech interesting and forceful. I am also having to give a number of radio addresses.

"I should like to express my appreciation of the tireless efforts of Prof. Wilbur E. Moore, my debate coach, in giving me forensic training. I am now realizing that his coaching has been the most valuable part of my college training."

Meeting of National Council

On April 13 and 14 members of the National Council of Pi Kappa Delta will meet at Kansas City to plan for the 1936 national convention at Houston, Texas.

It is hoped that the Kansas City meeting will enable the National Council to set up well in advance the machinery for handling the next convention.

Those who will attend are: National President George McCarty, general chairman of all convention committees; the following Vice-Presidents: S. R. Toussaint, chairman of the charter committee; W. V. O'Connell, convention chairman; W. Prewitt Ewing, chairman of publicity; Forrest Rose, chairman of contests; George Bohman, inter-chapter relations. George Finley, National Secretary, and H. Dana Hopkins, National Historian, will also attend.

Centre won a close decision from Union.—*Centre College Cento.*

Fifty-eight men's and eighteen women's teams participated in the Mid-South tournament at Conway, Arkansas, February 15-16.—*The Collegio.*

Hastings, Nebraska Delta, women won the women's tournament at the Rocky Mountain Speech Conference February 7-9. Hastings men were runners-up to Nebraska University and Creighton in the men's tournament. Twenty-one schools competed. George Bickle of Colorado Teachers and Ethel Mae Gunnison of Hastings won first and second in extempore.—*The Hastings Collegian.*

What Type Awards?

In consequence of a divergence of opinion of several years standing on the campus of Stephen F. Austin Teachers College, as to the appropriateness and advisability of using sweaters as awards for forensic work, Mr. L. C. Harling, debate coach, sent out a questionnaire recently in order to determine the attitude of other schools on the subject. Taking advantage of the opportunity, he expanded the document so as to include a brief survey of the financial policies of the various schools with regard to forencis. The information gathered is very interesting and may serve to arouse sufficient interest in the question of awards to cause a more thorough study of the situation with a view of establishing some uniformity of practice among the colleges of the national organization.

The questionnaire was submitted to debate coaches for twenty-one representative colleges and universities of the nation. Nineteen of these coaches filled out and returned their copies to Mr. Harling. With one exception it was sent to schools having chapters in Pi Kappa Delta, the Alpha chapters of each state being usually selected. Where two or more were sent to one state, the second selection was generally a chapter outstanding in forensic activity.

Although the information gathered was not exhaustive and may not be absolutely conclusive, it indicates fairly definitely the attitude of a representative cross-section of the colleges and universities of the country towards the use of sweaters as awards for forensic work. Further, it indicates the nature of the awards generally used, the portion of the necessary expenses of debating trips borne by the schools, and the amount set aside by the schools for those expenses.

Responses to the first question of the document reveal that a wide variety of awards is made by the various schools, ranging from honorary fraternity membership to silver loving cups. A number of schools give gold pins with the school letter design: Ottawa University gives gold "O's," Texas University gives gold "T's," the College of the Pacific gives gold "P's." A slight variation of this policy is found at South Dakota State Teachers, where pens with "D," "O," and "E" are given for first place winners in debate, oratory, and extemporaneous speaking, respectively. The University of Redlands gives a bronze "R" for one year participation, a silver "R" or Pi Kappa Delta key for a second year, the award not selected for the second year for the third year, and a gold "R" for the fourth.

Kansas State Teachers awards to its outstanding contestants Pi Kappa Delta keys, as did Oklahoma A & M for a number of years. Illinois Wesleyan gives gold "W's" to varsity debaters and silver loving cups to successful extemporaneous speakers. Three schools of the nineteen give money prizes, which in some cases are donated by private individuals or business concerns. Five of the schools are giving no awards at present, in one case because of financial conditions, and in another because of a change in policy. In the latter case an attempt is being made to revive the practice.

Only three of the schools surveyed use sweaters as awards, and one of those three, Northern Teachers of Aberdeen, South Dakota, presents them only to members of its "National Pi Kappa Delta team if they place in the national finals in one event." Questioned as to their attitude toward sweater awards, two of the coaches of the nineteen offered no opinion, two were equivocal but stated that they preferred medals, five thought the practice "O. K.", and ten were opposed. One coach says that, "Sweaters are for football men, not debaters." Another thinks that the practice is "very imitative" and that it "reduces debating to the status of athletics." Still another writes that "mental gymnastics and athletics are not akin" in his school.

Fourteen of the coaches were opposed to "individual forensic contestants buying their own sweaters with the college emblem thereon." "My attitude," declared one, "is that the award should be given as an honor to be bestowed—not to be openly and purposely sought." Even the five who had no objections to offer to the practice thought that if possible, the school should purchase the award. One coach says he has "no objection," but he thinks that "the school should buy" the sweaters. "Debate is even more important than athletics," he continued.

Of the schools surveyed, fourteen bear all the necessary expenses on debating trips; another pays most of the expenses incurred; and two pay them partially. The question was stated: "Does your school bear all the necessary expenses", so that the three negative answers received were not considered as indications that those schools bear none of the expenses of debating trips. Several of the affirmative answers were qualified with the phrase "within budget limits." And the inference seems justifiable that if students wish to bear all or a part of their own expenses on extra trips, they are usually allowed to make them.

Financial budgets per year for forensic work in the different schools ranged from \$1200 down to \$80. The average budget for the eighteen schools who submitted figures was \$535. In most instances

the budgets represent a percentage of the student activity fees received by the schools each year. One school receives 13 percent of the fees of that nature; another receives only 5 percent; and two receive 8 percent. In at least one instance the budget was supplemented by contributions from various literary clubs on the campus of the school.

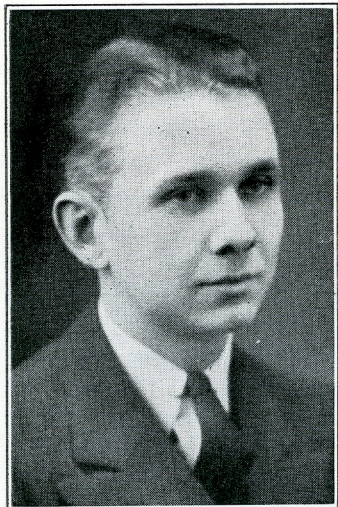
James Schut, who represented Iowa Beta, Central, at the University of Iowa tournament, was selected as one of the speakers to broadcast over the local station.—*The Central Ray*.

The new chapter of Pi Kappa Delta at Alabama College has aroused forensic interest this year. For one thing, a schedule has been arranged calling for seventeen freshmen debates. A special class in debating has been organized and many of the debaters are drawn from this class. The chapter is planning for the provincial convention which will be held on the Alabama Beta campus April 18-20. "We recognize and appreciate the space given to our chapter and other new chapters in the last issue of the FORENSIC."—*Nell Hines, Secretary Alabama Beta*.

Dr. Lester T. Earls, head of the Department of Physics and Mathematics at The College of the Ozarks, Arkansas Gamma, took his A.B. and M.S. degrees in the University of Wisconsin, and his Ph.D. at the University of Michigan. He took debate and extemporaneous speaking three years in Sioux Falls College where he earned his Pi Kappa Delta key. He is a new member of the Ozarks faculty this year and has placed his membership there. Billy Rogers, who earned his Pi Kappa Delta key at Arkansas College, Batesville, has also placed his membership with the College of the Ozarks, writes Frank E. McAnear, the debate coach.

The California Gamma Chapter, Institute of Technology, as has been its custom, sponsored a classical play again this year, the *Mostellaria*, by Plautus. It was a great success, producing a substantial fund which we are saving to send our delegation to the national convention next year. Our top debate team, Paul Hammond and Wallace Johnson, went to the semi-finals in both the Linfield, Oregon Alpha tournament, and the provincial tournament at College of the Pacific, California Delta. The election of Paul Hammond as president of the student body makes the third successive year that a Pi Kappa Delta man has obtained this honor.—*K. S. Pitzer, President, California Gamma*.

Westminster Wins Honors

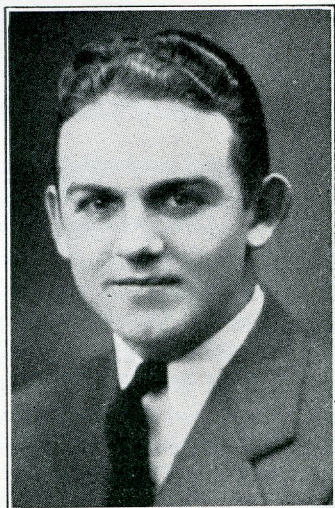


SHERMAN T. ROCK
Missouri Alpha

They are busy young men. Rock is vice-president of the student body, president of Missouri Alpha of Pi Kappa Delta, and an active leader in a number of other campus organizations.

Jackson is president of the senior class, debate manager and editor of the *Blue Jay*, the college annual. Both are pre-law students.

Sherman T. Rock and Nyle M. Jackson, Missouri Alpha, Westminster, helped to carry their alma mater into a tie for debating honors at the University of Iowa mid-western tournament. These young men had won the Missouri state championship in the tournament at Missouri Valley, Missouri Lambda, before going to Iowa.



NYLE M. JACKSON
Missouri Alpha

Prof. Clifton Cornwell, Director of Debate, Northeast Teachers, Missouri Theta, sent the FORENSIC a mimeographed pamphlet giving a reprint of all the debate news which has appeared in the *Northeast Missourian*, the college paper, from September 20, 1934, to date. This is an excellent record of the forensic activities of the chapter.

The History of Pi Kappa Delta

(This is the third of a series of articles giving the history of Pi Kappa Delta. The first two appeared in the March and May issues of 1933. The history had to be discontinued while the pages of the FORENSIC were crowded with matters pertaining to the national convention and other business of more timely nature.)

The third Biennial Convention of Pi Kappa Delta met at Morningside College, Iowa Delta, Sioux City, March 30, 31-April 1, 1920. The convention was presided over by its second national president Dr. John R. Macarthur, then of Kansas State Agricultural College. The other national officers present were: E. R. Nichols, Vice-president; Charles R. Marsh, Secretary; and Alfred Westfall, Historian.

The Morningside chapter had promised to try to provide free rooms for all delegates if sufficient advance notice was given. The hospitable Morningside members found their accommodations taxed when more than sixty delegates arrived from twenty-one of the chapters. Only two active chapters were not represented, and this was in the days before convention contests had developed to any great extent and when convention attendance was not required under penalty.

The delegates, it should be noted, traveled by train. No one would have dared attempt Iowa roads in March, 1920. Redlands, with Nichols leading three debaters, and Colorado Agricultural College, with seven delegates, deserve credit for bringing large delegations long distances.

The contest convention idea was developing. Listed as the convention debate was a contest between Redlands and Morningside. Redlands was represented by Fred D. Fagg, Jr., Raymond E. Untereiner, and Victor Green (Untereiner was recently coach at California Institute of Technology). The Morningside negative was composed of Ralph D. Long, Henry L. Marsh, son of the National Secretary, and Leon E. Hickman, the first of the long line of Hickmans, or Hickmen, male and female, who have made forensic history at Morningside. Redlands won a two to one decision on the question of submitting all railroad labor disputes to a federal board of arbitration with compulsory powers.

The oratorical contest drew ten competitors. Jacob H. Trefz of Morningside was awarded first place with an oration entitled "The Demand of the Hour." Adolph H. Brick of Fairmount, now Wichita

University, won second place, and Raymond E. Untereiner of Redlands, third.

The convention was organized into committees to handle the various lines of work. Almost every one who attended served on one of the committees. Some of the committee meetings and some of the general sessions were rather heated.

One mystery which grew out of the convention has never been explained. The author of this history, for example, was chairman of the committee on constitutional amendments. The question of greatest interest was over the admission of Negroes. It was argued heatedly in committee and general meeting. So evenly were the delegates divided that it was finally agreed not to write an exclusion clause into the constitution by the narrow margin by which it was apparent it would carry, but to leave it to a gentleman's agreement that no local chapter would recommend a Negro for membership. The chairman of the committee is positive that an exclusion clause was never adopted.

Imagine his surprise some time later to see a new set of membership application blanks which specified that the applicant should not be of the African race. The writer has never learned by what right or upon whose authority this clause was inserted. Observation through a number of years has now made it an accepted practice of the society. Perhaps this *ex curia* method was the best way of settling this troublesome question.

An impressive feature of the convention was the flag demobilization service at which the flag with the service stars was lowered and folded away.

Officers elected were John R. Macarthur, E. R. Nichols, and Charles R. Marsh, to succeed themselves as national president, vice-president, and secretary. Roy Painter asked to be relieved of his duties as national treasurer and Alfred Westfall was advanced from the position of historian to succeed him. J. H. Foth of Kalamazoo, Michigan Alpha, became national historian.

Besides those already mentioned a number of members who were to become familiar to the society were active in the convention. This was the first convention for George Finley, without whom no convention would be complete these days. Professor Pelsma, now the well-known maestro of the Pittsburg Teachers, Kansas Theta, in that year headed the delegation from Oklahoma A. and M. W. H. Veatch, fifth national president and long associated with the west coast, then came down the Sioux from Dakota Wesleyan.

Professor Nichols presided at the convention banquet. There was the usual program of speeches and fun.

The war was over, normalcy was returning, and forensics were on the up grade. Twenty-seven chapters had been granted charters up to the time of the third convention. Five of them had become inactive. One of them was revived when the Colorado Agricultural College delegation stopped over on the way to the convention for a debate with Nebraska Wesleyan and reinstalled the Nebraska Alpha chapter.

Before 1930 petitions for charters could be considered at any time by the National Council. Petitions were usually acted upon as rapidly as they were received. The year 1920 was the greatest year of expansion the society had known up to that time. Twelve new chapters were installed and an inactive one revived. Parsons, Iowa Zeta, was installed just before the convention. South Dakota State and Sioux Falls, South Dakota Delta and Epsilon, came in at the convention. The enthusiasm generated at the convention soon brought in petitions from Park, Missouri Beta; Henry Kendall, now the University of Tulsa, Oklahoma Beta; Cotner, Doane, and Hastings, Nebraska Beta, Gamma, and Delta; Colby, Main Alpha; Carthage, Illinois Gamma; Kansas Wesleyan, Kansas Eta; and Montana Wesleyan, now Intermountain Union, Montana Alpha.

Pi Kappa Delta was becoming national. Its chapters dotted states on both coasts and were beginning to mark more of those between. The society had twenty-three active chapters when it met at Morningside. Two years later when it assembled at Simpson it boasted fifty-six active chapters. How rapidly the society expanded during the four years following the Morningside convention is shown clearly in the treasurer's reports. When Alfred Westfall became treasurer in April, 1920, he received from his predecessor, Roy Painter, \$154.20. In April, four years later, after two terms, his report showed a balance of \$3,321.60. In fact, since the term of office extended then to the first of July, which is the high point in bank balance for the society, he turned over to George Finley, his successor, something over six thousand dollars.

The constitution as revised at the Morningside convention was printed shortly afterwards. How different forensics practices of 1920 were from those of today is shown by the requirements for some of the advanced degrees. To receive the degree of honor, for example, the candidate must have been a member of at least three debate teams debating at least two different questions, and winning at least two debates. This was before the day of the debate tournament.

At this convention the annual dues were increased from a dollar and fifty cents to two dollars. The society still tried to collect a yearly fee from all of its active members, but only a few of the more

conscientious and less frugal paid it. The charter fee was also increased from five to ten dollars.

In 1920 there was trouble in securing emblems. The official jeweler was often three months behind in orders and service was not satisfactory. An effort was made to secure a more satisfactory jeweler. The young firm of L. G. Balfour sent in a bid to supply keys at about half the price the society had been paying and to ship all orders within ten days of the date they were received. The society designated Balfour its official jeweler. This action marked the beginning of the very agreeable and satisfactory services which have continued to date.

Our national counsel resigned in the spring of 1920. A young Sioux Falls, South Dakota, lawyer was showing a helpful interest in forensics at this time. Upon the recommendation of the South Dakota chapters and at the suggestion of the national treasurer, President Macarthur appointed him national counsel, an office he still holds. This was J. D. Coon.

Seventeen chapters granted charters in 1921 are evidence that Pi Kappa Delta was still growing. These chapters, in the order in which they were established, were:

Ohio Alpha, Baldwin-Wallace.

Ohio Beta, Heidelberg.

Missouri Gamma, Central.

Montana Beta, State.

Minnesota Alpha, Macalester.

South Carolina Alpha, Wofford.

Michigan Beta, Olivet.

Kansas Theta, Pittsburg Teachers.

Kentucky Alpha, Georgetown.

Illinois Delta, Bradley.

Michigan Gamma, Hope.

Michigan Delta, State.

Indiana Alpha, Franklin, the alma mater of the founder of Pi Kappa Delta.

California Gamma, California Institute of Technology.

Texas Alpha, Southwestern.

Illinois Epsilon, Hedding (became inactive in 1924).

Michigan Epsilon, State Normal.

Pi Kappa Delta had established itself in five new states. Outside of the larger universities, it was claiming more and more of the schools which were active in forensics.

With the opening of the school year of 1921-1922, the society was looking forward to its fourth biennial convention. The national

council had accepted the invitation of Simpson College, Iowa Epsilon, to hold its convention there.

One hundred eleven delegates from thirty-one chapters came to attention at the call of President Macarthur. Since the Morningside convention, President Macarthur, following in the footsteps of the first president of the society, had transferred his activities from Kansas to California. He came to Simpson from California Institute of Technology. Dr. Herbert C. Libby, of Colby, Maine Alpha, was also present, thus bringing Maine and California together at Pi Kappa Delta national convention for the first time.

A number of new faces appeared among the delegates, faces which were to become familiar at succeeding conventions. Ripon was represented by a tall serious youth who registered with an imposing Sylvester R. Toussaint. Local arrangements were in the hands of the Simpson coach, W. C. Dennis, who afterwards became one of the national vice-presidents. Of course all the old faithful were back, Nichols at the head of another aggressive California delegation. As evidence of their good will, the Redlands delegation distributed large, delicious oranges free. Two boxes of them had been supplied by the local chamber of commerce as an advertising stunt.

The members of the Simpson chapter had written a convention song, copies of which were distributed. It was a good song and was adopted by the society. What has become of it no one seems to know.

There was much business to come before the society. A convention debate between Simpson and Heidelberg had been scheduled. Other institutions which were represented by debate teams were anxious to schedule debates, but the society endeavored to keep down the number as it was felt that they interfered with the business of the convention.

The society was encouraging its chapters to follow the Redlands plan of debating on the way to the convention, and to facilitate scheduling debates adopted an official question by chapter vote for the first time in 1922. This first official question was "Resolved: that the principles of the closed shop are justifiable."

The oratorical contest, on the other hand, had become an accepted part of the convention and fifteen chapters had entered it. The orators were divided into an eastern and a western group for the preliminaries. Three from each preliminary went into the finals. Habeeb J. Sheirik, speaking on "Slaves of Peace," won the final contest for Nebraska Wesleyan. Leon R. Hickman, Morningside, and Douglas G. McPhee, Redlands, won second and third.

President Macarthur came to Simpson with the convention well organized and his committees set up. This was one of the best or-

ganized and smoothest functioning conventions the society has ever held. There was little friction, no hard fights on or off the floor, and everything went off on time.

The expanding forensic programs again made it necessary to revise the constitution to make advanced degrees more difficult to attain.

National officers elected were, President, Charles R. Marsh of Morningside; First vice-president, George Finley, Colorado Teachers; Second vice-president, Herbert C. Libby, Colby; Secretary-treasurer, Alfred Westfall, Colorado Agricultural College; and Historian E. R. Nichols, Redlands.

The society was still being besieged with petitions for new chapters and in 1922 granted twenty-one charters, the most it has ever granted in any one year. Five of these were granted by the council before the convention. They were:

Nebraska Epsilon, Grand Island, inactive since 1931.

South Dakota Zeta, Aberdeen Teachers.

Tennessee Alpha, Maryville.

Missouri Delta, William Jewell.

Washington Alpha, College of Puget Sound.

At the convention charters were granted to:

Ohio Gamma, Hiram.

Illinois Zeta, Monmouth, for women only. A Tau Kappa

Alpha chapter for men existed there.

Pennsylvania Alpha, Grove City.

Kansas Iota, College of Emporia.

Iowa Eta, Upper Iowa.

Kansas Kappa, Baker.

Occidental, California Beta, which had been inactive since the establishment of a Tau Kappa Alpha chapter in the same institution, was revived as a women's chapter.

While it was not the desire of Pi Kappa Delta to invade the territory of Tau Kappa Alpha, it was felt since Monmouth had been one of the ten original institutions which planned Pi Kappa Delta and was to have been one of the charter members, and since Tau Kappa Alpha did not at this time admit women, that there was justification for the establishment of these chapters. An adjustment between the two societies was later effected, Pi Kappa Delta withdrawing from Occidental and Tau Kappa Alpha doing the same at Monmouth.

The FORENSIC, which had appeared uncertainly and in changing styles during the early years of the society, had now become a substantial forensic publication. It has always been the organ of the

national president. Dr. Macarthur became its editor when he became president, although Nichols acted as business manager. Each chapter was required to send in a letter in the spring. Each chapter was also required to make a report at all national conventions. The pages of the FORENSIC around 1920 are filled with these chapter letters. They tell of a different forensic order.

For example, one states that in 1918-19 there were no men's debate teams at Southwestern, Kansas Delta (the men were in the S. A. T. C.). The women, however, engaged in one triangular debate. Elsewhere in this issue of the FORENSIC is the statement that Southwestern has already participated in 156 debates this year.

The FORENSIC did print the minutes of the national conventions in detail. In the March, 1921, issue also appeared the first published treasurer's report. Treasurer Westfall showed the receipts by chapters, and the totals and items for receipts and disbursements. This form is still followed.

The Durant tournament drew 115 teams March 1-2. It is conducted by the Oklahoma Theta chapter at Southeastern Teachers.—*The Collegio*.

Speaking on "Youth, Today and Tomorrow," William Sener, Missouri Zeta, Culver-Stockton, won the state oratorical contest.—*The Park Stylus*.

Dakota Wesleyan women met a team from the University of South Dakota before the Mitchell Community Club. The men went to Vermillion to engage a university team before the Wesley Foundation church.—*The Phreno Cosmian*.

Unique features characterized the Kansas City School of Law debate tournament February 15-16. Each team debated five times without decisions. Then the six best debaters of the tournament were selected and pitted against each other in a final debate with three on a side. Ed. Lavery, formerly of Pittsburg Teachers, Kansas Theta, was selected as the outstanding man of the tournament. He represented the Law School. Clifton Kupler, Kansas Theta, was awarded third place honors.—*The Collegio*.

Professor Gus W. Campbell, director of speech at Northern Illinois State Teachers College of DeKalb, Illinois was elected President of the Illinois Association of Teachers of Speech at the convention of that organization held at Urbana, Illinois, the 22, 23, and 24 of November. Professor Campbell is a member of Pi Kappa Delta and Delta Sigma Rho.

NOTES FROM THE SECRETARY'S OFFICE

The most interesting key order for the month was the one from Virgil C. Rosenbaum, of Hedding College, formerly Illinois Epsilon. This chapter was established in 1921, and became inactive in 1924 when Hedding was changed to a Junior college. Mr. Rosenbaum's key number is 1309. His home is in Denver, Colorado.

The National Council is to hold a special interim meeting at Kansas City, Missouri, April 12 and 13. If you have any suggestions for the 1936 convention let us have them before that time.

A report from Noble and Noble, publishers of the Pi Kappa Delta debate volumes, concerning the sale for the year 1934, shows the following:

Volume I, eight copies; Volume II, ten; Volume III, fifteen copies; Volume IV, seventeen copies; and Volume V, one hundred fifty-nine.

Colorado Beta chapter held the second annual Tri-State debate tournament for high schools, on March 1 and 2, 1935. Eighteen different high schools, from Wyoming, Colorado and Nebraska were represented. The four cups awarded were divided between the three states participating. The debate trophy went to Cheyenne; one cup for men's extempore went to Scotts Bluff, Nebraska, and the other to Grover, Colorado; while the cup for women's extempore was awarded to Eaton, Colorado. Ninety delegates were enrolled for the tournament.

George Bickel of Colorado Beta won first place in the extempore speaking contest at the Denver Speech conference in February. Other Pi Kappa Delta Colleges attending this conference, were: Colorado Alpha and Gamma; Nebraska Delta; South Dakota Epsilon and Eta.

Leroy Laase, of Hastings and his delegation stopped over at Pi Kappa Delta headquarters in Greeley, on their way to the speech convention in Denver.

Edward John Bash of Baldwin-Wallace College, as the latest member, has number 13,179. While key number 9,433 has been ordered for Delmar Leeson, of Intermountain Union College.

The memberships have been coming in very slowly this month. Now is the time for every chapter to get its new members into the organization. It is especially important that keys should be ordered at the earliest possible date. Orders received after May 1 may not be filled in time to reach you before commencement.

Kansas Delta reports 156 debates so far this year with about forty different colleges. Is that a record, or can some of you beat even that? Who says debating is dying out?

Illinois Pi Chapter

Northern Illinois State Teachers College

Last year the Illinois Pi Chapter of Pi Kappa Delta was installed at Northern Illinois State Teachers College at DeKalb, Illinois. DeKalb is a town of about 10,000 located sixty miles west of Chicago. The campus, generally conceded to be one of the beauty spots of the state, consists of sixty-seven acres. Much of the campus is wooded with the Kishwaukee river forming its eastern boundary. The school was founded in 1895 as a state normal school offering two years of training to its students. In 1921 by legislative enactment the school became a Teachers College and a four year degree-bearing course was added to the curriculum.

The total enrollment of the school in the year 1933-34 was 853. It is interesting to note that 35 counties in the state of Illinois are represented in this enrollment and that eight states and the Philippine Islands are also represented in the student body.

The faculty consists of seventy members. Of this number, five are honorary members of Pi Kappa Delta: Dr. Lillian Cobb, head of the Department of Foreign Languages; Swen Parsons, head of the Department of Mathematics; Ida Simonson, Department of English, Emeritus; Karl Langdon Adams, president of the college, and Blanch Davidson, dean of women.

Speech training, as a valuable prerequisite for teaching, is recognized by the requirement that all four year students whether in training for elementary or high school positions take a course in "The Fundamentals of Speech". Also courses are offered in argumentation and debate, play coaching and story telling.

Speech is one of the major extra curricular activities of the school. The local chapter of Pi Kappa Delta starts the year's forensic activities by sponsoring a public discussion contest. This contest is open to all students excepting those with intercollegiate



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experience. All teams are directed by members of Pi Kappa Delta. The President's Discussion Trophy has the names of the members engraved on it. Approximately one hundred students participate each year.

The college is a member of the Illinois Intercollegiate Debate League and carries on an extensive program of intercollegiate debates for men and women. In addition to conference debates, non-decision-forum debates are held before community clubs and groups throughout the state.

Oratory and extempore speaking also have a place in the extra curricular speech program. The college participates each spring in the contest conducted by the Oratorical League of the State Teachers Colleges.

There are two honorary speech societies in the school, the Alpha Psi Omega, and Pi Kappa Delta. The Gamma Upsilon cast of Alpha Psi Omega was chartered in 1931. This is a national honorary dramatic fraternity which encourages and sponsors dramatic programs both in the college and the surrounding community. Membership is based upon the acquisition of a certain number of "dramatic points" and election by the members of the local cast.

The local chapter of Pi Kappa Delta has, in its first few months of activity, found a place for itself in college activity. The chapter has now become sponsor for a number of speech functions. In addition to the Annual Intramural Public Discussion Contest, the chapter sponsors the sub-district and district high school speech contests of the Illinois State Literary and Musical Association. The Annual Speech Breakfast, held homecoming week, is another of the chapter's activities.

The student body takes an active interest in dramatics. The Dramatic Club makes a strong appeal to those who are interested in the drama from either the standpoint of stage presentation or literary appreciation. In the directing of plays and pageants, its members are given training that is valuable to them as prospective teachers.

The Debate Club is another organization interested in speech. Through this medium, the students are brought into contact with various forms of speaking, formal and informal. The Club sponsors several school programs during the year. Its membership is large and draws from every field of interest. It is interesting to note that thirteen of the presidents of various school organizations are among its members.

In charge of speech work at DeKalb are J. Hal Conner, A. B. University of Illinois, A. M. University of Illinois, the director of

dramatics and sponsor for Alpha Psi Omega; and Gus W. Campbell, A. B. Beloit College, A. M. University of Wisconsin, the director of debate, extempore and oratory.

MARTHA NICOLSON
Secretary of Pi Chapter.

TEXAS ETA NEWS

Six teams from Denton Teachers College entered the Baylor invitation tournament January 18 and 19. The women's senior team, Helen Anglin and Lillian Bee Wade, won first place and were awarded a silver cup. The same team won second place and was awarded individual medals at the A. C. C. speech meet at Abilene, February 8 and 9.

Floyd Daugherty of last year's No. 2 team is teaching at Cooper Creek, where he has charge of speech activities.

Lloyd Stowers of last year's No. 1 team is a student at the University of Texas, where he is active in debate.

Wanda Barnett, a graduate of last year and a member of No. 1 women's team, is teaching this year in the Dallas public school system.

Texas Eta is enjoying added interest in forensics. To the squad of sixteen in the first semester have been added six additional debaters for the second semester.

Practice debates have been held with visiting teams from Texas Zeta (T. C. U.) and Austin College.

Denton Teachers College will enter teams at the Durant, Oklahoma, meet in March and the province meet at Waxahachie in April.

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De Paul, Illinois Omicron, won a decision from DeKalb, Illinois Pi.—*The De Paulia*.

EDITOR'S PERSONAL PAGE

Where inconsistencies cease from troubling and logic is at rest

God wove a web of loveliness,
Of clouds and stars and birds,
But made not anything at all
So beautiful as words.

Anna Hempstead Branch.

Here is another brain teaser. A man needed a boy. Three applied. They all made equal grades in an examination given them. The employer, in order to give each boy an equal chance and still be able to select the brightest, devised the following test. All three were to be seated at a table facing each other. The employer put red grease paint on one of his fingers. The boys then closed their eyes. He rubbed a finger on the forehead of each boy, but the boy could not tell whether or not it was the finger with the grease paint. When the employer gave the signal, the boys were to open their eyes. If they could see red on the forehead of either of the others, they were to begin to tap with their finger. As soon as one of them figured out from the tapping of the others whether or not he had paint on his own forehead, he was to stop. The one who determined his own condition first and was able to prove he had reasoned it out correctly, was to get the job.

The employer marked red on the forehead of each boy. When they opened their eyes, all three began to tap. Soon one of them ceased. He got the job. How could he prove that he had red on his own forehead?

The answer will appear in the next FORENSIC.

"The extempore style, nearly all authorities agree, is the final flower of all oratorical study."—WATKINS.

"Say first, of God above or men below,
What can we reason but from what we know?"
POPE, "The Essay on Man."

"I do the very best I know how; the very best I can; and I mean to keep on doing so until the end. If the end brings me out all right, what is said against me won't amount to anything. If the end brings me out wrong, ten angels swearing I was right would make no difference."—ABRAHAM LINCOLN.