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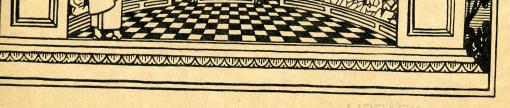
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Dear Dr. Westfall:

Do you remember your first year at Colorado Aggies, 1913-1914, and the first debate teams you coached? One of them recently held three or four meetings in Oakland during the first part of September and is following it up with this letter. When General Ralph C. Smith returned from his campaign in the South Pacific, he called me up. He reviewed the old days.

How well we remember the Christmas dinner of 1914 when you and Mrs. Westfall entertained all the debaters and orators. After the first course, we walked around the table; after the second, around the house; after the third, around the block; and after the last around the campus. We reviewed with great pleasure the various trips we made together. Perhaps you had long since thought that both of us had forgotten you and Mrs. Westfall, but both of us mentioned that we had thought of you hundreds of times during the years that have passed. We were both unanimously of the opinion that the training we received from you in debating and oratory was the highlight of our education. Little did we realize thirty-two years ago what an important part that training would have and how well it would stand us in time of need.

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Sherod Collins Now Playing On Broadway

Prof. Sherod J. Collins, member of the National Council and debate coach at Northeast State Teachers, Missouri Theta, is playing one of the leading parts in the Broadway production "Dark of the Moon."

"Dark of the Moon," by Howard Richardson and William Berney, last year won the Maxwell Anderson award as the best piece of American versedrama. The original manuscript was written by Dr. Richardson as his doctor's dissertation at the University of Iowa. Under the title "Barbara Allen," it ran for five days at the University of Iowa Memorial Theater with a student cast.

Mr. Collins played the role of Pa Allen, the father of the heroine, so convincingly that Dr. Richardson told him the part would be his if and when the play went to Broadway.

"Dark of the Moon" opened a twoweek run in Boston January 8, and made its New York debut January 22. Life Magazine says that the play "stands as the most significant theatri-



SHEROD J. COLLINS Missouri Theta

cal experiment of the year." It is a folk story of the Smoky Mountain people. The drama is based on the ballad of Barbara Allen, the

Edward R. Murrow Receives Key

M. L. Daggy, Washington Gamma

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"This is London." When Forensic readers hear this statement over their radios, they will hear the voice of the chief of the Columbia Broadcasting Company's European staff, Edward R. Murrow. "Ed," who was graduated from the State College of Washington in 1930, with a major in speech, was recently elected a member of Pi Kappa Delta by the newly installed chapter at Washington State. In ac-



EDWARD R. MURROW

cepting the honor conferred upon him, Ed wrote to sponsor W. H. Veatch: "Upon returning from a 12 hour visit to the Normandy bridgehead, I found your very welcome letter upon my desk. However, neither the Normandy bridgehead nor our "buzz bombs" here in London can arouse my fears as much as that extempore speaking contest back in 1929 did. I appreciate very much the election to Pi Kappa Delta and hope your next year's teams will include many who will do much more than I ever did to make your next forensic season effective."

During his four years at the State College, Mr. Murrow was one of the most active and undoubtedly the best known student on the campus. His interests were not confined to one line. He manifested the same breadth of vi-

sion as a student that he has shown in his distinguished career as publicist.

He was a member of Kappa Sigma, social fraternity. He was also interested in journalism, and was a contributor to the college publications. He was ranked as an outstanding campus Thespian and was a member of the National Collegiate Players, Scabbard and Blade, and was president of the Associated Students.

Since leaving the W. S. C. campus, Murrow has had a record of continuous successes. As president of the National Student Federation he visited more than 300 colleges and universities and travelled extensively abroad.

For several years he was assistant director of the International

College Orator Becomes Rotary Governor

As Governor of District Number 154 of Rotary International, I am having one of the happiest years of my life. I believe firmly in Rotary's motto—"Service Above Self"—and thoroughly enjoy talking with others about it. As I conclude my official visits to the clubs in my district, and as Christmas approaches, I am very happy for I have been splendidly received in all my club and group meetings.

As I pause at this season to count my blessings and give reasons for my happiness, memory goes back to Franklin College, Indiana Alpha, where I entered, a very green freshman, in 1916, (graduating in 1923 after interspersing my college course with three years of sickness, work, and travel for my health). know that the pleasant reception that my clubs have accorded me is due to the fact that I am able to meet the members in friendly spirit and speak to them and their clubs pleasantly and effectively. I have garnered the greatest amount of my happiness from the compliments that so many of them have been kind enough to give me in just that direction. But, I would be most unappreciative were I to try to take this credit unto myself. This brings us to my reason for writing to THE FORENSIC.



JACK E. YARIAN Indiana Alpha Franklin

I am most happy to say that I believe that any college student who wishes to achieve a future goal of happiness and success must first learn how to converse with his fellows and present his ideas logically, naturally, forcefully, and with confident enthusiasm. This ability is rarely an inherited trait. It usually comes only as a result of intensive effort, training, and experiencing the fruits of argumentative organization and presentation of fact. One can only experience these in forensic activities such as were my privilege when, as a member of Pi Kappa Delta, I had a position on several successful college debating teams and was winner of at least one state oratorical contest. How thoughtlessly I accepted then the training that I would gladly purchase at high price now were it necessary! How often a college student fails to realize the far-reaching effects in his own personality and practical possibilities of receiving such training as may be had as a member of Pi Kappa Delta and the activities that it sponsors.

From my present point of view, I would strongly recommend that every college student who possibly can, should avail himself of any opportunity in forensics that may be presented. Even if one thinks. while in college, that he knows exactly the course of his future life, we are all surprised how often that course may be changed before reaching the point where the sunset years may be seen. Even though forensic experience does not seem necessary, desirable, or possible today, tomorrow this experience may be of extreme desirability or necessity. One may travel around the world without ever having the occasion to make use of a musical talent, but no one can spend even an hour with friends or business associates without gaining a profit in pleasure, or material gain, because of being experienced in expressing oneself pleasantly and effectively.

I believe this training to be especially valuable today when world conditions are changing so rapidly. I have met few people who really shape the thoughts accepted as truths by the major portion of mankind, who have not been proficient in the arts of expression mentioned above. Most of these, too, have received their 'basic training' in this great field as a student privileged to 'sit at the feet' of great teachers 'forensically minded' who build for the future by 'laving the cornerstones' of the great art of acceptable and forceful speech. An ideal—which may one day prove to be the salvation of the world could easily be delayed in its influence if inappropriately presented

to those who await its coming.

So, if I am happy at this season in my chosen work because a certain success has come my way, may I pay tribute to that source from whence it came. May my words prove to be of some inspiration to present-day students who may be debating the personal values possible in forensic training. As a member of Pi Kappa Delta may I be privileged to express my pride in that membership and my desire to see its influence extended materially at this time when it may mean so much to so many. May I pay tribute to the value of forensic training, as a stepping stone to success in most fields of human endeavor!-J. E. YARIAN.

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Institute of Education with headquarters in New York. Also he was with the New York studio of C. B. S. as director of talks in the department of special events for a number of years. He was sent abroad as Chief of the European Staff of C. B. S.

He is the author of numerous magazine articles and several books including, "We and the English," and "So This is London."

College Orator Teaching Naval Aviators

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Lt. (jg) Martha Scott Trimble, Wave-V(S), USNR, is teaching naval aviators the science of navigation at the Naval Air Training Bases, Pensacola, Florida.

Lt. (jg) Trimble has had varied phases of naval aviation training since she joined the Women's Reserve in February, 1943, and was

assigned to the Naval Reserve Midshipmen School at Northampton, Massachusetts, from which she was commissioned an ensign in April of that year. Her first duty was at the Naval Air Station, Miami, Florida, where she served in the Flight Training Office and became assistant educational officer before she was ordered to the Naval Air Navigation School at Hollywood, Florida, in January, 1944. She graduated in May and was ordered to Pensacola.

Lt. (jg) Trimble graduated from Colorado A. and M. in 1936 and received her master's degree in English from the University of Colorado in 1940. As a student she was a leader in forensics and participated in the debate tournament of the Eleventh National



LT. (jg) MARTHA SCOTT TRIMBLE Colorado Alpha

Convention at Houston. She was also president of the Associated Women Students at her alma mater and active in journalism.

"My forensic training has been of great value to me in my work in the WAVEs," Lt. (jg) Trimble reports. "Facing a room full of alert aviators need not alarm one who has debated before all sorts of audiences. You have to know how to organize and present your information if you are going to command the respect and attention of these men."

"I wish more Pi Kappa Delta women knew of the opportunities for patriotic service in the WAVEs. They would discover challenging ways to employ their rare, fine forensic skill."

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My sincere wishes to all of you for a Happy New Year! Of course, none of us can be genuinely happy as long as the world is still at war. But we hope and pray that 1945 will bring us peace again.

In the October issue of The Forensic announcement was made of tentative plans for a Pi Kappa Delta meeting in connection with the sessions of the National Speech Convention in Chicago during the Christmas holidays. Although war conditions and other reasons made it necessary for most of you to forego a trip to Chicago this Christmas season, a small group of Pi Kappa Delta members had a breakfast and discussion meeting in Chicago on December 29th. Twenty-two attended this meeting and nine states were represented in the group.

Obviously, the opinions expressed by this small group are not necessarily indicative of the views held throughout our Pi Kappa Delta membership. But it was interesting to observe that the members of this group were in unusual agreement regarding Pi Kappa Delta's problems and probable changes in our future program. All present were eager that we hold a National Convention as soon as possible but also realized that it would be impossible to have a national meeting this spring. But they felt the need for strong Provincial Conventions instead and voiced their willingness to cooperate to the fullest extent in arranging meetings in their respective Provinces.

Some fear was expressed regarding what will happen to the local chapters that have been inactive during this war period. It was felt that a National Convention at the earliest possible date will help to revive some of these chapters. We were all agreed that every possible effort should be made to hold a National Convention in 1946 and we discussed probable changes in the program for that Convention. Again there was considerable unanimity in the ideas expressed.

A more concise summary of the views expressed is indicated by the results of a poll taken on several items among the members present. The vote was practically unanimous on the following items: 1. Orators should be able to defend the thesis of their orations and additional time should be allowed for that purpose in each contest, judges and members of the audience being permitted to ask questions of the orators; 2. Group Discussion should be added to our National Convention program and should be substituted for the Legislative Assembly; 3. Additional time should be allowed in each round of debates for analysis and criticism of the debate in order to increase its educational value (no doubt this would make it necessary to reduce the number of rounds of debate); 4. Some system of self-evaluation and evaluation by opponents should be introduced in addition to the

judge's evaluation (not to affect the decision in the debate, however). It was suggested that our National Research Committee investigate the possibilities of such a plan of evaluation and that our Provinces and other tournament directors be asked to experiment with some type of self-evaluation and of opponents' evaluation in addition to the usual judge's decision; 5. A strong preference was expressed for a retention of the men's and women's divisions in debate if the enrollment at the next National Convention warrants the holding of separate contests for men and women.

As stated in a previous issue of The Forensic, your National Council is eager to plan the type of National Convention that the membership wants. Therefore, we solicit your opinions regarding our next National Convention program. Either write me personally about your ideas or send them to some other member of the National Council. After receiving your ideas, I believe the National Council should hold a session, perhaps this spring or summer, and synthesize your various ideas, together with those expressed at the Chicago meeting. Then later, we will be able to submit for your consideration through a referendum vote any changes in the Convention program that have been suggested by the majority of those who have communicated with your Council.

May I urge all the local chapters to be as active as possible in 1945! Do your utmost to attend your Province Convention this spring. If plans for a Convention have not been made already, urge your Provincial officers to arrange for a Province meeting. Too, be a forensic leader in your own immediate community, and qualify new members for our organization through emergency speaking activities. Let's make 1945 our most active forensic year since the war began!

Martin J. Holcomb.

Provincial Tournaments for 1944-45

Two of our provinces have reported on plans for their provincial tournaments for this year, as follows:

The Province of the Plains will meet at Nebraska Wesleyan University, Lincoln, Nebraska, on April 12-14. This province includes the chapters in Kansas, Nebraska and Colorado. Governor Maurice Hess, McPherson College, McPherson, Kansas.

The Province of the Lower Mississippi will meet at Southwest Louisiana Institute, Lafayette, Louisiana, on April 6-7. The province includes all chapters in Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Oklahoma, and Texas. Governor Roy D. Murphy, Southwest Louisiana Institute.

The other provinces do not have their plans far enough along as yet to report them, but we are hoping they'll all be able to hold tournaments before the end of this college year.

FOURTH ANNUAL CANADIAN-AMERICAN CONFERENCE

Forty students and faculty members from United College, Winnipeg, Manitoba, were guests of Macalester college, Minnesota Alpha, October 28-9, during the Fourth Annual Canadian-American Conference. The conference meets one year in the United States and the next in Canada. The purpose is to bring large representative faculty and student groups together for a discussion of mutual problems.

At the opening meeting Governor Edward J. Thye extended greetings from the state. L. J. Reycraft, Chairman of the Board of Re-

gents of United College, responded.

After the opening meeting, the conference broke up into four discussion groups of Macalester and United College students to study the questions of world political organizations. E. C. Williams, K. C., chairman of the Winnipeg branch of the Canadian Institute of International Affairs and vice president of the Canadian Bar Association, spoke on "The English Speaking Democracies, their responsibility in the world order and their relations between themselves."

At the final banquet at the Commodore Hotel Elizabeth Perry, president of the International Relations Club, Margaret Prang, President of the United Current Affairs Club, and Bernice Warne, United

Lady Stick, spoke.—The Mac Weekly.

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wayward daughter of a hill folk family who falls in love with a legendary witch boy. It makes use of the superstitions of the mountain people. One of the best scenes presents a mountain revival.

Prof. Collins graduated from the speech department of Kirksville Teachers in 1932. For five years he served as a school superintendent. After completing his master's degree in speech education at the University of Missouri, he returned to his alma mater in 1937. In 1942 he was elected a member of the National Council of Pi Kappa Delta at the convention in Minneapolis.

"My opportunity to work with Dr. Richardson in the experimental stages of this play was one of the greatest educational experiences in my life," he said. "While I do not plan to take up acting as a career, I consider it an opportunity to be associated with Dr. Richardson in

the recent production."

Prof. Collins has been granted a leave from his speech teaching and forensic coaching activities at Missouri Theta until March 1, 1945.

Many members of Pi Kappa Delta will be in New York while this play is running. They should not miss the opportunity to see this national officer wearing the buskin and treading the boards of a Broadway platform. Mr. Collins would appreciate having them make themselves known to him.—Teachers College Index.

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