

lowship of the convention. Many said that this was the most enjoyable event of the entire program. At the conclusion of the final debates we presented the medals to the first and second place winners, using the standard Province Convention awards.

I wish to add that much credit for the success of the Convention should be given Professor Harry T. Wood, Michigan Normal College, and the entire Michigan Epsilon chapter for all they did to aid the Province of the Lakes.



10. PROVINCE OF THE UPPER MISSISSIPPI

EVAN ANDERSON, Governor—Gustavus Adolphus, Minnesota

This province will hold its Convention on May 1st.



Iowa Nu Hopes—

We have a very enthusiastic group in the Iowa Nu chapter. At present there are five new people eligible for membership, besides the seventeen charter members. However, out of the whole group only ten will be back next year.

I have heard it said, "Variety is the spice of life." If this is true we ought to have plenty of spice here in debate, for we certainly have variety. We have heckling debates, split team debates, open forum debates, and regular decision debates using the expert, three- and five-judge system.

As a general rule we have about fifty to seventy-five people out of our enrollment of three hundred who try out for some form of forensics. From this group we choose two men's and two women's debate teams, three orators and two extempore speakers. This year we had twenty debates, and won two-thirds of the decisions. We won two thirds in the State contests in oratory for men and women, and a second in the men's state extemporaneous speaking contest. In the last two years there have been four people who have earned diamonds on this campus, one man earning a diamond both in debate and oratory.

We are a young chapter and are facing all the problems of organization. As usual there are some discouraging features. But "tall oaks from little acorns grow." Maybe we'll grow up!

Leland Austin,
President of Iowa Nu Chapter.

11. PROVINCE OF THE SOUTH ATLANTIC

C. C. CUNNINGHAM, Governor—North Carolina State

ELLOW members of Pi Kappa Delta, Wake Forest College, North Carolina Beta, greets you. We wish you one and all the best of success and hope to meet you at the National Convention where we plan to have a representation. Joe L. Carlton and Wade H. Bostick of North Carolina State have excellent records as debaters and should make a creditable showing at Wichita next year.

Joe L. Carlton, indeed, has a record to be proud of. Last year he took second place in the State Constitutional Oratorical Contest. He won the Freshman debate medal and the Junior orator's medal of his society. He also is a four-year man, having been on the debate squad since his freshman year. He has to his credit thirteen debates, eleven of which were won, including the province championship.

Wade H. Bostick, also, has an enviable record. Wade came to us from a Junior college three years ago. He won the Freshman and Junior debate medal of his society. He has twenty-two intercollegiate debates on record, tallying wins in nineteen cases and a non-decision. He was a member of the State Junior College championship team in 1925 and the province champ this year. One more year of intercollegiate activity lies ahead of him.

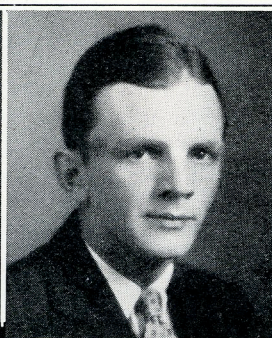
This is the team we will send to the National Convention next year and if you aren't on your toes, they're liable to tally again. We sincerely hope they do!

Walter W. Cohoon, also for North Craolina State, took second in the oratorical contest.

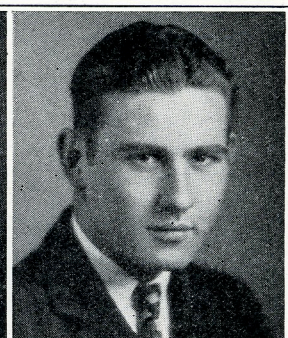
Brothers and Sisters of Pi Kappa Delta, we extend to you a most hearty welcome to our college, which we think is the greatest in all the land, and a cordial invitation to our several communities in the grand and glorious "Old North State," North Carolina.



WADE H. BOSTICK



JOE L. CARLTON



WALTER W. COHOON

12. PROVINCE OF THE NORTHWEST

W. C. STONE, Governor—Montana State

THE Northwest Province of Pi Kappa Delta held its biennial regional convention at Washington State College, Pullman, Washington, April 5 and 6. Twenty-eight delegates were present, representing the College of Idaho, Linfield College of Oregon, Montana State College and the College of Puget Sound, Washington, and took part in debates, oratorical contests and extemporaneous speaking contests. All schools sent well-prepared contestants to the convention.

Professor W. H. Veatch of the Washington State College, National President of Pi Kappa Delta, was general chairman in the convention and presided at several of the contests. The coaches of the member schools and members of the faculty of Washington State College judged the contests. Professor H. C. Stone of Montana State presented the medals to the winners.



HARRIET SMITH

Harriet Smith of the College of Idaho was the winner of the women's extempore speaking contest of the Northwest Province, held at Pullman.



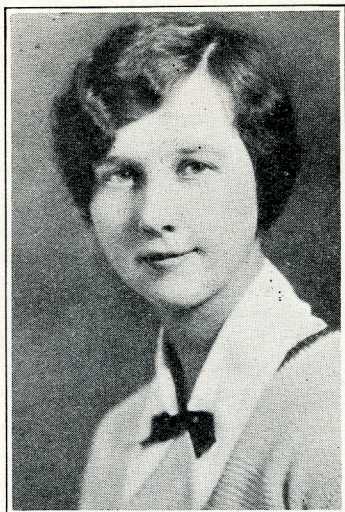
MILDRED MARTIN

Mildred Martin, with Lillian Burkland, of the College of Puget Sound, were first place winners in the women's debate tournament of the Northwest Province.

Of the honors coming to the College of Puget Sound, that of first place in oratory came through the representation of Pauline Voelker.

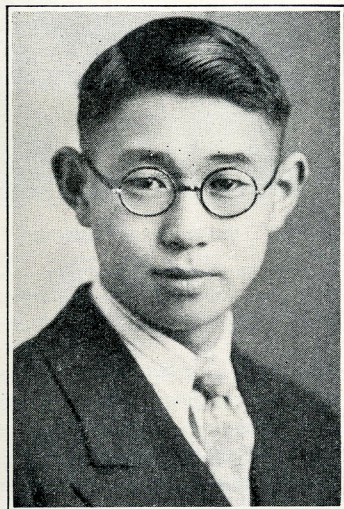


FRED LIVESAY

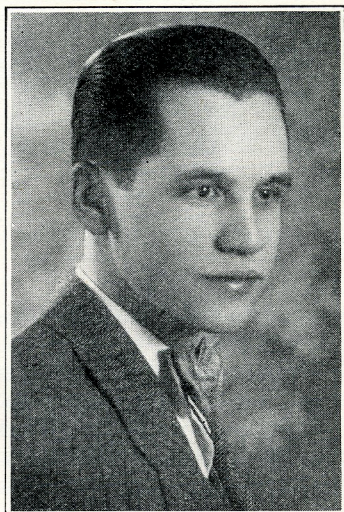


PAULINE VOELKER

Fred Livesay and Gilbert Stanton, representing the College of Idaho, won the men's debate tournament of the Northwest Province.



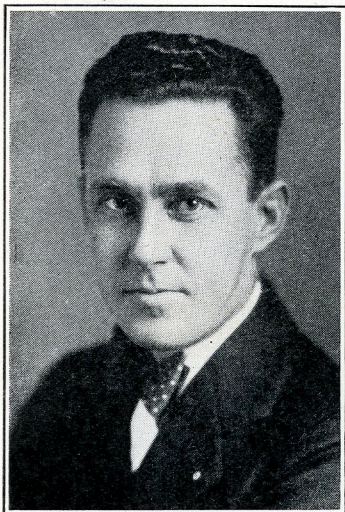
Mr. Shigeo Tanabe, representing the College of Puget Sound, won the extempore contest of his Province.



GILBERT STANTON

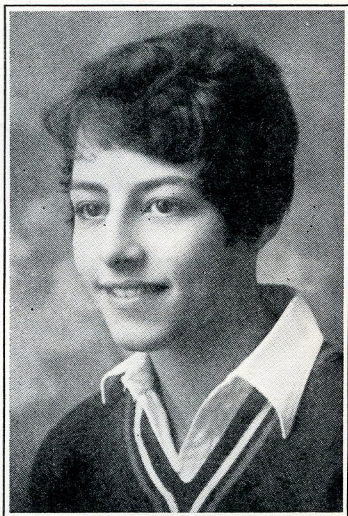
13. PROVINCE OF KENTUCKY

VERTON M. QUEENER, Governor—Maryville College, Tennessee



PROF. VERTON M. QUEENER

PROF. QUEENER: "As I now think of our stay at Lexington there are a number of things outstanding; first, the hard work both for those managing the meet and those participating. Should I be in charge of another convention I would take more time to get acquainted, more time for social get-togethers for everyone, yes more time for play, a thing conspicuous for its absence at this convention. From the first meeting Monday noon to the last meeting Tuesday noon we did nothing but *work*. Second, I would work out a more efficient and effective system of securing and caring for judges. While there



MAE COUNSELMAN

was and is no complaint about this part of our convention it was a real problem. Third, there should be some system of pooling finances because the chapters far removed from the convention school are put to considerable expense. Finally, no one could promote a convention without the hearty cooperation of all the chapters. That I had and for that I am thankful to each and every one of the chapters in province 13."

MISS COUNSELMAN: "I enjoyed the work. I think getting forty to sixty judges is about as hard a job as one can be given, but now it is over and I hope we are all happy."

of Kentucky Delta Chapter who assisted the Province Governor

THE Provincial Pi Kappa Delta Convention held at Lexington, Kentucky at Transylvania University, April 8 and 9 was a great success and very interesting. This was the Kentucky Provincial Convention which includes the seven colleges in Kentucky, Tennessee, and Indiana having chapters in the Pi Kappa Delta fraternity. These colleges are Maryville, Tusculum, Centre, Kentucky Wesleyan, Georgetown, Franklin, and Transylvania. Each was represented at the convention.

There were forty-nine student contestants, some of whom were entered in two events. Eleven faculty members were there accompanying their

teams. Eleven men's debating teams were entered, Centre, Kentucky Wesleyan, Georgetown, and Transylvania each being represented by two. Six rounds were necessary to determine the winners. Six girls' teams were entered. In oratory seven men and four girls were entered. There were seven extemporaneous speakers, all the schools being represented.

Maryville won the highest number of points. The standing was as follows: Maryville 435, Transylvania 335, Centre 270, Kentucky Wesleyan 185, Georgetown 135, Tusculum 135, and Franklin 50.

Maryville, Tennessee Alpha Chapter took first place at the convention with two first places, a tie for first place, one second and one third place. Every member or team placed in the contest entered. Every chapter placed in one or more of the events. Tennessee Alpha Chapter took first place in debate for men, first in extempore speech for women, tied for first in oratory for women, took second in extempore speech for men, and third in debate for women; failing to place in only one event—oratory for men.

Kentucky Delta Chapter of Transylvania College took second place in the provincial convention, winning first in men's oratory and tied for first place in women's oratory; second place in extempore speech for women, and third place in debate for men.

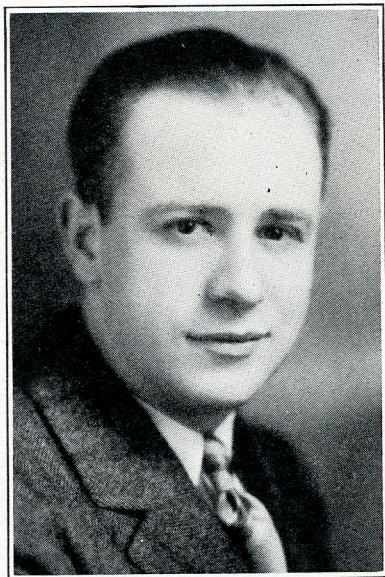
Kentucky Beta of Centre College placed third in their province by winning first in extempore speaking for men, second in oratory for men and second in debate for women.

Miss McPherson, for Indiana Alpha of Franklin College, took third place in extempore speaking for women.

Tennessee Beta tied for second place in oratory for women, and took third place in extempore speech for men.

Georgetown College took second place in debate for men and third place in men's oratory.

Summarizing the Convention: there were sixty some people present, there were forty-nine registered participants and eleven faculty members. All the schools (Franklin excepted) participated in debate for men—four schools having two men teams entered in each. All the schools participated in oratory for men and in extempore speech for men. Six of the seven participated in debate for women, four in oratory for women, five in extempore speech for women.



HERBERT MEYER

First in Extemporaneous Speaking for
Centre College

Throughout all the contests the three judge system was followed. Few people participated in more than one event and there was no one outstanding "star" of the convention. In each contest the contestants were pretty evenly matched.

The banquet held Monday evening at the Transylvania College cafeteria was an enjoyable affair. It was not an elaborate affair but one with emphasis on food and not talk. All those present were made to feel doubly welcome by the address given by President McCambell of Transylvania.

At the business meeting following the banquet Mr. J. Stuart James of Maryville was elected secretary-treasurer of Province 13 for the coming term of two years.

The chapters of this province are now planning and looking forward to the national convention of next year.



AIRPLANE VIEW OF WICHITA—CONVENTION CITY



SARAH ROGERS
ROSA FUDOLEL

THELMA POLLITT
DUFF GORDON

Representing Transylvania College, Duff Gordon took first place in Oratory at the Kentucky Province Convention. He, with C. A. Weesner took third in debate. Miss Pollitt for Transylvania College tied for first place in Oratory for women. Sarah Rogers and Rosa Fudolel representing Kentucky Gamma won first in women's debate. Their chapter also tied for second in oratory for girls.

Province of Kansas*

<i>College Participating</i>	<i>Event</i>	<i>First Place</i>	<i>Second Place</i>	<i>Third Place</i>
Emporia Teachers College.....	Men's Extemp. Speaking.	John Young.....		
Bethany College.....			Fred Seganhhammer.....	
Emporia Teachers' College.....				James Hutton.....
Washburn College.....	Women's Extemp. Speak- Miss Gwinner.....			
College of Emporia.....	ing.....		Louise Lawrence.....	
Oklahoma City University.....				Enid Cole.....
Pittsburg State Teachers' C.....	Men's Oratory.....	John Johanedes.....		
College of Emporia.....			Eugene Link.....	
Bethany College.....				Mr. Morrison.....
Southwestern College.....	Women's Oratory.....	Gertrude Hoener.....		
Oklahoma City University.....			Enid Cole.....	
Kan. State Agricultural College				Gertrude Brookings.....

*Because of the different plan used in the debates in the Province of Kansas it is impossible to tabulate the results here.
See their Province report.

Province of the Platte

Nebraska Wesleyan.....	Women's Extempore.....	Berniece Foster.....		
Hastings			Mary Boren.....	
Doane				Evelyn Christenson.....
Nebraska Wesleyan.....	Men's Extempore.....	Harold Bosley.....		
Hastings			Chester Shuler.....	
Colorado Teachers.....				Max Lieberman.....
Nebraska Wesleyan.....	Women's Oratory.....	Laura Fried.....		
Grand Island.....			Ruth Bryan.....	
Doane				Gwendolyn White.....
Nebraska Wesleyan.....	Men's Oratory.....	Ford McCoy.....		
Colorado Teachers.....			Max Lieberman.....	
Hastings				George Shively.....
Hastings	Men's Debate.....	Hastings		
Wesleyan			Wesleyan	
Cotner				Cotner

Province of the Lakes

<i>College Participating</i>	<i>Event</i>	<i>First Place</i>	<i>Second Place</i>	<i>Third Place</i>
Heidelberg	Men's Debate.....	Heidelberg		
Heidelberg	Men's Oratory.....	Heidelberg		
Heidelberg	Women's Oratory.....	Heidelberg		
Heidelberg	Men's Extempore.....	Heidelberg		
Heidelberg	Women's Debate.....		Heidelberg	
Michigan State Normal.....	Men's Debate.....		Michigan State Normal..	
Michigan State Normal.....	Men's Extempore.....		Michigan State Normal..	
Michigan State Normal.....	Women's Oratory.....		Michigan State Normal..	
Michigan State Normal.....	Women's Extempore....		Michigan State Normal..	

Province of the Sioux

Dakota Wesleyan U.....	Debate	Dak. Wesleyan.....		
Northern Normal.....			Northern Normal.....	
Morningside				Morningside
	Women's Debate.....	Morningside		
			Dak. Wesleyan.....	
				Northern Normal.....
Western Union.....	Men's Extemp. Speaking.	Morris Heahly.....		
S. Dakota State College.....			Chester Dickinson.....	
Dakota Wesleyan.....				Maurice Wieting.....
Huron College.....	Women's Extemp. Speak-	Lois Buswell.....		
Morningside	ing.....		Lois Hickman.....	
Sioux Falls College.....				Ethel Fortune.....
Augustana College.....	Women's Oratory.....	Marie Sletbold.....		
Huron College.....			Lois Buswell.....	
Northern Normal.....				Rose Frothinger.....
Northern Normal.....	Men's Oratory.....	Louis Anderson.....		
Sioux Falls College.....			Kenneth Sollitt.....	
Dakota Wesleyan.....				Harold Chapman.....

WINNER—Dakota Wesleyan and Northern Normal Tied.

Province of the Northwest

<i>College Participating</i>	<i>Event</i>	<i>First Place</i>	<i>Second Place</i>	<i>Third Place</i>
Linfield College.....	Men's Oratory.....	Elliott Cummins.....		
College of Idaho.....			James Thompson.....	
College of Puget Sound.....				William Law.....
Linfield College.....	Women's Oratory.....	Pauline Voelker.....		
College of Puget Sound.....			Jeannette Freeze.....	
College of Idaho.....				Gladys Ross.....
College of Idaho.....	Women's Extempore.....	Harriet Smith.....		
College of Puget Sound.....			Pauline Voelker.....	
Linfield College.....				Marie Maness.....
College of Puget Sound.....	Men's Extempore.....	Shigeo Tanabe.....		
College of Idaho.....			Samuel Fisk.....	
Linfield College.....				Paul Ludlow.....
College of Idaho.....	Men's Debate.....	College of Idaho.....		
Linfield College.....			Linfield College.....	
College of Puget Sound.....	Women's Debate.....	College of Puget Sound..		
Linfield College.....			Linfield College.....	

Pi Kappa Delta—Then and Now

While we were in Minneapolis recently, knowing that one of the founders of Pi Kappa Delta resided there, we phoned him (a personal visit being impossible because of train schedule), to ask that he write us telling of his personal connection with Pi Kappa Delta. We give his letter below.

Of course, former issues of THE FORENSIC have carried information concerning the history of Pi Kappa Delta. The March (1923) issue told in detail the history of the organization up to that time. Mr. Shields' letter follows:

Mr. George McCarty,
Editor THE FORENSIC,
Brookings, S. Dak.

3641 Kings Highway,
Minneapolis, Minn.,
March 20th, 1929.

Dear Editor:

Eight Thousand Seven Hundred Sixty-five! Your three-line announcement at the bottom of an inside page of the January FORENSIC that the last membership card issued was No. 8765 gave me a thrill that you can hardly appreciate!

Late on a Saturday night seventeen years ago two tired college students finished the last page of a manuscript they had been working on for months; they clasped their right hands and flipped a coin to decide which would sign the document first; then they signed as follows:

John A. Shields, Ottawa University.

E. A. Vaughn, Alabama Polytechnic Institute.

It was the original Constitution of Pi Kappa Delta; it was subsequently signed by:

E. R. Nichols, Ripon College.

J. H. Krenmyre, Iowa Wesleyan University.

A. L. Crookham, Southwestern College.

P. C. Somerville, Illinois Wesleyan.

Frank P. Johnson, Morningside College.

H. O. Pritchard, Eureka College.

C. J. Boddy, Kansas Wesleyan University.

Dan C. Lockwood, College of Emporia.

These men, in the order named, became the charter members of Pi Kappa Delta.

Vaughn and I, sitting in my room in Ottawa, Kans., that night early in 1912, constituted the first and last convention of the entire membership of our fraternity; we made great plans; in an optimistic outburst we predicted that the membership would some day reach 250, possibly even 300!

And now, after seventeen years, it is nearly 9,000! In a short time it may need to be written in five figures! At the first National Convention, held at Washburn College thirteen years ago, there were 11 delegates and 9 visitors, representing nine chapters in four states; at the 1929 National Convention, divided between Otterbein and Heidelberg Colleges, there were over 500 delegates, visitors not enumerated, 113 colleges from 31 states being represented officially.

To E. R. Nichols, then a professor at Ottawa University, came the first vague conception of a forensic fraternity; it was in the spring of 1910; he had been my coach in winning the two state oratorical contests in Kansas that year; he said to me (I was but a freshman) "why not utilize your recognized leadership in college oratorical circles by devoting your next three years to organizing a forensic fraternity that will put college oratory on a higher plane?" The first thought was a local society; soon it took on state-wide proportions; but no active steps were taken; for two years it was merely an idea.

Meantime, Nichols joined the faculty at Ripon College and launched the same idea there; the Ripon boys even went so far as to organize a society, which later re-organized and became Chapter No. 5 of Pi Kappa Delta. During 1911 and 1912 a self-constituted and unofficial "committee" made up of Nichols, Vaughn, and myself, promoted the forensic fraternity idea on every possible occasion, particularly at state oratorical conventions; we finally succeeded in getting a number of representative college men "designated" by these various conventions, though none of the conventions was willing to name "official delegates" to participate in such a movement as was contemplated.

All of the men were invited to participate in the formation of an organization—it was a "correspondence participation" and I was the secretary; the whole matter finally simmered down to three or four exchanges and revisions of a Constitution, all of the work being done by Nichols, Vaughn, and myself. Nichols outlined the general idea of a forensic fraternity and gave it the name Pi Kappa Delta; I contributed the idea of Degrees—local, state, national; Vaughn suggested the Orders—Oratory, Debate, Instruction. The Constitution was finally shaped up and launched at a conference between Vaughn and me, which Nichols was prevented from attending at the last moment, and, as I have already stated, was ratified by the other members of the group.

Nichols was elected president; Vaughn was vice president; I was general secretary-treasurer; Krenmyre was historian; Crookham and Somerville were members of the executive committee. These officials served until the first national convention in 1916.

But four chapters were installed in the spring of 1913, in the following order:

Ottawa University.

Iowa Wesleyan University.

Washburn College.

Nebraska Wesleyan University.

During the college year 1913-14 several other chapters were organized, among them being Ripon College, Illinois Wesleyan, Kansas State Agricultur-

al, University of Redlands, Central College, Southwestern College, Occidental College, and Southern California.

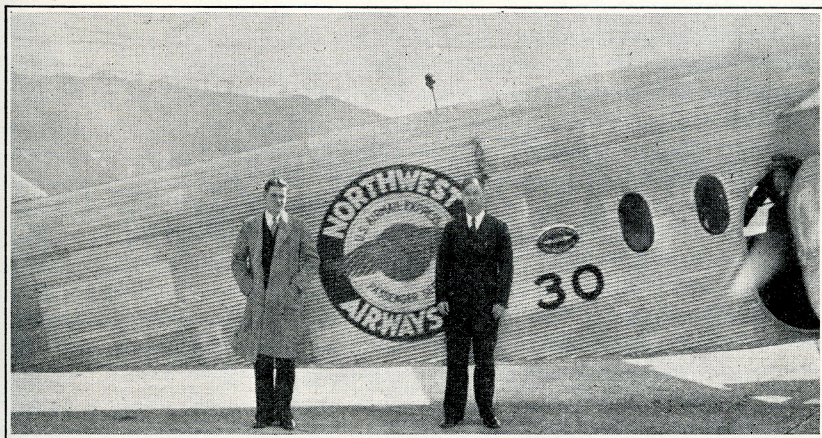
When my official connection with the fraternity came to an end in 1916 we had about 350 members, 14 active chapters, in 8 states; let me now congratulate Pi Kappa Delta on its nearly 10,000 members, its 13 provinces, its 130-odd chapters, in more than 30 states.

I think I have never read three lines that gave me a greater thrill than yours in the January FORENSIC beginning "The last membership card issued was No. 8,765."

Sincerely and Fraternaly,

J. A. SHIELDS.

College of St. Thomas Travels By Airplane



COLLEGE OF ST. THOMAS DEBATERS

Left— Daniel S. Lane

Right—Carmi Lawrence

Prof. George McCarty,
Editor, FORENSIC,
Brookings, South Dakota
Dear Editor:

April 26, 1929

Believing that Pi Kappa Delta members may be interested in an experiment we have made with a modern mode of travel in making our debate schedule we send a report of the trip we made this month by airplane to Chicago to fill a debate engagement with Chicago-Kent College of Law.

We left St. Paul Airport by one of the Northwest Airways tri-motored, 14-passenger monoplanes on the morning of April 7th at 9 o'clock. Comfort-

ably seated in the cabin of the plane with a fine clear view through the window at our side, we saw the usual grand panorama of country-side, lakes, rivers, roads, cities and towns. Over Winona, LaCrosse, almost before we were settled in our seats, we viewed the winding Mississippi, Lake Pepin, and the clustering towns on its banks, then darting across southern Wisconsin and passing Madison, the university city, we reached Chicago in a little over three hours after taking off.

It gives one a creepy feeling to go 7,000 feet above ground and look down on great masses of clouds far below. Through openings in the rolling vapor we could get glimpses of country and realize how far aloft we were. Though traveling at 125 miles per hour there is little sense of motion and the only disagreeable feeling is the sudden "dips" of the plane when down currents of air are encountered. Then one's sensation is that felt when in a rapidly descending elevator. But one gets used to almost everything and so he will to this falling sensation and rather enjoy it after awhile.

We used the "air" again at Chicago as our debate was broadcast and within a few hours after the debate we were again on our magic steed dashing for home. Here again three hours sufficed to cover nearly 400 miles of distance and we found ourselves gracefully sliding to earth within a few feet of the spot from which we started such a short time before.

May we commend this plan of travel to our fraternity brothers? For comfort, cleanliness, speed and interest there can be nothing better. There is some noise—but let us leave something for the next generation of inventors to supply.

Daniel S. Lane,
Carmi Lawrence,
Minnesota Epsilon Chapter,
Pi Kappa Delta



PROFESSOR HARKNESS OF N. S. T. C.

Professor P. J. Harkness of the Northern State Teachers College of South Dakota, who for the past three years has consistently turned out winners of state oratorical titles for that institution, has an interesting article in the April issue of the *Quarterly Journal of Speech Education*. The Journal is published by the National Association of Teachers of Speech, and deals with the main phases of speech education. This month it emphasizes the needs, objectives and methods peculiar to Teachers Colleges, and the article by Mr. Harkness is a discussion of the General Organization and Nomenclature. He stressed on the general need of a separate department of speech aside from English, and a unit of purpose with proportionate stress on the various phases of work in this new department.