

ed with in one or more activities; Ada Teachers; Missouri Central, and Southwestern. But we must stop somewhere.

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Geographically now, as far as the Mississippi, we should cross over hurriedly and note those of that section who pushed to the Tulsa front for recognition. Bowling Green again. We have noted their forensic record in former issues of the Forensic; North Carolina State repeats; Illinois State Normal University, never far behind; and there is that newcomer, the University of the City of Toledo. Must have been pretty good even before we entertained consideration of their application for a Charter.

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We are glad all the forensic talent is not located in one geographic section. That would make us lop-sided.

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Our superior achievements we are glad to announce publicly and with sufficient volume and headlining. Here privately in this little, obscure paragraph, let's note some errors that should claim our private attention in the future. Here are some words (?) supposed to be English. At least they were used by our speakers: "*internashal*," "*pertekt*," "*Jap-an*," "*govermut*," "*tarf*" (*tariff*?) "*Amurikan*," "*soverty*," "*whur*," "*figurin*," "*ourter*," ("*believe it or not*") "*f'wee*" (*if we*?) "*wush*," et cetera, and the like, and so forth.

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We notice that the William Jewell paper quotes Prof. Ewing as having estimated that more than a million words were spoken in the tournament contests. If speakers could eliminate repetition on such oft-recurrent expressions as "we have pointed out," "they have spent their time," "my colleague has shown," "they have failed to establish," etc., etc., the fewer words used would be quite as potent. Of course the best debaters are relatively free from this criticism.

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We do not know whether W. Pruitt Ewing is accurate in his estimate, but if all the words used in the 1000 hours of speaking by debaters, orators and extempore speakers, could be laid end to end to assemble the one master word,—this to represent the combined knowledge of those speaking,—and this master word given with the cumulative volume of all, it might be truly "heard around the world." But let's leave that to the statistician.

One speech instructor whose women debates were eliminated early in the tournament raised the question of the relation of "looks," on the part of women contestants, to their ability to win judge decisions. A possible thesis problem for an M. A. speech candidate, he suggested.

We did not hear Dr. Muyskens state whether he thought there might be a positive correlation in such matters.

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A prominent attorney of Tulsa, who judged some of our contests remarked: "Apparently these debaters have done much reading on the subject. They can cite chapter and page but unfortunately all do not know what it is all about. Life later will demand that they know the facts and their significance. Merely parroting what they have read will avail little."

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The largest delegation in attendance was that from the Illinois Eta chapter. And they were more than mere numbers, for Ruth O. Walker placed third in the finals in women's oratory.

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CHAPTER II

SEVERAL THINGS AND PEOPLE

As our constitution now reads, on the matter of forensic news, chapters will not be required to send campus papers to the editor, although they may do so. No fines will be attached to chapters failing to send in items. However, it is desired and expected that all chapters will provide the Forensic with interesting items either by chapter correspondents or by college papers.

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After hearing Earl Johnson, debater of Central College (Mo.) in his fiery plea urging that a charter be granted Missouri Valley College, we are convinced that the Missouri mule is not the only dynamite in that "show me" state.

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"You should hear Dr. Franc McCluer deliver a prepared address," remarked a proud fellow Missourian, after some bystander had commented on that gentleman's platform ability as observed on the floor of the convention.

We happen to know that "Bullet" (that's what the Westminster students affectionately call him) is good.

Dwayne Orton, of the College of the Pacific, is campaigning for Hollywood as our next convention city. "Let's make it a beauty contest," he suggests. A chorus of "Nos!" from those in charge of judging in the Tulsa contests is his response. "That would increase, not solve, the judging problem," insists Forest Rose. "There is less agreement on beauty than on brains. Give the judges and those who arrange for them, a chance."

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Some one, apparently jealous of the handsome ensemble which a two-dollar derby plus its owner Prof. Karl Mundt made, added the derby to his own wardrobe. After delaying his homeward trek for a period of twenty-four hours in an effort to reclaim his possession, Mr. Mundt (Eastern State Teachers, S. D.) journeyed Madisonward. Enroute he received word that his hat had been seen at Salina, Kansas, and later at Lincoln, Nebraska, where it figured in a bank robbery. But this is a romantic story and here is the happy-ever-after ending.

In due time Mr. Mundt discovered his chic chapeau holding a prominent place in Eastern's large trophy case. An explanatory card accompanying the "trophy" stated: "This is what Mundt's delegation won at Tulsa."

When we remember that Eastern's woman extempore representative won first at the Wichita convention and that the men's representative in that event took fourth at Tulsa, it is only human that Eastern's student body should seek to memorialize her achievement.

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We have little authentic information as to newly elected Province Governors and the choice of province tournament cities.

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The Missouri Province has chosen Des Moines for their meeting place, with Drake and Simpson uniting to entertain.

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Miss Clarice Tatman, of the department of speech, Oklahoma College for Women, has been elected governor of the Oklahoma Province. According to the news story carrying this information, Miss Tatman is the first woman ever to hold a governorship in Pi Kappa Delta.

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Prof. John W. Parlette of Morningside was elected at Tulsa to act as governor of the Sioux Province for their 1933 convention.

We think we know one national officer whose position in Pi Kappa Delta is secure. We refer to our national secretary. Two reasons for our belief: first, his efficiency will ward off all excuse for change; second, no office seeker will imagine he could be elected with George Finley as an opponent.

On making this observation to our genial George, we were met with the remark: "There is another reason why no one can beat me. No sane person will want the place and Pi Kappa Delta has no other kind."

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Bruno E. Jacob, one of our visitors at the Tulsa meet, is national secretary of the National Forensic League, high school honor society. Mr. Jacob has had general supervision of the arrangements for the second annual tournament of the N. F. L. which will meet in Sioux City, Iowa, May 17, 18 and 19.

The final debate of the N. F. L. will be broadcast over the Columbia Broadcasting company chain.

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CHAPTER III

THE CONVENTION BANQUET

That idea of a banquet each evening of the convention was certainly a happy one. Besides the excellent programs, these gatherings gave us a chance to "unlax" and learn something about each other, as well as of the more serious forensic matters.

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We personally enjoyed the gracious and able handling of these banquet programs by our efficient George Pflaum. The apparent appreciation of others confirmed our judgment of George's good work.

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We considered it thoughtful on his part to divide these honors, rightfully his, with vice presidents Hopkins and Menchofer.

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And do you not agree with me that Carl Englund of the Tulsa Chapter did excellently in introducing the local talent which the University of Tulsa and the City of Tulsa provided? Carl makes our Honor Roll.

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It is just too bad for those who missed Prof. Nichols' "Gosh" speech. Wish we could give it to absent members in

type. We started to take it in shorthand for you, but like the admirers of Alcibiades of old, we became so interested we forgot to record.

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As one feature of the final banquet, three neophytes of the Tulsa Chapter and three of the Oklahoma Zeta were initiated. The Zeta members were Jessie Dearing, Claudia Faye Moore and Eleanor Thomas. The Tulsa group were Leroy Allen, Francis Eastman and Edna Griggs. With Dr. Westfall, Prof. George Finley and Prof. McKay conducting the ritual, you may know the ceremony was properly performed.

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We liked that idea of awarding the former national presidents the "Past-President's Button." We believe they deserve that much.

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And that gold headed cane, a gift from the National Council to "Prexy" Pflaum. That was an uncommon idea. We wonder if George did not expect that—with the van dyke and all. Can't you see Prof. Pflaum of K. S. T. C. swinging that cane about Emporia. Wm. Allen White will have no more brilliant cane. Nor can he carry it with more eclat.

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Did you notice our convention banquet picture? You may want one like the original from which this was made. If so, it is available at the studios of Alvin C. Krupnick Co., 228-232 Atco Building, Tulsa. The original is approximately 12x19 and is printed on heavy, excellent quality cardboard.

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Pi Kappa Delta appreciated the attendance at our national meet of Dean Ralph Dennis, Prof. A. Craig Baird and Dr. Muyskens. Their banquet addresses and their fellowship added greatly to the value of our gathering. Our members, who were not privileged to attend, may need to be reminded that these prominent speech authorities, are honorary members of Pi Kappa Delta. You may be interested in knowing their impressions of our convention, as recorded elsewhere in this number.

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Neither former National President Westfall, nor National Counsel (alias John Doe) Coon, brought their wives to the convention. This is not significant, but we thought of it in con-

nection with the following two episodes (we did not say escapades).

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Upton Palmer of South Dakota State, looking over the colorful banquet scene, remarked to George Bowman (Dakota Wesleyan), "By George, that reminds me of that beautiful hillside scene very near home. The sombre clothing of the fellows serve as a sort of green background for the beauteous splendor of the girls." George only sighed, while J. D., touched by Palmer's poetic observation, lowered his gaze to scenery nearby and, looking past Harbison directly at the other members of the Wichita delegation exclaimed enthusiastically, "Uppie you can be trusted for keen analysis and judgment; they are getting more beautiful every year."

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That stunt of Alfred Westfall in waiting on the guests at dinner was not a stunt, nor did it grow out of a desire to be of service. We have just quoted an observer who seemed to have inside information. This observer further averred that Alfred's apparent affection as indicated by his kissing "Prexy" George on both cheeks was insincere. "No," insists this member, "that act was to camouflage his much more sensible later attempt." You who were not there must inquire of your local delegates for the background information of this story.

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We bet that Westfall boy was an incorrigible in his college days.

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(By the way, Alfred and J. D., we have asked Secretary George Finley, not to mail your copies of the Forensic to your residential address but to your offices.)

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CHAPTER IV

PI KAPPA DELTA 1932-1934

Several readers of the Forensic have expressed their appreciation of Berton Braley's article, "The Wet's Give Me a Pain in the Neck," as reprinted in our March number from the Forum. "Give us more of the general cultural and content sort of contributions; less that is distinctly speech material. This article combined the two ideas." So suggested one coach. What

do you want in your magazine? Let your editor know your wishes.

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Pi Kappa Delta should stand for more than the mere assembling of speech material to be presented at national speech tournaments or elsewhere. Our goal in the selection of material for writing or speaking, now or later, should be to assist in the discovery and presentation of truth. If truth is to be ignored then, we, with our superior training, become mere "time-servers" at a price, and we become mere racketeers.

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The next national convention will be the tenth biennial. Tin gifts will be in order. We suggest for "Prexy" Hop, for O'Connell and for Carl Englund, all "roofless" members, tin derbies. These three deserve all we can do for them in view of their service to our order, especially since part of their loss has doubtless resulted from the rigorous duties connected with the Tulsa tournament. Kresge and Woolworth might be voted in as honorary members in order to encourage an inviting purchasing price on derby and other tin products. Dean Dennis, and other members of like need, might be interested in the derby idea. The members of the National Council, anticipating two hard years ahead, all expect to be in the derby market. If durable these mementos could be used to cast into the political ring on the last day of the tin anniversary convention.

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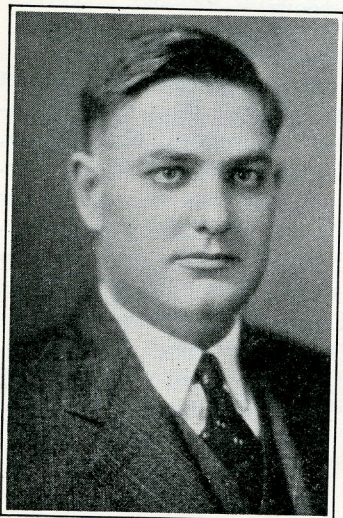
It is a bit early to speak of our next convention city, especially since we do not yet know which the National Council may decide upon. However, it is pleasant to know that somebody wants us. Lexington seems extremely cordial and they are as avowedly of Kentucky as Los Angeles is of California.



Prof. V. M. Queener, Maryville College debate coach, and Miss Elizabeth Duncan, president of the Tennessee Alpha chapter, attended the convention of the Southern Association of Teachers of Speech held in Asheville, North Carolina, April 15 and 16, and while there participated in the inauguration of North Carolina Gamma chapter at Asheville Normal and Teachers College. Dr. Quisenberry, of Wake Forest, acted as installation officer and the initiation ceremony was conducted by the presidents of three different chapters, Tennessee Alpha, North Carolina Alpha and North Carolina Beta.

THE FORENSIC OF THE TULSA CIVITAN CLUB

Pi Kappa Delta greatly appreciates the thoughtful and generous cooperation and assistance of the Civitan Club of Tulsa in providing approximately two hundred dollars' worth of beautiful trophies for our winners. We appreciate also having had as our banquet guest Mr. Leonard Power, president of the club, whose presentation of the trophies added dignity and pleasure to our program.



LEONARD POWER

Our membership will be interested in knowing that Civitan International promotes citizenship oratorical contests in all cities where it has local clubs. These contests are conducted in junior and senior high schools. Local and national awards are made. The Tulsa Club makes the national awards, and each local club assumes responsibility for local cups and medals. The Tulsa club initiated the national oratorical citizenship contests.

In his brief talk at the convention banquet and in correspondence since, Mr. Power said: "We wish to congratulate your organization upon the very high quality of young people who are participating in these contests. We also feel that the national society has a very high type of leadership. It was a distinct privilege and honor to have a small part in the entertainment of your contestants."



KALAMAZOO HONORED BY FRESHMAN

Henry Weyland, a freshman of Kalamazoo College, after winning in 33 oratorical contests in the United States, has been voted "World Orator" as winner of first place in the International Oratorical Association. The award for this honor is \$2,500 allowance for a trip to Europe.

This unusual honor deserves more space than our late receipt of same makes possible. Congratulations Weyland and Kalamazoo.

TELLING THE HOME FOLKS...

By JEFF R. LAIRD

Interview with
GENEVA GEORGE

This interesting comment by Miss Geneva George of East Central Teachers (Okla.) is typical of many which appeared in local campus papers. Miss George had no idea that her story was to appear in the Forensic. We hereby acknowledge our debt of gratitude.—*The Editor.*

All of the publicity Lois and I have received since the debate tournament has gone to our heads. I can't stand this publicity.

There was so much at the Pi Kappa Delta convention and it was all so wonderful that I hardly know where to start. Of course we had dreamed about the convention for months, but its magnificence was so much more than we had expected that it astounded us.

One thing that distinguished this meeting from the majority of debate tournaments, was the spirit of fine fellowship that prevailed. We met kids from all over the United States, but they were all very much the same. All had the same friendly spirit. All were brothers and sisters in the same organization and the spirit of cut-throat competition was absent.

We all stayed at the same hotel. This threw us together more than would have otherwise been the case and helped the promotion of a friendly attitude toward contest opponents. Everyone was the best of sports, win or lose.

The greatest thrills of the convention came when we would look at the bulletin board and see that we had won the last debate and were still in the tournament.

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Near the end of the tournament all of the Oklahoma people were pulling for us to win through to the championship, because we were the only Oklahoma team left. After we were eliminated, we received the condolences of the Oklahomans and then went to our room, locked the door, and had a good big cry.

We didn't have our crying spell because of the fact that we were eliminated, but because of the emotional strain. * * * After we had our cry, the emotional tension was all relieved, and everyone was happy.

It was funny after it was all over.

We were somewhat consoled by the fact that we were the only team there to defeat the national champions, even if they did beat us later.

At the banquet the delegates from Iowa were the peppiest group. Everyone knew they were there.

It was amusing to note the contrast in speech between the girls from Tennessee, whom we debated one round, and the girls from Nebraska, whom we met next.

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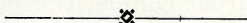
When our pictures appeared in the papers we bought so many that the boy gave us a special rate.

We were surprised when we got home to find that we were so appreciated. We didn't think that we had been missed, but it seems that we were pretty well kept track of. After being so enthusiastically received, I thought that I should have some fan mail. I am still waiting for it.

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Taking it all together, the convention was the most magnificent thing I ever attended. We all had a wonderful time.

The only thing that makes me feel bad about it is that someone said we would have a hard time getting married, because our debating experience would scare the men away. I hope whoever said that is wrong.



ADDITIONAL HONORS TO DITZEN

Lowell Ditzen, representing William Jewell College in the fifty-eighth annual contest of the Inter-state Oratorical Association, held at Northwestern University on April 29, won first place in competition with five other finalists. The results of the contest are as follows:

Speaker	School	Subject	Rank
Lowell Ditzen*	William Jewell Mo.	Sweetmeats on Gilded Trays	First
Lawrence E. Nye*	Nebraska Wesleyan	Title 28, No. 426	Second
G. Ernest Harrison	Wooster College	Educated Spectators	Third
Harold Le Vander*	Gustavus Adolphus	Date Kernels	Fourth
Paul Duncan	Butler (Ind.)	The Planners	Fifth
David Goldman*	College of City of Detroit (Mich.)	Sinister Shadows	Sixth

*Representatives from Pi Kappa Delta Schools. It will be noted that four of the six finalists were from P. K. D. schools and that first and second places were won by P. K. D. contestants. Page 48 of our Convention Number (May, 1930) reminds us that P. K. D. representatives took first and second that year also. See elsewhere in this issue the standings of "our boys" in our Tulsa Tournament.

AS OTHERS SEE US

(Editor's Note.—We asked our visiting speech authorities for brief frank statements of their personal impressions of our National Convention. Their cooperation makes possible the following comment, in which, we believe, P. K. D. generally will be interested.)

The Tulsa tournament has vindicated the faith that many of us have had in the value of wisely directed intercollegiate competition. A few years ago educators here and there, including teachers of speech, were attacking the aim and method of inter-collegiate debating. The success of Pi Kappa Delta has done much to refute the position of these critics. The high quality of the debates, orations, and extempore speeches and the general enthusiasm for good public speaking, so evident at Tulsa, amply justify the continuation of these biennial conventions.

What suggestions have we for the improvement of the program at the Lexington or St. Paul convention? Some method should be set up for giving each participant individual criticism of his performance in each event. A rating scale, or at least a general criticism card, should be used for every contest. Such blank could, of course, be filled out properly only by competent judges. It could be filed with the national organization so that a body of principles for oratorical criticism would be established.

The founders and various officers of Pi Kappa Delta are to be congratulated upon their contribution in the last decade to the cause of effective public speaking in American colleges and universities.

PROF. A. CRAIG BAIRD.

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It was a pleasure to attend the Pi Kappa Delta convention at Tulsa. I enjoyed it all; am glad I went, glad your officers invited me.

The quality, enthusiasm, and numbers of your faculty and student delegates impressed me most favorably, not to mention the quality of the speaking done by the various contestants.

I was a bit confused as a green visitor by the multiplicity of events, but eventually found my bearings and came out of my daze. Certainly your officers handled the details with skill and certainty.

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FORENSIC CHAMPIONS AND CAMPUS SUPPORT

The campus papers of many of our P.K.D. colleges have given prominent space to our national convention and to the part local representatives played in that tournament. Some have carried large type front-page headlines with pictures of contestants and given large space to forensic stories. Of these stories, some tell of the wonders of Tulsa; of the trip enroute; of the evening gatherings; of the success—or failure—of “favorite” forensic opponents; of the success in former years as compared with the relatively poor showing at this tournament; of pranks played on other members of the home team enroute or while at Tulsa; of the disappointment in defeat; of the thrill in victory.

The “Normal College News” (Ypsilanti, Mich.) in a recent issue carries six pictures of its prominent forensic men, and gives approximately half of the front page to forensics. This same issue carries a long editorial. The “Augustana Mirror” gives front-page space and editorial comment. The “Hastings Collegian” did justice to the record of Helen Staley and Mary Beaghler in telling of these national championship winners. Among local honors recorded is that of a public reception given in their honor. The “U. of R. Campus” of Redlands, features “Nicky’s” national champions on its front page; carries complimentary stories of Professors Nichols and Baccus on the second; mentions the successful representatives in some of the advertising on the third; and carries feature stories on the fourth, besides an editorial of commendation. In addition to this, the “Alumnus” of Redlands features her successful Tulsa contestants. The “William Jewell Student,” besides devoting major emphasis to forensics carries an editorial. A part of that editorial follows:

“With a second place in the national debate tournament and first in the regional oratorical contest, the entire student body is joyous, if not outright boisterous. The success of Ditzen in oratory and the achievements of Kincaid and Berquist in debate have been celebrated and most justly. It is a glorious thing to be a member of the same student body with these three men. Consider this, however, that with all the rejoicing of the student body and all the honors heaped upon the three,

not once have they given the slightest indication of that pernicious disease which causes the cranial bones to expand and the scalp to swell. . . . How pleasingly different they are from the slick-haired gigiloes whose chief successes lie in the field of "party rating" and because of their reputation as "good guys" have become elected to some office. Upon acquiring office that well known old disease shows up. We can be thankful, however, that this breed is eclipsed by the few students who achieve things in the manner of Ditzzen, Kincaid and Berquist. We are proud of these three and of their coach, Prewitt Ewing, and of our college which is the sponsor of such worthwhile endeavors."

All of the schools here referred to, apparently give excellent support to their forensic programs. (Parenthetically may we explain that this conclusion is not based upon the college papers of one week, but upon those of the past four years, during our editorship.) Other colleges could be chosen to illustrate the same thought. All of these schools have excellent forensic records, not only for the past year, but over a period of years.

We believe a high correlation could be shown to exist between local campus interest plus publicity, and successful winning teams. After all one likes to have his work appreciated.

By the way, why would not that subject provide a thesis problem for some advanced student in speech? We believe it would be quite as interesting and valuable as some studies that have been made.

AS OTHERS SEE US

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I must deprecate the, to me, tremendous emphasis put upon winning, and the subsequent sense of failure which I frequently saw, felt, and heard expressed. Too, I have no enthusiasm for your system which forces students to debate both sides of a question, and with seeming equal conviction. To me that smacks of a training for charlatanism, sophistries, agile shysterdom. Perhaps I am wrong here, but I must put myself on record. I shall hope to see the day when a dozen or more strong student debaters rise up and demand that this be changed. Backed by a few faculty convictions on the subject—there must be some—such a group could bring about changes, even though now no one sees how they could be made.

But this is too long, I'm glad you invited me.

RALPH DENNIS.

DR. WESTFALL, EDITOR OF THE FORENSIC?

Prof. H. Dana Hopkins, as the newly elected national president of Pi Kappa Delta, has added further evidence of his good judgment (and of P. K. D. in electing him) by suggesting as the next appointee to the position of editor of the Forensic, Dr. Alfred Westfall of Colorado Agricultural College.

However, Dr. Westfall is reluctant to consider the honor. Although keenly interested in the work, he does not wish to advance himself if there are (as he puts it) "younger men" who would like the position. He wishes to be convinced that his selection is not barring some one else from that service. Those who know Alfred Westfall personally will admit that "that sounds like him." Certainly there are others in Pi Kappa Delta, —some younger and some older than Dr. Westfall,—who, we believe, could creditably edit the Forensic; but if his appointment is made and endorsed by the National Council, as it will be, no one will have cause to regret it.

Dr. Westfall has been interested in the promotion of Pi Kappa Delta since its early activity. He was for four years (1924-1928, two terms) the national president. During this period he was also editor of the Forensic. In 1926 the National Convention was held at Estes Park, Colorado. Alfred Westfall, as national president, contributed greatly to the success of that convention.

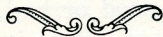
When the present editor took up his duties four years ago, he did so with some reluctance. Alfred Westfall greatly aided our inexperience at that time by helpful assistance growing out of his former editorial experience. We cannot help him as he has helped us should he accept the appointment. In his case no help is needed. We can repay only through our expression, again, of our appreciation for his practical guidance and encouragement, and by our wishes that he may enjoy, as have we, the pleasures and privileges of larger contacts and pleasant fellowships with a group, than which there is no better.

Alfred, the "Brotherhood" will welcome you again as OUR EDITOR.

**IOWA DELTA AWARDS KEYS**

The regulation P. K. D. keys are to be awarded at Morning-side to debaters who earn them, instead of the debate medal as formerly given. Eleven eligibles will receive keys.

GOOD DICTION AND HOW TO ACQUIRE IT



BY

MARGARET
PRENDERGAST
McLEAN

- Margaret Prendergast McLean is a member of the faculty of:
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 2. Maria Ouspenskaya School of Dramatic Arts, New York.
 3. Manhattan Theater Colony, New York Summer School of the Theater of Arts.
- Miss McLean is a dramatic reader of classic and modern literature, including plays, fiction and poetry. She is author of "Good American Speech," which is used in all the training schools for teachers which are under the direction of the New York Board of Education.

This subject is necessarily divided into two parts:

Part One—What *is* good diction?

Part Two—How may good diction be acquired?

Part One. What Is Good Diction?

The word "diction" may refer to the "*choice* of words for the expression of ideas," or, it may refer to "the *manner* or *mode* of expression." I shall confine my attention entirely to the "manner or mode of expression."

GOOD English diction includes:

1. Good *pronunciation* of words.
2. Proper *articulation* of words and phrases.
3. Proper *grouping* of *unimportant* words or syllables about the important or stressed ones, and, the proper use of *pauses*. This is often called *phrasing*.
4. The *blending* of the first three factors into smooth and pleasing speech, avoiding all appearance of effort and all exposure of the method by which the result was brought about, although the method may have been worked out by the speaker, consciously and definitely.

Factor No. 1: Good Pronunciation of Words. What is good pronunciation of English today? Teachers of pronunciation must teach some form or forms of pronunciation which they can call "acceptable" or, "good." What should these forms be?

Should all teachers teach the same forms, or should they teach different forms?

Twenty years ago the answers to these questions might have been somewhat different from what they are today. The different sections of our country are much less isolated now than they used to be. Our people are becoming more and more like one big family with common interests and common needs. Sectionalisms and provincialisms of all kinds—good or bad, attractive or unattractive—are rapidly disappearing. It is inevitable that provincialism in pronunciation should be subject to the same laws that affect other provincialisms causing them to give way to more universal and more cosmopolitan forms.

As provincialisms in pronunciation tend to disappear within a country giving way to greater uniformity within that country, so nationalisms in pronunciation tend to disappear in different countries where the language is spoken, giving way to more universal usage throughout the world, thereby causing greater international uniformity in the pronunciation of that language.

In order to obtain particular, timely and widely representative information on the subject of good usage in the pronunciation of English today, I sent out a questionnaire to at least one important person in every state and to several persons in most of the states. I received seventy-five very helpful replies for which I am deeply grateful. These replies represent: 24 states; 21 leading universities; 18 colleges; 5 national, state, or city departments of education; 3 high schools; 4 public schools; 3 editors of our best magazines; 1 dictionary editor; 5 actresses; 2 actors; 4 theatrical producers; 1 motion picture director; National Broadcasting Company; Columbia Broadcasting Company; 1 manager of one of America's leading department stores; the "First Lady" of one state.

Eliminating two of the replies there is in all of the others, an amazing uniformity of opinion concerning what constitutes good usage in pronunciation today.

From the answers to the questionnaire and from all other information that I have been able to get, I have evolved the following statement which represents—as faithfully as I am capable of making it represent—an average viewpoint of all the people and books that I have consulted concerning good usage in pronunciation today.

Good usage in English pronunciation today is based upon those forms which are very widely used by cultured speakers; it is free from extreme regional peculiarities and