

to attend the session and speak on behalf of Pi Kappa Delta, but was unable to do so. The following telegram was sent to President H. L. Ewbank: "Regret that I cannot be present in person to extend to Delta Sigma Rho the greetings of Pi Kappa Delta. Our wish for you is a meeting profitable to your society and the cause of forensics." After considerable urging, Professor Ewbank agreed to accept again the office which he has held for the past few years.

Within a few months the chapters of Pi Kappa Delta will be meeting in their province groups. I believe in the biennial national convention, but we ought not to forget that the province meetings bring together in total many more Pi Kappa Delta people than are ever brought to a national meeting. For many it is their only group contact with the society. In the high quality of the participation, the good time enjoyed, and the spirit evidenced, make it one that they will remember and one which will reflect what the organization should stand for in the field of forensics.

At Houston the province governors recommended and the Committee on Inter-chapter Relations approved that serious study be given to the matter of substituting regional instead of province groupings for all-convention year activities of Pi Kappa Delta. The problem is really yours, Provinces! I have never felt that we ought to go messing around changing things just for the sake of changing them and to satisfy ourselves that are doing things or improving our state. Nor do I feel that the National Convention or the National Council should be responsible for realigning the provinces. There is in some cases, however, a real need and a real desire to effect a new alignment. There are a number of reasons why some of our province groupings are no longer the best we could have. Some of our chapters are going to new meetings this year; some provinces made an attempt to combine with others. The whole question is in the air; it is at least worth your discussion at the province meeting.

SOME PROVINCES NEVER GET REPRESENTATION ON THE NATIONAL COUNCIL

ROY D. MAHAFFEY
Linfield College, Oregon Alpha

I feel that there should be a rotating representation on the National Council. By this I mean, a provision whereby at least every section of the country in which there are chapters would be represented at least once every six years by some member of the Council. Under our present set-up there are some Provinces and sections of the country which have never been heard on the governing board. This may account, in part, for the fact that we have a preponderance of chapters in the Middle West and few chapters and slight interest in the rest of the country. Where are our weakest chapters? Where have the most charters been revoked? In regions which are dominated by national officers or in the hinterlands? Perhaps those of us in the far countries do not contribute much; but I am sure that I speak for a great many when I say that our membership in the organization costs us more than it does most chapters.

We have two problems to face; one the great expense of travel for Province and National tournaments (when we have a Province meet, we average 450 miles per chapter); the other problem is that presented by the attitude of many student councils and college administrators who say, "Why not keep in your own territory? You have no business spending so much money to keep in a middle western organization." Still a third difficulty is that of getting away from school long enough with our best representatives without slighting our regular competition. I, personally, have to teach a few classes and I am not sure that I am willing to keep my surest winners from local competition if they have to choose between that and national. After all I work and live here.

I believe we need a more integrated publicity program. If our national organization, its scope and activities, could be more widely known we would secure even more prestige than we now have. We need some system to broadcast our National debate question so that non-member schools using it would realize what type of organization we have. I do not refer to radio broadcast necessarily, but perhaps to newspaper or circular information. I think, too, that our own member chapters should know more about each other. Couldn't a survey be made and published in the spring number of the FORENSIC? This survey could give information which would list the extent of our chapter competition, membership in state organizations, tournament attendance, miles traveled, size of a squad, and perhaps budget. (If no one else wants to make this survey, I am willing to attempt it. If I get official sanction, I'll foot the bill).

PROVINCIAL TOURNAMENTS

Here listed is all the information the FORENSIC has been able to get concerning the provincial tournaments.

Province of the Lakes. The Provincial convention will be held at Kalamazoo College, April 2 and 3, 1937. There will be tournaments in men's and women's debate, oratory, and extemporaneous speaking.

Province of the Platte. The Provincial convention will be held at Colorado State College of Education, March 25-27. There will be tournaments in men's and women's debate, oratory, and extemporaneous speaking. Montana Beta, of the Province of the Northwest, will meet with the Province of the Platte. The other chapters of the Province of the Northwest will meet with the Province of the Pacific.

The first week in March the South Atlantic tournament will be held at Winthrop, South Carolina Delta. There will be separate tournaments for men and women. Dr. Albert Keiser, Lenoir Rhyne, and Miss Madaline Padgett, Winthrop, will be in charge.

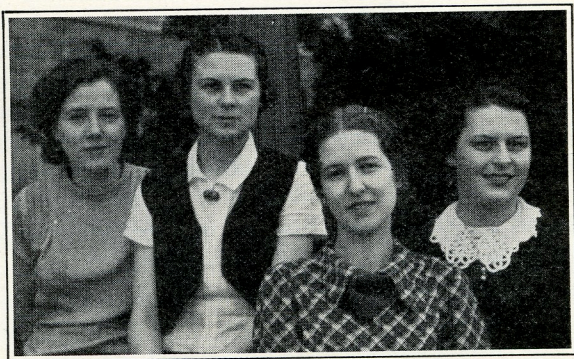
SOME LINFIELD STARS

Miss Mulkey represented Linfield at Lexington and Houston. She won the women's extempore title at the Western Association tournament in 1934, and with Miss Greenwell won the debate tournament in 1935.

She won first in oratory at Redlands in 1935. She is now teaching at Yoncalla, Oregon.

Miss Railsback has won tournament firsts in extempore and oratory, and the state oratorical in 1936.

Miss Esther Greenwell was the only double winner this year at the Western tournament, winning first in oratory and for the second time being a member of the winning debate team.



Misses Elizabeth Grover, Frances Railsback, Esther Greenwell and Mary Frances Mulkey.

EDITOR'S PERSONAL PAGE

Where inconsistencies cease from troubling and logic is at rest

About to be lynched on a false charge of "radical agitation" during the war, a traveling negro speaker named Laurence C. Jones was given a chance to say a few last words before the noose was drawn. The orator used the opportunity to explain the work he was doing at his Piney Woods School for Negro Children at Braxton, Mississippi. The more level-headed white men listened, ordered the rope removed. Then they took up a collection and gave it to Jones for his school.—*Reader's Digest*.



"Where speech is free man is free."



"Tyrannies govern by declamation, democracies by debate."—*Walter Lippmann*.



For the man with the busiest pen we nominate our national founder, Egbert Ray Nichols. During 1936 he has published three books and a series of magazine articles. They include Volume XVII of *Intercollegiate Debates; Modern Debating; Minimum Wages and Maximum Hours*, the last two in collaboration with Joseph H. Bacus; and "A Historical Sketch of Inter-Collegiate Debating," Parts I and II, *Quarterly Journal of Speech*, Vol. XXII, April, pp. 213-20; and December, pp. 591-602.



A worm is on the floor of a room, 12x16 with a ceiling ten feet high. He wishes to reach the ceiling in the opposite corner. What is his shortest route if he sticks to the floor, walls, or ceiling? For answer, see page 72.

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There are still a number of agencies offering to supply debate speeches and ready made rebuttals for substantial sums. A few years ago some of them brazenly flaunted the name of Pi Kappa Delta in their advertising. Our national Counsel J. D. Coon took up the matter with some of them and they agreed to keep our name out of their advertisements. Pamphlets have recently come to the editor's desk from two new agencies. One of them tactfully avoids using our name by offering to supply speeches on "the official debate" question at so much per set.

There is nothing we can do about it. The use of prepared speeches is against self-respect and all debate ethics. The practice defeats the purpose for which forensics exist. It would be just as ethical for a man to ride a horse in an intercollegiate foot race.

"Canned" debate material may be used by some poor debaters, but no capable and ambitious debater ever tried to use it. All samples which the present writer has ever seen were such poor forensic efforts that even a second rate debater would resent having any one think he prepared them.

There are a number of legitimate agencies which supply well prepared handbooks compiled and edited by people of high standing in the forensics world. The volume by Nichols and Baccus on the present Pi Kappa Delta question is reviewed in this issue. The "bootleg" material offered by unscrupulous people usually costs more and is of little if any value. The life of many worthy enterprises is endangered by unlicensed practitioners who pander to base motives. By refusing to patronize them, we make it unprofitable for agencies to offer such trash for sale.

WINFIELD CLAIMS PRECEDENCE AND PREEMINENCE

The annual Southwestern College invitation debate tournament was held in Winfield, Kansas, at the home of Kansas Delta, December 4-5. According to Dr. J. Thompson Baker, the originator and sponsor of the tournament, it was the largest debate tournament ever held. One hundred eighty-five teams representing 57 colleges in ten states participated in more than 500 debates in the two days of the tournament. How fast the program moved is indicated by the fact that it took five days to run off an equal number of debates at the last national convention at Houston. More than 75 participated in extemporaneous oratory during the same period. More than 500 debaters and 75 orators attended. Including coaches, the attendance was over 600. As the first debate tournament ever held was held in Winfield in 1923, it is fitting that Southwestern should continue to hold the leadership in this field.

Every debate was handled by the Associated Press. Western Union sent out five thousand words in copy concerning the tournament.

The results of the contests follow:

Extemporaneous oratory, Men's division: First, "Hangers On," Don Wright, Oklahoma University. Second, "Sport Gone Mad," Frank Rosson, Baylor University.

Women's division: First, "False and True Foundations," Fern Reed, Edmond Teachers, Oklahoma. Second, "Top of Bottom," Evelyn Dieball, Edmond Teachers.

Debate, Men's division: First, Texas Technological Institute. Second, Edmond Teachers.

Women's division: First, University of Oklahoma. Second, State College, Fort Hays, Kansas.


Junior College division: First, Hutchinson, Kansas. Second, Kansas State Teachers of Pittsburg.

James W. Logan of the University of Redlands won the men's Southern California extempore contest held the day before election. The general subject of the contest was "The Issues of the Campaign." Hope Anker, also of the Redlands squad, won the women's conference extempore, and later took second in oratory at the Western Association Speech tournament.

The University of Southern California recently held a tournament for the Los Angeles city high schools.

The Rocky Mountain Speech Conference will be held at the University of Denver, February 18-20.

News Notes



The University of Redlands last year awarded its first gold letters adorned with a diamond set to Weston McIntosh and Egbert Ray Nichols, Jr. Freshmen at Redlands receive bronze "R" awards, sophomores have their choice of silver "R" awards or Pi Kappa Delta keys, and juniors get the award not taken in the sophomore year, and seniors receive gold "R" awards for their four years of service. Only those who achieve notable victories in their careers in forensics receive diamond sets in the final letter.

In the recent state debate tournament held at Monticello A. and M. College under the auspices of the Arkansas Forensic League, Ouachita College, Arkansas Beta, had its three women's teams tie for first in the senior state championship. Ouachita also won first place in men's and women's oratory, and men's extempore. Second places were won in men's and women's junior debate. Arkansas Beta thus ended up with five of the nine cups and two of the four personal awards.

The Western Association of Teachers of Speech sponsored a forensic tournament at its meeting in Pasadena November 23-25. Linfield, Oregon Alpha, carried off the major honors with first in women's debate, Classes A and C, and women's oratory, Willamette won the men's tournament, Denver the men's oratory, Redlands the men's extempore, and Long Beach the women's extempore. Student judging was used in part. Prof. J. H. Baccus, University of Redlands, acted as general director.

There were 93 affirmative and 86 negative decisions in the tournament at the Western Association of Teachers of Speech where the Pi Kappa Delta question was used. This gives a good idea of the way the question is balanced as to sides.

St. Thomas, Minnesota Epsilon, has planned an eastern debate trip from January 26 to February 17 with contests scheduled against Harvard, Yale, Pennsylvania, Michigan, Chicago, Northwestern, Notre Dame, and a number of others.—*The Aquin*.

Trinity, Texas Beta, has announced an invitation forensic tournament for February 19-20. The events will include debate, oratory, and extemporaneous speaking for both men and women.

Wendell Gudka and Kenneth Newcomer won the annual freshman debate tournament at Kirksville Teachers. The tournament is sponsored by the Missouri Theta chapter. The regents donate a prize of twenty-five dollars to each man on the winning team.—*The North-east Missourian*.

Pittsburg Teachers, Kansas Theta, has issued invitations to a junior college debate tournament January 8-9. Invitations have been sent to the junior college and the junior college students in four-year colleges in Kansas, Oklahoma, Missouri, Arkansas, and Nebraska.—*The Collegio*.

“In presenting the statement of last year’s expenditures, H. S. Craig, business manager, revealed that Prof. C. S. Templer, professor of speech, had personally advanced over \$99.00 necessary for the Pi Kappa Delta convention trip last semester.”—*The Hamline Oracle*.

Wayne and Michigan State met in a demonstration debate before the high school debate clinic in East Lansing, October 27. They debated government ownership of electric utilities, the high school question.—*Michigan State News*.

Prof. Verton M. Queener, debate coach at Tennessee Alpha, fell at a faculty swimming party in November and struck his head making it necessary to take four stitches just above his left eye.—*The Highland Echo*.

Drake, Iowa Mu, has scheduled radio debates with Iowa University and Iowa State on the questions of minimum wages and maximum hours, and government ownership of electric utilities.—*Drake Times-Delphic*.

Southeastern Teachers, Oklahoma Theta, sent a men’s and women’s team on a debate trip which included the Winfield tournament and the legislative session in the Kansas State capitol.—*The Southeastern*.

Missouri Beta, Park, sponsored a speech festival October 23-26. Thirty-five students participated in the program of humorous and dramatic readings, oratory, and poetry reading.—*The Park Stylus*.

Kent Sanderson, Culver-Stockton, and Robert Swanson, Park, Missouri Zeta and Beta, placed first and second in the state Peace Oratorical contest November 21.—*The Park Stylus*.

Prof. R. D. Mahaffey, Oregon Alpha, Linfield College, knows how to secure student interest in forensics. As soon as the official question was announced, he organized a local tournament with eighteen teams responding. Twenty orators and thirty-seven extempore speakers competed in the tournaments in these fields. One unique feature of Prof. Mahaffey's system is that the students do the judging. Each student, by instruction, gives himself first in each contest and then rates the others. There is also an after dinner speaking contest, a freshman declamation, and an impromptu speaking contest. Last year Linfield won at least one first in every tournament in which it participated, except the national, and it didn't do so badly there.

Prof. Alvin E. O'Konsky, the new debate coach at the University of Detroit, Michigan Eta, has sponsored an extensive intramural program to interest students in the forensic program. The college paper has printed a number of featured news stories and editorials. Tournaments between classes and between the schools of law, engineering, commerce, and science have been used to enlist new students. Over sixty students participated. The Pi Kappa Delta chapter awarded prizes to the winners of first and second places.

Karl Mundt, debate coach at Eastern Teachers, South Dakota Theta, ran 38,000 votes ahead of his party's presidential vote as Republican candidate for Congressman. While some of the papers carried his picture as the winner the day after the election, later returns gave the election to his Democratic opponent by 2,000 votes.—*The Rostrum*.

The fourth annual debate institute at Bloomfield, Iowa, November 21, featured a debate between Missouri University and Northeastern Teachers, Missouri Theta, on whether a college education is a waste of time.—*The Northeastern Missourian*.

A political debate, on the merits of Roosevelt and Landon, was offered October 26 by the Nebraska Delta chapter at Hastings to acquaint the voters with the election issues.—*The Hastings Collegian*.

Prof. George McCarty, South Dakota State, and former president of Pi Kappa Delta, spoke at the assembly at Southeastern Teachers, Oklahoma Theta, November 11.—*The Southeastern*.

Louisiana College sponsored a state high school debate rally December 11.—*The Wildcat*.

A joint discussion, sponsored by Augustana, brought twenty-five debaters together December 12, for an all day conference on the campus of Illinois Xi. Debaters from North Central and Monmouth, Illinois Iota and Zeta, met with the Augustana group to exchange ideas on the basic arguments on the Mid-West question, that the extension of consumers' co-operatives would contribute to public welfare. There were no formal debates, but the meeting was so successful that another is planned at Monmouth in February.—*Augustana Observer*.

Woodrow Magnuson, Augustana, Illinois Xi, whose oration "Enough of This," won third place in the Pi Kappa Delta national contest and second in the interstate, has been much in demand this fall as a speaker. He has presented his oration before a number of service clubs and other groups. The oration has also been printed in the *Yearbook of College Oratory* edited by Prof. Evan Anderson of Gustavus Adolphus, Minnesota Gamma.—*Augustana Observer*.

College of the Pacific, California Delta, has announced two tournaments. Junior colleges are invited to participate February 11-13, and senior colleges April 1-3. The Pi Kappa Delta question will be used. There will be extempore contests on the general subject of "Inroads Upon Democratic Government." The program also provides for an oratorical contest. There will be separate competition for both men and women.

Central State Teachers, Oklahoma Iota, won team honors at the Winfield tournament, with first and second in women's extemp-oratory and a third speaker in the finals, second in men's debate, two speakers in the finals of the men's extemp-oratory, with one winning third.—*The Vista*.

Hardin-Simmons, Texas Theta, participated in the Southwestern tournament at Winfield, Kansas Delta, and the invitation tournament at Oklahoma Women's College, Oklahoma Zeta.—*The Brand*.

Professors Baccus and Nichols will have a handbook out from the press of H. W. Wilson during December. It deals with the Pi Kappa Delta subject, "Minimum Wages and Maximum Hours."

For the first time in its history a woman, Miss Margaret Mensch, won first in the campus debate tournament at South Dakota State.—*The Industrial Collegian*.

Mr. Vernon A. Utzinger, Professor of Speech and Director of Forensics at Carroll College, Waukesha, Wisconsin, received a signal honor at the Wisconsin National Forensic League meeting in Milwaukee November 5. He was presented with a certificate of membership in the National Forensic League as a state honorary member and with a special key as symbolic of that honor. Mr. Utzinger is the first individual to be so honored in Wisconsin and the fifth in the nation. The award comes to him as a result of his outstanding work in the interests of better speech advancement and his work with district speech tournaments among high schools of the state. Mr. Utzinger is well-known in the state and middle west for his radio talks over WTMJ Milwaukee on Better Speech. He has been giving these talks for the past five years. At the annual meeting of the Wisconsin Association of Teachers of Speech November 6, Mr. Utzinger was elected chairman of that association for the coming year.

St. Thomas, Minnesota Epsilon, met Cambridge November 10 on the proposition, Resolved: That the Democratic and Republican parties are too much like Tweedledum and Tweedledee for them to fulfill the true functions of a party system.—*The Aquin*.

The Texas Christian University debate team under the leadership of Professor C. A. True is planning to make a trip to the Pacific Coast this spring and will take part in the tournament of the Pacific Province to be held at Stockton, California, with the College of the Pacific. It will debate the University of Redlands and others en route to the meet.

Prof. Martin Holcomb, Augustana, Illinois Xi and Prof. C. Nyström, Wheaton, Illinois Xi and Mu, appeared on the program of the debate clinic for Illinois high school coaches conducted at the University of Illinois November 6-7.—*Augustana Observer*.

Wayne and Albion won the men's and women's extempore contest of the Michigan Intercollegiate Speech League at Battle Creek College, November 24. Michigan State and Michigan State Normal won second places.

St. Thomas debaters appeared before the St. Paul Midway Club to discuss whether the Democratic and Republican organizations fulfill the true functions of a party system.—*The Aquin*.

Peter Denger and Carl Olson represented Augustana, Illinois Xi, in a debate against Cambridge, November 21.—*Augustana Observer*.



Miss Mary Joan Purcell, woman's vice-president, Michigan Epsilon, Michigan State Normal. Miss Purcell won the 1935 extemporaneous speaking contest in the Province of the Lakes and second in the State contest in 1936. She was a freshman orator, has debated three years, and holds the degree of special distinction in debate and oratory.

Miss Bernice Severson, who won third place in extempore at Houston, was this fall elected "Miss Augustana," as the most representative undergraduette in the student body. Miss Severson, attended by eight senior girls, was crowned 1936 Viking Day queen in a colorful service climaxing the two day festivities on the campus of South Dakota Eta.—*The Augustana Mirror*.

Prof. William Gould has been added to the staff at Central College, Iowa Beta, as head of the Department of Speech Arts. He has charge of dramatics, oratory, and extemporaneous speaking. Miss Van Emmerik, of the English Department, will continue as director of debate.

Baylor, Texas Iota, won the debate tournament sponsored by Oklahoma Women's College December 11-12. East Central Teachers, Oklahoma Eta, tied with the University of Oklahoma for second.—*The East Central Journal*.

The several forensic organizations on the campus of Wheaton College, Illinois Mu, formed a new organization under the name of the Forensic Union. It will have charge of all forensic activities.—*The Wheaton Record*.

Weston McIntosh, winner of the National Extempore Contest at Houston, is getting into the forensic events at the University of Iowa this year, doing radio speaking and debating on electric utilities.

Last year Missouri Theta Chapter participated in two radio debates in which the Kirksville debaters recorded their speeches and sent them to the radio station where they were reproduced. The experience proved so successful that the experiment is being continued. On December 24 Lois Shaner and Charles Cornwell debated by transcription with Iowa State College on the value of the Frazier-Lemke Bill. The same debaters will discuss the same question on January 28, 1937, in another transcribed debate with Kansas State Teachers and will discuss the tariff reciprocity treaties with Kansas State on March 11.

The Western Association of Teachers of Speech held its annual convention at the Hotel Huntington, Pasadena, California, Nov. 26-28. The proceedings of the Association will be issued later in the college year in mimeograph book form, an annual custom with the Association. The next convention of the Association will be held at Denver, Colorado, during the Thanksgiving recess next fall. Dr. Elwood Murray of the University of Denver was chosen president of the Association for the coming year.

Bernard Hyink, '35 University of Redlands, a member of the Redlands squad at Lexington, is the new publicity director at the University of Redlands, taking the place of L. E. Mitchell. Hyink also teaches two classes in political science. He received his A.M. degree at the University of California, Berkeley, last summer. Hyink is seizing upon Redlands' tie for first place in chapter standing with Hastings for major publicity.

Conway Snyder of Redlands won the men's extempore contest, with the highest average in four rounds, at the Western Association Speech Tournament held at Pasadena, California, November 23-25. Snyder is a sophomore at Redlands. In winning, Snyder defeated his colleague, James Logan, who entered the finals with him tied for first.

Linfield College will hold its annual debate tournament February 18, 19, 20. The Pi Kappa Delta subject will be used, and there will also be contests in oratory and extempore speaking. The Linfield tournament draws from all over the West and is coming to be a large tournament.

The California Alpha chapter opened its year as usual with a steak broil at which Pi Kappa Delta entertained the members of the debate classes.

STRAWBERRY LEAF TOURNAMENT

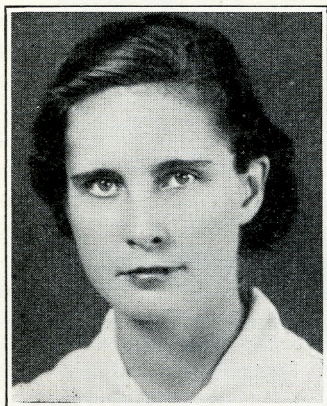
The Strawberry Leaf Tournament was held at Winthrop College, South Carolina Delta, December 3-5. Miss Virginia Walker of the local chapter acted as president of the tournament.

Approximately two hundred students competed. They represented twenty colleges in Virginia, Tennessee, West Virginia, North and South Carolina, Florida, and New Hampshire.

The winners were as follows: Dixie after dinner champion, Miss Peggy Dunn, Virginia Intermont College; Best debaters, Paul Estrem and Donald Calhoun, Erskine College; Extempore contest, J. C. Hawk, Emory and Henry College; Impromptu contest, H. Bergman, North Carolina State; Oratory, Peggy Dunn, Intermont College.

In the special Best Debater contest, each contestant was given a copy of a speech and at the end of fifteen minutes gave a four minute refutation, all contestants refuting the same speech.

The Friday evening feature of the tournament was a wedding symbolizing the union of forensic relations between Winthrop and the other colleges. Stanley Brown from Dartmouth was the groom. Bobbie James of Winthrop was the bride. Each college was represented in the procession by a man with a Winthrop girl. They carried ribbons of their college colors, tied together to symbolize the union.



VIRGINIA WALKER
Winthrop College

The organization of the Red River Valley league, consisting of North Dakota State, Moorhead Teachers, and Concordia, has recently been effected with the purpose of providing forensic opportunities for sixty students.

Prof. W. F. Schmidt, director of forensics at Concordia, Minnesota Zeta, has announced the fourth annual Red River Valley tournament for February 5-6. Through the cooperation of Moorhead State Teachers, a women's division is planned for this year.

Book Reviews



Intercollegiate Debates, The Year Book of College Debating. Edited by Egbert Ray Nichols. New York: Noble & Noble, 1936. pp. xiii—450. \$2.50.

Back in 1919, when college students debated about the annexation of Cuba, the election of senators by popular vote, and the establishment of the postal savings bank—subjects that seem like ancient history to the present student generation—Prof. Egbert Ray Nichols, founder of Pi Kappa Delta, began the publication of a series of annual volumes of intercollegiate debates. Volume XVII came from the press this fall. A series that can run seventeen years has to be good.

The present volume is one of the best in content and form. It contains ten complete debates, featuring the one on the government ownership of electric utilities, the current high school question. Although the editor comments on the fact that few questions were discussed during the past year, he presents a varied assortment including the Pi Kappa Delta question and discussions on Japan's policy in Asia, the sales tax, cotton control, compulsory military training in our colleges, and other timely subjects. The institutions selected include the outstanding forensic teams of the year and represent all sections of the country. A splendid record of what college students debated last year and how they discussed it.

Selected Articles on Minimum Wages and Maximum Hours. The Handbook Series, series IV, Volume 6. Compiled and edited by Egbert Ray Nichols and Joseph H. Baceus. New York: The H. W. Wilson Company, 1936. pp. 461. \$2.40.

The raw material out of which arguments on the Pi Kappa Delta question must be fashioned and the winning debates constructed, A splendid collection of material by two of the best qualified and most experienced debate coaches in the college field. This may well be called the official handbook of the society. It should be the starting point in the preparation of every debater. This volume does much to equalize library advantages and put the institution with the small library on an equal footing with the one with more resources.

The analysis of the question into its implications from both the

political science and economic standpoints is well done. The chronological development traces minimum wage and maximum hour legislation from 1270 to 1936. The source material has been selected in a comprehensive and thorough manner. The bibliography alone is worth the price of the book.

No conscientious debater will stop with this volume and no intelligent one will begin without it.

Unicameral Legislatures. The Reference Shelf, Volume II, Number 1. Compiled by Harrison Boyd Summers. New York: The H. W. Wilson Company, 1936. pp. 245. 90c.

A valuable addition to the *Reference Shelf Series*. The recent adoption of the unicameral system by Nebraska will probably make this a popular debate question before long.

The Winning Debates, Orations, and Speeches of Pi Kappa Delta. Edited by George W. Finley. New York: Noble & Noble, 1936. pp. vii—241. \$2.

This is volume VI of the Pi Kappa Delta series. It gives the complete and official copies of the winning debates and orations from the contests of the 1936 national convention. Suffice it to say that it presents about the best in intercollegiate forensics. It is the essential guide for any institution engaging in tournament competition.

The College Youth Speaks, Year Book of College Oratory. Vol. VIII. Edited by Evan E. Anderson. New York: Noble & Noble, 1936. pp. vi—304. \$2.

There isn't much about Greece or Rome in this volume of college oratory. College youth is talking about its own problems. The illustrations are from campus life and personal experience. These speeches deal with the cocktail hour on the campus, the veterans of future wars—the attempt by college students to fight war with ridicule—and the economic opportunities of today. They are honest attempts by college students to face their own problems and solve them in the light of their own experiences. It is only natural that with this trend in student speaking, the editor should note the increasing interest in collegiate oratory.

The volume contains twenty-eight orations which have won honors. Here are the winning speeches from all of the major intercollegiate contests. Pi Kappa Delta members may note with pride that nine of them are from our own institutions. Eight of these orators competed at Houston. Their orations appear in this volume, however, because they won honors in the Interstate finals, and other state and national contests.

Yale is represented with three orations. There is an ironic touch in this fact since the first oration in the volume is the plea of a Yale man for courses in speech at his own university.

Oral Interpretation of Forms of Literature. Margaret Prendergast McLean. New York: E. P. Dutton and Company, Inc., 1936. pp. xx—380. \$2.50.

One of the oldest and best established approaches to the presentation of original ideas in speech is through the study and presentation of the ideas of others. This book gives a modern and practical exposition of oral interpretation. The phonetic approach is logical and effective. There are chapters on the interpretation of the various forms of poetry. Chapter XV, on orations, speeches, and addresses will appeal especially to the student preparing himself for forensic competition. Every college speaker would profit by a study of this book.

Speech Improvement. Helen Loree Ogg and Ray Keeslar Immel. New York: F. S. Crofts & Co. 1936. pp. xi—190.

Written on the theory that speech for most people is a social tool and remains on the conversational level, this book presents a well planned course of study and systematic program of exercises for the beginning course.

Debate Coaching. Carroll Pollock Lahman. New York: The H. W. Wilson Company. 1936. pp. 428. \$2.40.

This revision of an earlier edition, taking into consideration the developments in debate since 1930, brings Professor Lahman's volume up to date. It is well organized, well written, and amply illustrated. The first edition was the outstanding work in its field, almost without a competitor. The new edition is even more outstanding. It will continue to be the first gospel of debate coaches.

Speech Index. Compiled by Roberta Briggs Sutton. New York: The H. W. Wilson Company, 1935. pp. 272.

A very valuable index to 64 collections of world famous orations and speeches for various occasions. Speeches are indexed by author, subject, and content.

Government Ownership of Electric Utilities. The Reference Shelf, Volume 10, Number 9. Compiled by Julia E. Johnson. New York: The H. W. Wilson Company, 1936. pp. 329. 90c.

A splendid source book on the high school debate question. First aid for debaters. Well selected and well edited. A worthy addition to a well established line of reference books.

The Crisis in the Electric Utilities. The Reference Shelf, Volume 10, number 10. J. V. Garland and Charles F. Phillips. New York: The H. W. Wilson Company, 1936. pp. 216. 90c.

Instead of reprinting the original source material, the authors have organized it into a comprehensive treatment of the whole subject, tracing the development of the problem, giving records of American and foreign experiences with public ownership, efforts at regulation, and the case for and against government control.

Answer to problem on Editor's Personal Page: The hypotenuse of a right triangle 10x28, 29.75 feet. The fact that the worm turns a corner will not change this.