

The 1931 convention was the best held yet, both for strong contests and for the generation of enthusiasm. Look out for us at Tulsa.

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PROVINCE 6—THE SIOUX

GOVERNOR—PROF. P. J. HARKNESS,
Northern Teachers College, Aberdeen, S. D.

The Sioux tournament officially opened with a short informal talk by George (the Editor) on the occasion of the Morning-side student assembly. The delegates here caught the spirit of congeniality which carried throughout the convention. The third floor of Main Hall with its three large Society halls, Y. W. C. A. and dramatic room was given over to the convention. Never before, I daresay, have debate coaches and judges had the opportunity to use easy chairs to such an advantage.

The official register carried eighty-three names which was an increase over previous conventions, and representation in the various events was almost one hundred percent. According to the reports of judges and from unofficial sources, the contests were all first-class. Of especial interest, because of their good quality, were the men's oratory and women's extempore contests.

The debates were judged individually and the extem and oratory collectively by Prof. Ray Ehrensberger of Doane, Prof. Leroy Laase of Hastings, and Prof. Abner Haugen of St. Olaf. Prof. C. C. Carrothers of Drake was imported for the final contests on the last day of the tournament.

Our banquet program was slightly different. Instead of the ordinary program of speeches and toasts, we had the unusual opportunity and pleasure of witnessing the installation of the M. G. Clark Chapter of the National Forensic League (East High School, Sioux City.) Prof. Karl Mundt of Eastern Normal, Vice President of the National Forensic League, Vofficiated at the installation ceremony.

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PROVINCE 7—LOWER MISSISSIPPI

GOVERNOR—PROF. L. W. COURTNEY, Baylor University, Waco, Texas

Twelve chapters and three visiting colleges sent eighty-four delegates to Waco for the biennial convention of the Lower Mississippi province. Spirited contests and good fellowship prevailed.

Social events included a drive through the city parks of Waco, a trip to Waco Lake, and the convention dinner served by

the courtesy of Baylor University. There was no dinner program other than something to eat—four courses of something good. Baylor College for women was awarded the Governor's Cup for general excellence.

In my judgment the convention was a success in every way. There was a fine spirit of cooperation with the management, the students did excellent debating, took the subject seriously, made no complaints when the announcements were published, offered congratulations to the winners, and generally conducted themselves in the highest manner. All expressed the opinion that the meeting was a worthy one. The attendance was about double the attendance two years ago. Several letters have come to me from the schools that visited here expressing appreciation of the courtesies shown and speaking hopefully of the future of Pi Kappa Delta.

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PROVINCE 8—OKLAHOMA

GOVERNOR—PROF. C. W. PATTON, Oklahoma Baptist College, Shawnee

Spurred on by the knowledge that they were the host province to the national convention at Tulsa in 1932 and by the presence of Vice President Hopkins of Heidelberg, chairman of the convention committee, Oklahoma chapters turned out 100 per cent and had the help of three Kansas chapters to make their 1931 gathering a banner one.

Two special items of business were passed, both referring to the 1932 national meet. The Oklahoma province officially issues a cordial invitation to the rest of the country to be her guests in 1932 at Tulsa, and to that end, the group voted that each chapter in the province vote fifty dollars from its forensic budget to aid in the expense of holding the convention. (Supervisor's Note—That is the proper spirit and the sort of thing that promises to make next year a marked one in Pi Kappa Delta annals.)

A very high type of debating was done by both men and women. Oratory and extempore contests were held for men and women. I heard some of the best extempore work I have ever listened to. The convention planned to do more extempore work in the future, that is, have more dual contests during the season.

The convention was one of the smoothest I have ever attended. There was perfect harmony among all parties. To Prof. Hardy and Prof. Rush the honors should be given. We were fortunate to have these men to put on the convention. If

any of the Provinces need help, just call on these two men and you can feel assured of a good program.

The convention had one object in view—the National Convention. Our banquet and business meeting was devoted entirely to that end. We were fortunate to have Prof. H. D. Hopkins, second vice president of the National Council and Chairman of the National Convention, with us. Mr. Hopkins was the chief speaker at the banquet and outlined plans for the National Convention. The Province plans to put over the best National in P. K. D. history. The Tulsa chapter, under the leadership of Prof. England, will be host to the National Convention in 1932.

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PROVINCE 9—THE LAKES

GOVERNOR—PROF. KENNETH G. HANCE, Albion College

The 1931 convention of the Province of the Lakes was the most successful in history, from the standpoint of number of chapters in attendance and also number of delegates present. Twelve of the sixteen chapters of the Province were at Bowling Green. These twelve chapters entered ninety-five delegates, not including thirty Bowling Green people who served as committeemen.

A full set of contests was carried on at the convention. In the men's debate tournament nineteen teams were entered, eleven of the chapters participating. In the women's debate tournament eleven teams were entered, seven of the chapters participating. The oratorical and extempore contests were likewise popular, and the type of work done in these activities was of a high order.

The feature of the convention two years ago was the banquet, and it proved to be so again this time. Every chapter had a hundred per cent representation of its delegation at the banquet, and in addition a number of other people were present, swelling the total to one hundred thirty. In preparing the banquet program, we were mindful of the fact that three national officers were in the province this year; and we consequently urged President Pflaum, First Vice-President Menchhofer, and Second Vice-President Hopkins to take part. These men, together with Dr. C. C. Kohl, of the faculty of Bowling Green State College, enabled us to present a program of varied interests and high standard. The assembly was especially indebted to Dr. Kohl for his stimulating address on "The Social Contributions of Public Speaking."



PI KAPPA DELTA PROVINCE OF THE LAKES CONVENTION

Bowling Green State College, April 16, 17, 1931

There are several familiar faces shown here. Note at the extreme right Prof. Pflaum, National President of Pi Kappa Delta, also Vice Presidents Menchhofer and Hopkins

In looking forward to another convention the province will seek to raise its standard in several ways: First, by working for a hundred percent representation of chapters; second, by urging participation by each chapter in each activity; third, by urging each delegation to provide one or two faculty members to serve as judges, thereby removing the serious problem of finding an adequate number of persons able to act in this capacity.

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PROVINCE 10—UPPER MISSISSIPPI

GOVERNOR—PROF. ABNER HAUGEN, St. Olaf College

The Upper Mississippi Province Convention of Pi Kappa Delta which was held at St. Olaf, April 10, was not a large convention as far as numbers go. Five of the eight schools which belong to this province sent delegates. Three of the schools were not represented. Thirty members came from the five chapters.

The convention consisted of two events—men's and women's extempore speaking contests. No debates were held as each school had previously met the other schools of the province two or three times during the debate season. But it was a good convention. The extempore speaking contests were excellent. The consensus of opinion among coaches and delegates seemed to favor this kind of forensic contests in the future. Prof. Frank M. Rarig, head of the department of speech, University of Minnesota, was the critic judge.

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PROVINCE 11—SOUTH ATLANTIC

GOVERNOR—PROF. JAMES E. WALMSLEY, Farmville Teachers College, Va.

Six chapters and one visiting college, Asheville Normal of Asheville, N. C. sent forty delegates to Farmville for the biennial convention of the South Atlantic Province, perhaps the most scattered PKD area in the organization. Presbyterian College and Newberry College, both of South Carolina, were not present for the meeting.

Two business sessions were held, the chief matters acted upon being the election of officers and the unanimous endorsement of Asheville's application for a charter of Pi Kappa Delta. Dr. James E. Walmsley was reelected governor of the province and Miss Maria Warren of Farmville, secretary.

Two social occasions topped off the convention program. The first evening featured a reception and dance to which all members of the Farmville debate club were invited. All delegates

report an excellent time. New members of Virginia Alpha were initiated during the convention session.

After the awarding of medals by the Governor, Dr. Walmsley, to contestants in oratory, extempore and debate, the whole convention left in cars for "Longwood," the old home of General Joseph E. Johnston, now the property of the Farmville State Teachers College. With a roaring wood fire in the old fashioned fire-place and a wild thunderstorm on the outside, the convention banquet was held. Red and white PKD carnations added to the beauty of the dining room and emphasized the spirit of comradeship and festivity. The Governor, acting as toastmaster, allowed only two formal speeches to interrupt the conversation, alma mater songs, and words of praise for the local president, Martha Faris, who as one delegate has since written, "always said the right thing at the right time in the right spirit." And thus ended what many said was the most successful convention of Province No. 11.

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PROVINCE 12—THE NORTHWEST

GOVERNOR—PROF. R. D. MAHAFFEY, Linfield College, McMinnville, Ore.

The biggest little province convention in the country was held on the Linfield College campus, McMinnville, Ore., March 27 and 28, with the Oregon Alpha chapter as host. All of the chapters in the Province were represented. As the guests arrived on Thursday they were met by Pi Kappa Delta members and given badges and shown to their rooms. The first round of debate started on time and due to the posted time schedule and the fact that chairman and judges were always right on hand four rounds of debates were held the first day without any delay. All judges for the debates and speaking contests were outside men, connected in no way with the colleges judged. It was quite a task to secure outside judges, but I believe that the effort was worth-while, as the coaches were able to spend their time with the participants and to listen to their debates and thus make suggestions. We found the men of the community and neighboring schools very willing to cooperate in this matter.

A point system of marking was used and all schools represented scored, with Linfield College getting 31 points, closely followed by the College of Puget Sound with 30 points. A silver loving cup was awarded the winning school. Gold and silver Pi Kappa Delta medals were awarded to first and second place winners. In addition to the regular contests in debate, oratory and

extempore speaking, there were mixed team debates which proved interesting.

We wish to call your attention to the fact that we had one hundred percent representation and in a province in which the shortest distance traveled by any visiting delegation was 202 miles. The distance traveled averaged 533.4 miles for each visiting delegate. We were just getting in shape for Tulsa next year—WATCH OUT THEN!

The convention as a whole favored the bringing of the national convention of 1934 to the west coast. We have been running back to the dried-out, sun-baked middle west far too long. We would like to have you come out and see the United States, incidentally getting some of that far-famed "western hospitality."

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PROVINCE 13—KENTUCKY

GOVERNOR—VERTON M. QUEENER, Maryville College, Tenn.

In almost every respect our convention was probably the most successful in the history of the province, which is to say that everything went smoothly as planned, with none of the troublesome matters such as securing judges that sometimes characterize provincial conventions. In no small degree this was due to the helpful hospitality of the Kentucky Beta chapter at Centre College, on whose campus the convention was held and whose members cooperated loyally in every way.

The banquet was a most enjoyable affair for all and the main speaker was one that every delegate will long remember as an excellent cure for the blues. At this time also a report was heard from each member of each college delegation present and the banquet then broke up with everyone feeling rather closely drawn together as members of one great organization.

On the last day of the convention all the delegates and the judges were the guests of Centre College at a luncheon, which was also a business meeting. At this time a number of resolutions were passed to be sent to national headquarters and reports were given by the Province Governor and the Secretary-Treasurer.

Five of Kentucky's eight resolutions we believe will be of general interest:

We recommend that Pi Kappa Delta select a national question only in the year of the National Convention, and that in provincial years, each province select its own question.

We recommend that the future expansion policy of Pi Kappa Delta be one of rounding out the weaker provinces rather than one of merely adding chapters.

We recommend that an effort be made to shorten the time of National Conventions. It seems unnecessary that a week should be spent in convention in order that dinners and dances may be held and that poor debate teams may get in at least five debates.

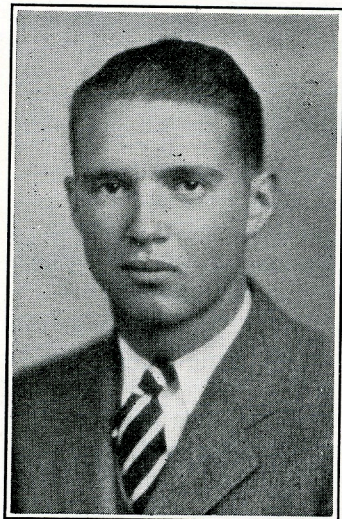
We recommend that the next National Convention, following the one at Tulsa, Oklahoma, be held at the national capital, Washington, D. C.

We recommend that Pi Kappa Delta, through the national organization, and especially through the Forensic, condemn individuals, schools and firms, proposing to get material or furnish speeches to college and high school debaters, at so much per speech. This deplorable practice has already gone too far. Pi Kappa Delta being the outstanding speech organization of the country, should take a stand against such a practice in no unqualified terms.



M. B. Amos, senior of North Carolina State College won first in oratory in the Province of the South Atlantic held at Farmville Teachers College. His oration "October" will be entered representing Province No. 11 in the National Essay-Oratorical contest, results of which will appear in the October Forensic.

In addition to his excellence in oratory Mr. Amos has had a very prominent part in N. C. State's long list of winning debates this season.



MILBOURNE B. AMOS

KANSAS CARRIES ON

"The debates, particularly were outstanding at our province meeting, at least outside disinterested judges so affirmed . . .

"All Pi Kappa Delta schools were present and took part. There was a fine spirit in it all. Dr. Baker of Southwestern College had charge of arrangements and handled everything in an excellent manner."

GEORGE LEACH.

OUT OF THE PROVINCE CONVENTIONS

That a real interest in the future welfare of Pi Kappa Delta exists in our various provinces is evident from the resolutions, suggestions and comments which have come to our desk from the province governors and others in attendance. The action of these groups as set forth by the resolutions and so forth, below, coming as it does out of the immediate experience of these groups should be of real service to province governors and others who shall have charge of arrangements in later gatherings of Pi Kappa Delta. May we suggest that you file this valuable information for future reference?

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THE PROVINCE OF THE LAKES

A resolution adopted at the Bowling Green convention reads:

That the National Council be urged to consider the adoption of a rule to the effect that at least one faculty member accompany each chapter delegation to the Province and National conventions and to remain throughout the entire convention.

The few faculty members present at the convention, which made it necessary to secure judges outside the convention, and the fact that a number of those present left before the convention was over, making the judge problem still more acute, gave rise to this resolution. Resolutions Committee: Prof. D. T. Burns, Baldwin-Wallace College, and Prof. Donald Hayworth, University of Akron.

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OKLAHOMA O. K.'s TULSA FOR NATIONAL

Among others the following motions and resolutions of general interest to all provinces were adopted:

1. That Oklahoma Province cordially invites all chapters of Pi Kappa Delta to be her guests in 1932.
2. That each chapter to the Oklahoma Province adopt as a portion of its budget for the coming year an item of \$50.00 to aid in the expenses of the National Convention to be held in Tulsa in 1932.

3. That a vote of fullest cooperation in planning and conducting the 1932 Convention be extended the Tulsa chapter by the other chapters of the Oklahoma Province.

4. That Governor Patton appoint a committee to prepare for the 1932 Convention a guide booklet similar to that of the Kansas Province for the 1930 convention.

5. Professor H. Dana Hopkins of Heidelberg College, Tiffin, Ohio, Chairman of the Convention Committee for 1932, outlined plans for the National Convention.

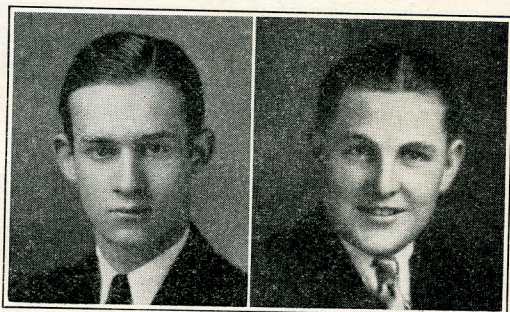
E. B. L. HARDY, Secretary.

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Homer Neikirk is a senior of Centre College, Danville, Kentucky. Mr. Neikirk has debated four years.

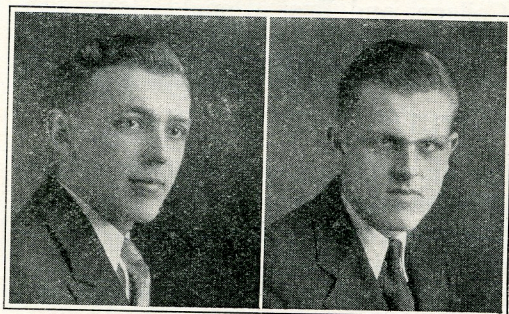
Enos Swain is also a senior and four year debater.

These men with William E. Clark, first place winner in oratory, and Lucy Puryear, winner in extempore were the main contributors to Centre's total of 50 points which won for them highest honors in the Thirteenth Province.



ENOS SWAIN HOMER NEIKIRK
First place winners in debate. Province of Kentucky.

PRUITT AND SMITH OF BAKER UNIVERSITY



ROBERT B. PRUITT

PAUL V. SMITH

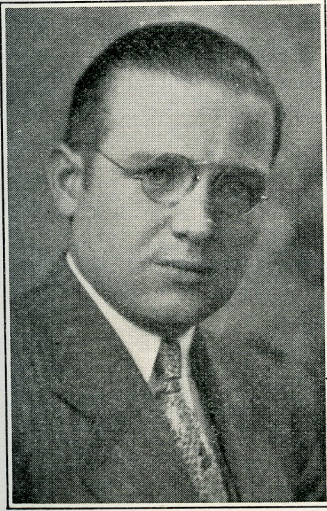
third year in debate and his sixth tournament.

Paul V. Smith and Robert B. Pruitt, representing Baker University, won the men's debate tournament of the Kansas Province. Both are seniors and will be graduated in June. This is Smith's fourth year of college debating and his seventh tournament; Pruitt's

BOWLING GREEN WINS BOTH MEN'S AND WOMEN'S DEBATE TOURNAMENTS

The Bowling Green State College "A" and "B" men's debate teams tied for first place. A team won all debates entered; B team lost one debate.

The A team was composed of Robert Christy, junior in the art college, and Howard A. George, senior in the college of education. Mr.

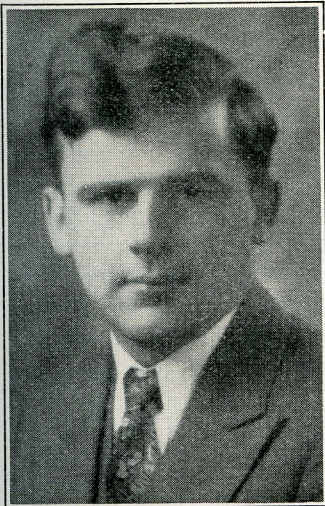


ALBERT B. JENKINS

George debated at Wichita last year, going into the eighth round. He is a special distinction member of Ohio Eta chapter.



MARGUERITE COVRETTE



HOWARD A. GEORGE

The B team was composed of Albert G. Jenkins, senior, who will be a special distinction member, and Leonard R. Linsenmayer, junior. Mr. Linsenmayer gave the oration at Wichita. He holds the degree of special distinction. He won second in this year's province extempore.

The women of Bowling Green State College also won in the finals. This team did not lose a single de-

bate in the tournament. Helen Clingaman, sophomore, and Marguerite Coverette, junior, made up the team.

Bowling Green teams engaged in 70 intercollegiate debates with 47 different colleges and universities this year. Of these the men's teams had 50 debates, winning 23, losing 8, and holding 23 non-decision debates. The women's teams engaged in 17 debates, winning 9, losing 4, and holding 3 non-decision debates.

ACRES OF DIAMONDS ?

THE SIOUX PROVINCE GOES ON RECORD

By Exec.-Secy. JOHN PARLETTE, Iowa Delta

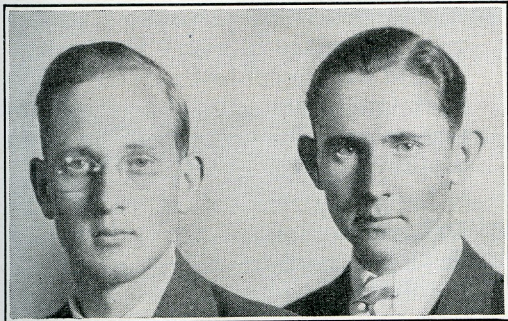
A stockman decided to go into the Chicago market where he could get a select herd of cattle. When the live stock was delivered a neighbor was surprised to see the cattle he had placed on the market the preceding week. Thus was the informal discussion at the Sioux Province Convention progressing when Governor Harkness awoke to the situation and exclaimed in his deep calm voice:

"Ah, my friends! That's the trouble with the National Pi Kappa Delta conventions; too often do we go long distances for those things which should be ours at home."

For most schools the trip to the National Convention is a long one. For many schools the trip is possible only after careful manipulation of limited funds. Such schools are forced to build their debate programs about the home platform and the schools of their immediate locality. Hence, they have ample opportunity to meet the schools in their own province. It is true that teams develop new ideas and arguments as the season progresses, but the fundamental approach to the subject and debate technique tend to remain the same throughout the season. Debaters will profit in meeting teams they have already met, but, other things being equal, they will profit far more in meeting different teams, different approaches and different techniques. On the other hand, any coach who has arranged a debate schedule must realize that students and some administrators look with favor upon the program which includes schools from distant points.

These and other reasons have prompted "Province of the Sioux" to go on record favoring "Inter" province rather "Intra" province debates at the National convention. It was revealed that it was neither impossible nor uncommon for schools to meet at the National that had met in dual men's, dual women's, or both, earlier in the season. We believe it would not be advisable to "stack up" the schools of one province against those of any other province, but that it should be against various provinces. No doubt this would create additional problems for those who

arrange the "slate but not enough to outweigh the benefits derived from added interest with the assurance that we were to debate schools representing the various sections of the country.



GUINN BRONSON ARTHUR KINCAID
Men's Debate Team—William Jewell College
Winners Missouri Province

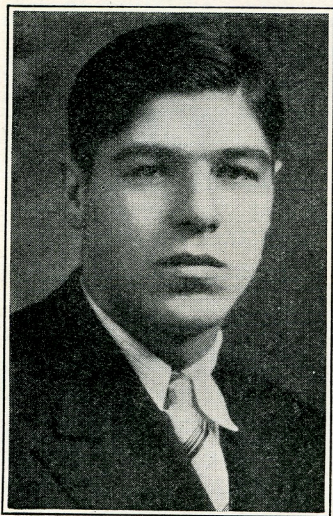


Joyce Gregory, a senior at Eastern State Teachers College, South Dakota, won first place in oratory at the Sioux Province meet, and will therefore be privileged to compete in the "National" essay-oratorical contest of Pi Kappa Delta.

In the finals of the women's oratory at Wichita Miss Gregory won fifth honors. Besides her excellent work in oratory Miss Gregory has done outstanding work in debate. Her team lost in the semi-finals of the Sioux Province. She holds the degree of special distinction.



JOYCE GREGORY



WILLIAM LANG

William Lang, senior at Yankton College, was the big point-getter for the South Dakota Gamma chapter, winners of the Sioux Province. Not only was he a member of the undefeated men's debate team, but winner also of second place in men's oratory. Mr. Lang has had a broad experience in forensics, having participated in debating thruout his high school and college life. He has won first place in every local oratory and debate contest entered in the past two years. In the state contest recently he won second place in oratory.

Lang is president of the South Dakota Gamma Chapter of Pi Kappa Delta, and president of Yankton College student body.



PROVINCE OF THE LAKES FLAUNTS CELEBRITIES

We are not sure that "flaunts" is the correct word. In fact we think it is not, for we have no evidence of intentional "high-hatting." The celebrities were there, and that is all there is to it. National Secretary Finley and the editor of The Forensic attended the Missouri Province. In spite of this the Missouri Province had a good convention and took a good picture. We promised to feature the "best" (?) group however, hence the Province of the Lakes group (see page 20). And here is their banquet program. Some of the provinces boasted of their "Little National" conventions. This program looks quite like nothing less than. Please don't question our English. Examine your program.

BANQUET PROGRAM

Toastmaster—Professor J. W. Carmichael, Bowling Green State College

Toast by Representatives of Each Chapter

The Provincial President.....Professor Kenneth G. Hance

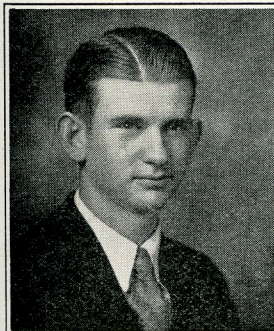
The National President.....Professor George R. R. Pflaum

The National First Vice President.....Professor J. D. Menchhofer

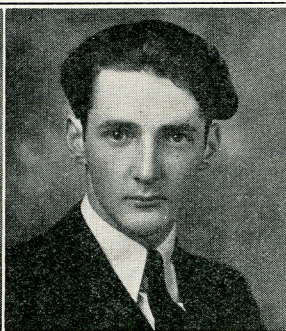
The National Second Vice President.....Professor H. D. Hopkins

Address.....Dr. C. C. Kohl, Professor of Social Science

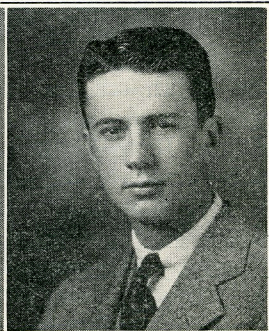
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CLARENCE OSWALD



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MARVIN DEAN

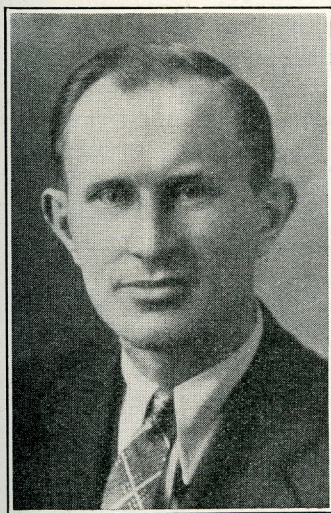
John L. King, Clarence Oswald and Marion Dean composed the team which won the decision in the men vs. women debate at the Pacific Province convention. King also won first in oratory and men's debate.



Carl A. Carlson, Jr. of the Colorado Teachers College was first place winner of the Men's Extempore Speaking Contest in the Province of the Platte at the Fort Collins meeting.



After defeating West Virginia Wesleyan for the right to enter the semi-finals, and after a decision



CARL A. CARLSON

over their opponents in the semi-finals, Maryville Teachers College represented by Margaret Hix and Carrie DeShazo won in the women's debate tournament at the South Atlantic Province convention.



CARRIE H. DeSHAZO



MARGARET F. HIX

PROVINCE OF OKLAHOMA

It was a case of church vs. state. After the final check at the Oklahoma convention, the records showed that the church schools had won five first places and the state institutions won eight. In the final round of debate two denominational schools met two state schools. The Oklahoma Baptist University women met the East Central State Teachers College of Ada, Oklahoma, and tied for first place. The men of Tulsa University, a Presbyterian school, were defeated by Wichita University, Wichita, Kansas, which is a municipal institution.

The Kansas province was the guest of the Oklahoma organization at the tournament held March 13-14, at Alva, Oklahoma with the Northwestern State Teachers College. Oklahoma and Kansas tied for high honors at the meet, each winning three first places. The Kansas schools won first in men's debate, women's oratory and women's extempore.

The question often arises after meets of this nature as to the balance of the question. Is it one sided or fairly equal? At the Oklahoma convention "this utopian idea which our friends of the affirmative are presenting" was the better of the two arguments, for there were twenty-two affirmative decisions awarded to ten negative.

The ten schools which attended the Alva meet entered sixty-six contestants. The men's extempore had twelve participants; the women's extempore, eleven; the men's oratory, six; the women's oratory, three; and the other thirty-four were debaters.

At the close of the business session eighteen candidates were received in convocation into the membership of Pi Kappa Delta.

Hopkins stated that, "This is one of the best tournaments I have ever attended anywhere. I have attended meets all over the United States and this is among the very best. The sportsmanship is excellent and the fellowship is unsurpassable."

The Oklahoma convention will meet with the Oklahoma College for Women, Chickasha, Oklahoma in 1933.



BLACK vs. WHITE

Lawrence Klein and Horace Robinson, representing Oklahoma City University, met a team from Wiley College of Marshall, Texas, on March 24th at Oklahoma City, in what is reported to be the first negro vs. white debate ever held in the south. The Pi Kappa Delta question, "Resolved, that the nations of the world should adopt a policy of free trade," was the issue. A capacity house greeted the inter-racial debaters.