

THE MID-WEST DEBATING CONFERENCE SELECTS THE SAME QUESTION THAT PKD CHOSE

The Mid-West Debate Conference was held in Chicago, October 4. Sixteen colleges sent delegates. The following question was selected: Resolved, That Congress should be empowered to over ride by a two-thirds vote, decisions of the supreme court which declare acts of Congress unconstitutional.

The Mid-West Debate Conference was organized by Ripon College three years ago and is a very live organization.

COLORADO CONFERENCE ADOPTS THE PKD QUESTION

The Colorado Debate Conference, consisting of Colorado College, University of Denver, Colorado Teachers College, and Colorado Agricultural College, at a meeting held in Denver, October 10, selected for its debates the same question which Pi Kappa Delta has selected. The conference decided to try two new features this year. It will use split teams in all of its debates. Instead of carrying out the usual schedule all the teams, both men and women, will meet in Denver about March first and engage in a debate tournament.

ONE KEY HAD AN INTERESTING EXPERIENCE THIS SUMMER

Hale C. Cole of Grand Island College went over the Fern Lake trail in Estes Park this summer, leaving his key to mark the fact. The Editor of one of the Greeley papers followed him a few days later. He recognized the key as a fraternity emblem and took it back to Greeley where he turned it over to Professor Finley. Professor Finley was able to return it to Mr. Cole.

This bit of news is presented as another argument in favoring of coming to Estes Park in 1926. You can't tell what you are apt to pick up. Millions of dollars in gold have been taken out of our Rocky Mountains.

U. OF CHICAGO CLUB WILL REPEAT CONTESTS

To encourage greater interest in public speaking the University of Chicago club of Peoria has decided to offer two prizes again this year to Bradley students who compose and deliver the best orations at the contests the club plans to hold sometime in May. A prize of \$35 is offered for first and \$15 for second place.

In view of the fact that all students are eligible to compete in the contest and that the splendid orations delivered at the Pi Kappa Delta convention last week awakened interest in public speaking, it is the belief of Miss Shepardson that the orations this year will be of a higher and better type. The institute faculty requests all students planning to enter the University of Chicago contest to hand their names in to Miss Shepardson this week.—*The Bradley Tech.*

Wednesday, April 30, Evan Davis, representing Gustavus Adolphus college, won first place in the State Peace Oratorical Contest, when orators from Hamline, Macalester, St. Olaf and Gustavus competed at Macalester college. The prize-winning orations, namely from Gustavus and St. Olaf, will be sent in to a central committee to be judged on thought and composition. The contestants were Sam Carlson, placing second with an oration entitled "The Vicious Cycle," Mr. Boyden of Macalester with "Essence of Power," and Miss Anderson of Hamline University with "Our Chance." The judges were Prof. Saclea a twin city high school coach, Attorney Brill and Prof. Lansing.

*PROFESSOR PELSMA OF KANSAS THETA PUBLISHES A NEW
TEXT ON PUBLIC SPEAKING.*

Professor Pelsma's new text on Public Speaking was published last spring. It is reviewed in the following lines by Professor Glenn Clark of Macalester College. Professor Clark is himself the author of a very successful text book on the Short Story.

Essentials of Speech by Professor John R. Pelsma of the Kansas Theta (Kansas State Teachers, of Pittsburg) Chapter of Pi Kappa Delta (Thomas Y. Crowell Co.) is a book primarily intended for use in high schools and Normal Schools but is a very carefully, conscientiously worked out book filled with dependable information that could very well meet the needs of any college, in the field of public speaking. It is planned and executed with a definiteness and comprehensiveness of arrangement only to be found at its best in creations of those truly wise men who have learned the precious value of method in Normal Schools.

Part I, which deals with Oral Reading and Voice Culture, appears perfectly adequate and sufficiently orthodox to excuse the reviewer from extended comment.

Part II, dealing with Platform speaking, falls more properly within our Pi Kappa Delta interests, and lures one to cast in a few hooks and lines and draw forth a few of the fattest fish to grace the table of our Forensic gathering.

One of the first duties of the speaker, we are told, is to weld the individual units that make up his audience into one solid mass, a mob of a crowd. Thus welded the audience will be found to be more conservative than the individuals taken separately, more irresponsible, much more suggestive, much less intelligent, but far more imaginative; a crowd loves exaggeration, is impatient of detail and craves leadership. "Remember a crowd must be LOVED into doing what the speaker desires" is a statement which I should have been interested in seeing developed further.

And here is a discovery that has been long overlooked in our knowledge of platform strategy: "The individual woman is much more like a crowd all by herself than the individual man. A man by himself must be convinced, you must reason with him, and the more intellectual he is the more dependence must be placed on arguments to cause him to act. Women are by nature more emotional than men, and when alone can be persuaded to act by arousing the emotions rather than by appealing to reason. From this it must be concluded that **WHATEVER WOULD PERSUADE THE INDIVIDUAL WOMAN WOULD PERSUADE THE CROWD.** And it is generally admitted that this is not an easy task." All ye public speaking teachers who have wives and all ye public speaking students who have sweethearts, your opportunity for training is instantly available and unlimited in scope.

The treatment of gesture I considered quite original. Professor Pelsma advises us to modify with care the mandate "gesture naturally." "Gestures must be natural in that they must be spontaneous, and have their origin from a mental desire to call on the body to aid the voice. They must be genuine, for gestures made by rule or by rote will never result in grace, beauty or effectiveness." But we are cautioned against that natural unrestraint which leads the shoemaker, when talking, to swing his arms upward and outward, the blacksmith from continuously limiting himself to the single downward gesture with the stroke of a clenched fist, the ex-pugilist from limiting himself to short arm jabs and punches; and we are told that the full arm swings of Billy Sunday may have found their genesis in the act of throwing the ball to the home plate from center field. Is there not a

hidden suggestion here to the teacher of Speech for a profitable exercise in analyzing the gestures of their pupils by tracing their genesis in the psychology and past experiences of the speakers?

There is a discussion of platform manners which would be helpful for the delivery in contest orations. Valuable and helpful outlines are given for various types of speeches and a carefully worked out outline for criticism of speeches in classes.

Some quotations which struck me rather forcibly were the following: "All men are sufficiently eloquent in that which they understand."—Socrates. "Blessed is he who hath nothing to say—and cannot be persuaded to say it."—Lowell.

Here is a text for an excellent sermon on public speaking: "Ex-president F. L. Patton of Princeton suggests the following as the four essentials for a good speech: "Facts, great facts, human facts, related facts."

Taken as a whole the book is a commendable addition to the rapidly increasing body of literature on the essentials of speech.

PROFESSOR OWEN OF SOUTH DAKOTA ALPHA ORGANIZES A NEW HONORARY FRATERNITY

A promising newcomer among the professional fraternities is Sigma Tau Delta, a development of the "English Club" of the Dakota Wesleyan University. The society was nationalized in May of this year by the adoption in a group of approved colleges of plans drawn up for the local organization there.

Sigma Tau Delta is an order for men and women specializing in the English language and literature. It seeks better to prepare them for their chosen work. Primarily however, it is designed to promote the mastery of written expression and to foster creative writing. Its units read and discuss the best contemporary literature also and have as one objective the furthering of a spirit of friendliness and goodfellowship among those professionally interested in English.

This fraternity now has chapters in operation in Dakota Wesleyan University, Lombard College, Grand Island College, Georgetown College, and Kansas Wesleyan University. It is represented on the faculty of twenty additional colleges, in most of which petitioning groups are now in process of formation. It anticipates the formal establishment of twenty-five chapters by the end of the autumn quarter.

There are ten degrees of membership in Sigma Tau Delta—four of these being attainable by undergraduates, and the others by additional work in a professional capacity. The unanimous vote of the membership of a chapter is required for election into the order. Eligibility to the first degree is based upon sophomore rating and high scholarship in English and tangible evidence of the candidate's interest in creative writing. It carries the privilege of association but not of suffrage and does not entitle the holder to wear the undergraduate emblem. The second degree may be conferred upon juniors ranking within the upper third of the class in scholarship if they have completed a minor in English and have published one thousand words or more of original material in student publications or elsewhere. Membership of the third degree requires senior standing, scholastic rating within the upper fourth of the class, and the publication of three thousand words or more of original material. Those who are graduated with a rating within the upper twenty per cent of the class, with English as a major, may be elected to the fourth degree if they have published five thousand words. This is the first honor-key degree. For the second and third degrees the emblem is a badge. The other degrees are wholly professional. They have to do chiefly with the acquiring of the higher academic degrees and of positions of responsibility in

the field of college teaching. Each degree is indicated by the jewelings of the torch on the emblem.

The Administrative Council of Sigma Tau Delta is composed of Dr. P. C. Somerville, Kansas Wesleyan University, National President; Professor Fred-eric Fadner, Lombard College, First Vice President; Dr. Florence Brinkley, Goucher College, Second Vice President; Professor J. Q. Owen, Dakota Wesleyan University, Executive Secretary; and Professor Myron McCurry, Georgetown College, Editor-in-Chief of the official journal, "The Quarterly Rectangle." The Advisory Cabinet, made up of twenty-five faculty members of the fraternity, is under the chairmanship of Dr. B. Roland Lewis, Head of the English Department of the University of Utah—with Dr. Walter E. Peck, Wesleyan University, Middleton, Connecticut, as Vice Chairman.

Sigma Tau Delta believes that regular, conscientious, intelligent practice will bring a mastery of the written word and prove a far-reaching benefit to writer and reader alike. It seeks above all to be useful through stimulating achievement by providing the reward of membership. It is willing to enter adequately endowed colleges of liberal arts offering the regular four-year course leading to the baccalaureate degree. Petitioning units must have a minimum of six members but not more than twelve and must be under the direction of a faculty representative. Inquiries should be addressed to the central office of the fraternity, in charge of Professor J. Q. Owen, Mitchell, South Dakota, the Executive Secretary.

THE COLLEGE OF THE PACIFIC IS MOVING FROM SAN JOSE TO STOCKTON.

The College of the Pacific, which has been located at San Jose, California, since its founding in 1851, is moving to its new campus at Stockton in the same state. The transfer is being made gradually, class by class during a period of years. This permits the college to develop the work on the new campus as it closes out the work on the old.

The California Delta Chapter, now on the new campus, is making plans for an active season. The members were welcomed to Stockton by Gerald B. Wallace, a Stockton attorney, who was admitted to graduate membership in the fraternity this past spring by reason of his oratorical record at the University of California. Mr. Wallace and his partner, Edward P. Foltz, also a member of Pi Kappa Delta, graduate order, are planning to give the chapter a banquet and aid it in planning and carrying on its program for the year.

Besides its own schedule in debating and oratory, the California Delta chapter is planning to organize a series of oratorical contests between the high schools of the San Joaquin Valley, with the final event to be staged on its own campus.

THREE NATIONAL OFFICERS GO ON A FISHING TRIP TOGETHER.

Dr. John R. MacArthur, Dean of the California Institute of Technology, who has been national secretary, president, and editor of the Forensic for six years, taught at the University of Colorado this summer. Professor Westfall, our national president, and Professor Finley, national secretary-treasurer, who live not far from the state University, inveigled the worthy dean into going on a fishing trip far back in the fastnesses of the Rocky Mountains.

They left Fort Collins one Friday afternoon in an early, experimental product of Henry Ford's famous plant at Detroit, for a mysterious place

known as Black Mountain, supposed located fifty miles more or less west and above Fort Collins. The effete Californian, weakened by years of the salubrious climate of the City of the Angels, left, a tenderfoot, and came back, a wreck.

The "Henry" developed the lumbago as soon as he hit the steep hills in the high altitudes. The man from the Pacific soon discovered that there was quite a difference between pushing a pen at sea level and boosting a wheezing Ford up a steep mountain in a thin atmosphere. He responded nobly, however, and the entire party reached their goal about an hour after the coyotes had begun their vespers. There was no complaint about insomnia that evening.

The Californian elected to do the camp work the next morning and the two Coloradoans did the fishing. The party had fried fish and coffee for breakfast. For dinner they had coffee and fried fish. In the twilight of the mountains, beside a flickering camp fire, they ate a delicious meal of mountain trout, fried, and burned their tongues on tin cups of steaming hot coffee. The next morning, although it was not Friday, they started in on a fish diet again. Coffee was served with the "piscés." The two natives produced the trout while the sea-dweller cooked them. He was a good cook. Although handicapped a bit by the lack of supplies and equipment, his cuisine disappeared uncriticized by the hungry fishermen. Of course there were a few accessories to the fish and coffee such as ashes in the former and grasshoppers in the latter, but fish and coffee remained the chief articles of diet.

Sunday the party broke camp and started down towards the plains. "Henry" consented to run towards home, especially as it was down hill. There was some question of the brake holding at times, as he whirled around a sharp turn of the narrow Poudre Canon road, with a straight cliff on one side and on the other a straight drop to the river in the chasm below. There were a few times when the Dean thought he smelled lillies and heard slow, sad music, but he arrived at the railroad in time to catch his train back to the University.

BANTA'S GREEK EXCHANGE PRINTS THIS EDITORIAL ABOUT US

We have heard many times during the last two or three decades many expressions of regret that the art of public speaking and training in debate seem to be disappearing from our colleges and universities. In an elder day the literary societies were foremost in importance among the student activities. In that day the fraternities reflected the spirit of the literary society and for a long period chapter meetings included literary exercises in their programs. The result was that forty or fifty years ago there was rarely a student who could not readily take part in debate and on occasion participate in public speaking.

But the times changed and this form of training well nigh disappeared from college life along with the old fashioned classical and scientific courses, as they were called, which fifty years ago were the only courses open to the college student. Research along specialized lines became the order of the day. The literary societies fell upon evil days and literary exercises disappeared from the programs of chapter meetings.

There appears however to be a recrudescence of the old time spirit which led the students to go upon the platform for debate and oratory. The revival of this spirit has led the students thus interested to seize upon the fraternity

system as a part of their machinery. This is shown by the fact that there are now in existence four professional fraternities devoted to oratory and debate with rolls varying from six chapters to one hundred two. The largest of these, Π K D, has one hundred two chapters, while one is reported to have but six chapters. The work of these fraternities is devoted solely to developing interest among colleges and universities in oratory and debate. Perusal of the reports of their conventions discloses the fact that they give thought to nothing else at all and that their great object is to weld together colleges and universities without respect to size into one long and strong chain for the encouragement of public speaking. There exists in the college world an organization known as the National Association of the Teachers of Speech whose purpose is to develop oratory and whose membership is made up of the instructors and professors of public speaking. This organization issues a magazine entitled the *Journal of Speech Education*.

But while this organization is undoubtedly a valuable one it seems to us that these specialized fraternities which include both professors and students will in the end prove a great force in reviving and encouraging public speaking. The organization and work of these fraternities is an unconscious testimonial to the value of the fraternity system for the promotion of worthy ideals and the development of desirable practices in the American college world.—*Banta's Greek Exchange*.

The fraternity man or woman, more alert today than ever before to be of service to the community, may well read what President Emeritus Charles William Eliot of Harvard said, speaking to the Harvard students at his ninetieth birthday celebration:

"Serve the country," said President Eliot, "serve her in peace as well as in war; serve her by sacrifice—money for example, high professional earnings, in order to take public office, elective or appointive office—serve her by your personal exertion in the towns, in the cities, in the communities where you settle for your life. Look for the means, the chance, the opportunity to serve democratic government. It is in democracy that the hope of the world lies. Commit to memory Pasteur's definition of democracy when he said, "Democracy is that government or state of government which leaves every citizen to do his best for the public welfare." Wherever you live, take every chance that comes to you and make chances if they do not come, for serving the public welfare."—*Banta's Greek Exchange*.

Colgate University's debating team sailed May 5 on the *Aquitania* to debate with eight English colleges on prohibition and the entrance of the United States into the League of Nations. Eight American universities made application last June for sending a team to meet the English colleges.

The subjects, which the Colgate men chose, were "Should the United States Enter the League of Nations Without Delay?" in which they will take the negative side, and, "Is Prohibition Good for a Nation?" in which they will take the affirmative. They will discuss prohibition at Sheffield and Oxford and the League of Nations at the other schools.

Colgate's team organized fourteen years ago, has won sixty-five of its eighty-six debates.—*Banta's Greek Exchange*.

Fewer than one per cent of American men are college graduates, according to statistics, yet this number furnished fifty-five per cent of our presidents, thirty-six per cent of our members of Congress, forty-seven per cent of our speakers of the House, fifty-two per cent of our secretaries of the treasury, and sixty-five per cent of our attorney generals also were college graduates.—*Banta's Greek Exchange*.

A newspaper report alleges that all teachers with long hair have been voted an increase of \$100 in salary by the school board of Newcastle, Pa. The schoolmarms who have bobbed their tresses will have to work on their old

salaries, or let their hair grow out again, provided of course, that the question is not subjected to the acid test of a common sense consideration by the Pennsylvania courts.—*Banta's Greek Exchange*.

The University of Missouri has joined the University of Oklahoma and the University of Texas in forbidding students attending those institutions to own and operate automobiles while in school.

Notwithstanding the fact that the student body voted ten to one to continue the honor system at the University of Illinois, it has been officially wiped out.

More than \$6,000 was refunded to students of the University of Michigan who were requested to leave the university at the end of the first semester.

WHAT BECOMES OF OUR COLLEGE ORATORS?

It is quite the fashion in some quarters to belittle the work of intercollegiate contests in oratory and debating and to conclude that they serve no good purpose in the process of education. On such occasions it is not unusual to decide that winners of oratorical contests are generally simply smooth speakers without great depth of thought of personality, that sooner or later they are found out and become one-horse speakers in one-horse towns.

After I had heard this opinion pronounced with more than usual vigor about a year ago I started out to collect some evidence on the subject. I turned to the records of the Interstate Oratorical Association, the oldest and largest of intercollegiate oratorical associations. The first contest under the auspices of this league was held at Knox College, Galesburg, Illinois, February 27, 1874. The association has expanded until it now includes about ninety colleges in fourteen states, and provides for state, divisional, and final contests each year.

So far I have investigated the winners of first and second places in the final contests from 1874 to 1902 inclusive. This is a period of twenty-nine years and, therefore, includes fifty-eight orators. Of this number twenty, or slightly more than one-third appear in "Who's Who in America." They are:

1. Olin Alfred Curtis, deceased; one-time professor in Drew Theological Seminary; second place in 1876 representing Lawrence College.

2. Frank Prouty, Congressman; address, Des Moines, Iowa; second place in 1877 representing Central University of Iowa.

3. E. A. Bancroft, lawyer, general counsel International Harvester Company; first place in 1878 representing Knox College.

4. Robert M. LaFollette, senator; United States Senator from Wisconsin; first place in 1879 representing the University of Wisconsin.

5. Richard Yates, ex-governor of Illinois, 1901-5; address, Springfield, Illinois, second place in 1880 representing Illinois College.

6. Charles F. Coffin, lawyer and life insurance official; address, Indianapolis, Indiana; first place in 1881 representing DePauw University.

7. George L. Machintosh, educator; President of Wabash College, Crawfordsville, Indiana; second place in 1884 representing Wabash College.

8. Albert J. Beveridge, senator, author; United States Senator from Indiana; first place in 1885 representing DePauw University.

9. H. H. Russell, clergyman and reformer; address Westerville, Ohio; second place in 1886 representing Oberlin College.

10. John H. Finley, educator, editor; President, College City of New York, 1903-13; President U. State of New York, 1913-21; Associate Editor New York Times; first place in 1887 representing Knox College.

11. Henry Morrow Hyde, author; address, Simeon, Albermarle Co., Va.; second place in 1888 representing Beloit College.

12. Edwin Holt Hughes, bishop; Bishop in Methodist Episcopal Church; first place in 1889 representing Ohio Wesleyan University.

13. J. A. Blaisdell, educator; President Pomona College, Claremont, Calif.; second place in 1889 representing Beloit College.

14. S. W. Naylor, educator; Dean, Lawrence College; first place in 1890 representing Washburn College.

15. F. A. Fetter, educator; Professor of Economics, Cornell University; first place in 1891 representing Indiana University.

16. Guy Everett Maxwell, educator; President, Winona State Normal, Winona, Minn.; second place in 1891 representing Hamline University.

17. Mrs. E. Jean Nelson Penfield, lawyer and parliamentarian; address, 34 Pine Street, New York City; first place in 1892 representing DePauw University.

18. C. F. Wishart, educator; President Wooster College; first place in 1894 representing Monmouth College.

19. Perl D. Decker, Congressman. U. S. Congressman from 15th Missouri district; first place in 1897 representing Park College.

20. Oscar Edward Maurer, clergyman; Pastor Central Church, New Haven, Conn.; first place in 1902 representing Beloit College.

This investigation does not cover the achievements of the orators not recorded in "Who's Who," many of whom have attained places but slightly inferior to those mentioned in that volume. Nor do we know how many winners of third or lower places may have attained equal distinction.

Of course, we cannot conclude that these men and women owe their success either wholly or even in large part to their experience in intercollegiate oratory, but it does seem safe to assume that this experience has not been a great hindrance. And the evidence is striking enough to cause us seriously to question the assertion that contests in oratory serve no good purpose in education.

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Director, Department of Speech, Albion College, Albion, Michigan.—The Gavel of
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DR. BUTLER SHOULD STUDY DEBATING

Dr. Butler, the one at Columbia, doesn't like prohibition. He says it is immoral. He says that it is unconstitutional. He says a great many other things. He says that "there are more saloons now than there have been for thirty years." He says (two paragraphs later) that Americans go to Canada to escape the restraints of prohibition." He says too much.

Of course with the head of the institution noisily "wet," one would expect to find the students provokingly "dry." Dr. Butler admits that this is the case at Columbia. "Conditions elsewhere are said to be much worse. Our students never have been inclined to liquor." But the Theta news letter of April, 1924, is the first chapter publication we recall which gloried in intemperance. It was a local banquet. The brothers who attended "had a heluva good time—Some of the brothers claim that the banquet was wet; well, it was."

Doctor Butler says that the prohibition law "challenges the ingenuity and the sporting instinct of millions of young persons to test whether or not they can safely violate the law for which they have no respect." A strange way to feel about law! Certainly for a college president! For a man with his eye on the White House! For so many laws do exactly that. In fact, can

you think of one that doesn't? College laws too! The remedy, says the distinguished executive is to abolish the law. Nothing so simple! Then everything will be all right. Try it out at Columbia, Doctor. Try it, and see.

And strangely enough, it seems that he has. Since the preceding comment went int type. The papers have published the story of the award of the Pulitzer prize for the best American play. The board of judges, by a two-to-one vote, declared in favor of The Show-Off. The discarded play, however, Hell-Bent for Heaven, was written by one Columbia professor and dedicated to another. This second professor, oddly enough considered Hell-Bent for Heaven superior to The Show-Off, and protested against the award, to President Butler, who is also ex-officio chairman of the Pulitzer Advisory Board. Mr. Butler presented the protest to the board, with the result that the decision of the appointed judges was overruled and the prize given to the Columbia playwright. What's the constitution among friends! Or among the thirsty?—*The Signet of ΦΣΚ.*

The winner in the debate try-outs at the College of Puget Sound will receive a prize of \$50.

The Occidental chapter will be hosts for the other Southern California chapters at a dinner October 17.

At Gustavus Adolphus the chapter is working on a plan to gain recognition for those who serve as alternates on debate teams.

Roberta Clendenin won the local oratorical contest at Monmouth last spring and will represent the college in the state contest this year.

Miss Helen Temple of Colorado Alpha, who won second place in the girls' extempore contest at Peoria is teaching and coaching debating at Curtis, Nebraska.

Miss Ize White one of the delegates from Colorado Aggies at the last convention is teaching and handling activities at the Fort Lewis (Colorado) School of Agriculture.

Miss Louise Ringer of Kansas Kappa is coach of debate in the high school of Kingman, Kansas, this year. Miss Irene Hidson, Missouri Beta, is teaching in the same school.

Miss Florence M. Drake, a graduate of Denison University will have charge of debating at Sioux Falls College. She coached debating last year at the Tennessee College for Women.

Gilbert Wesselink with the oration "American Stewardship" won the local oratorical contest at Hope College this spring and with it the right to represent Hope in the state contest this year.

Professor Menchhofer of St. Olaf represented his college at the meeting of the Midwest Debating conference at the Great Northern Hotel at Chicago, which was held Saturday afternoon, October 4.

Professor D. R. McGrew has charge of Public Speaking at Monmouth College and will act as coach of debate. Many of our readers will remember that Professor McGrew was formerly at Huron.

William Paden won first place in the Paul Extemporaneous Speaking contest at Macalester College. Miss Marion Dailey who won third in the women's national extemporaneous contest at Peoria, also won third in the local contest at Macalester.

Emil Newstrand won the local oratorical contest at Gustavus Adolphus college the past spring and will this year represent Gustavus Adolphus in the state contest. Bertil Pehrson, who won second, will represent the college in the Peace Oratorical Contest.

At Michigan State Normal at Ypsilanti the fraternities have conducted an inter-fraternity debating tournament on the question "Resolved: That 'scouting' should not be allowed in intercollegiate athletic contests." Five fraternities took part. Professor McKay was the power back of the tournament.

Wm. E. Clark, who won first place in the men's national extempore contest at Peoria and who the past year, coached the women's debate teams at Macalester College, entertained the members of the team at the Curtis Hotel, Minneapolis, at the end of the season. Did you ever hear of a debate coach entertaining the members of the men's teams?

The Michigan State Normal college recognizes its honor students by a special recognition assembly held each year. At this assembly the college honor societies in forensics, education, and scholarship, announce their new members. At the one held last spring Pi Kappa Delta announced 11 new members.

Professor L. W. Boardman, head of the English Department and coach of the women's debates at the Colorado Teachers College, will sail for England in August 1925, when he will act as exchange professor with Goldsmiths' College, University of London. Miss Ellen C. Oakden will come to the Colorado college during the year Professor Boardman occupies her place in London.

Michigan Epsilon at Michigan State Normal College has won 33 out of 52 debates engaged in since 1900. It also won first place in the men's oratorical contest and second in the women's in Michigan the past year. To encourage oratory \$25 is awarded the winner of the local contest. The Oratorical Board has also arranged to distribute \$25 in prizes for the freshman public speaking contest.

PRACTICAL PROOF

Professor: "Your ignorance of chemistry is abysmal! How can I tell, for instance, whether this ring is gold or of a baser metal?"

Student: "Try it on a pawnbroker!"

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PROFESSOR ALFRED WESTFALL

Fourth National President of Pi Kappa Delta with, in her first public appearance, his daughter Eleanor, whom he is training for the national oratorical contest of 1942.



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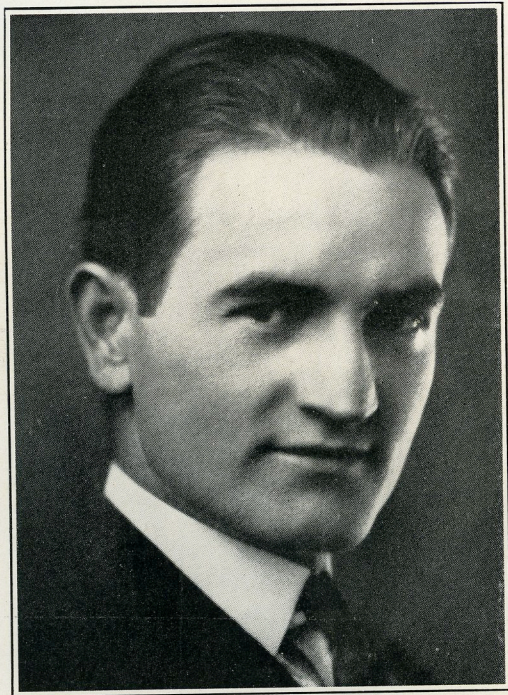
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Students of the Colorado Agricultural College at their mountain lodge in Estes Park where skiing is king of winter sports. This is what the delegates to the next national convention will do between sessions.