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From President-Elect Rose



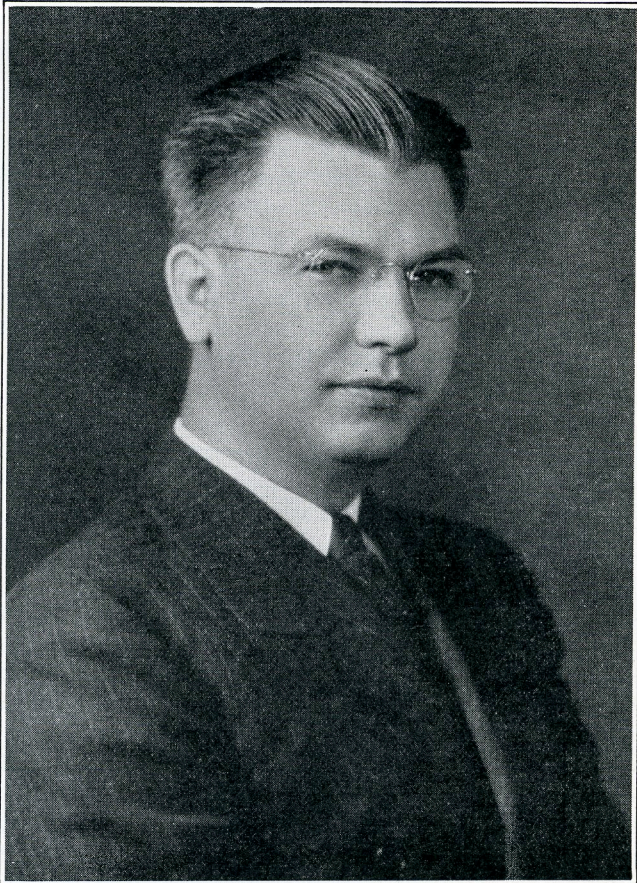
Two years ago, President Toussaint wrote: "I am anxious that our Silver Anniversary convention shall be marked by its fibre of competition, by a good time of fun and friendship, and by a high standard of cooperative and intelligent conduct of our business affairs. Such a convention will truly honor our founders and bring credit to ourselves." Those of us who were at Topeka will agree, I believe, that our Prexy achieved his ambition. A quarter century of growth closes with the affairs of the organization in excellent condition. Orchids to you, Toussaint. I am personally grateful that the newly-elected Council will have the advantage of your advice and counsel during the next two years.

I have already received, gratefully, a number of very pleasant letters from Pi Kappa Delta members, offering their good wishes and willing cooperation to the National Council. Will you all keep in mind that the members of your Council are your servants? And that we are most pleased to receive not only your good wishes but your suggestions?

I hope that during the next two years every chapter of Pi Kappa Delta will foster within itself that *esprit de corps* so vital to chapter success. I ask especially that each chapter make an effort to cooperate to the fullest extent with the Secretary-Treasurer and with the Editor of the FORENSIC. May we all bear in mind that we rise or fall in proportion to the way in which we assume our obligations to one another.

Fraternally,

FORREST H. ROSE.



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President-elect of Pi Kappa Delta
Southeast Missouri Teachers College
Cape Girardeau

From President Toussaint



For the past two years I have tried to use the pages of the FORENSIC as a means of keeping the organization in touch with the activities of the Council and the problems of our society. I hope that the President's Page has been useful to you. Today it dwindles to a paragraph or two.

You have been a loyal group. Not one person has refused to accept an assignment which I asked him to take. My wish is that each of you would look upon this expression of gratitude as a personal letter of thanks. My trust and my expectation is that you will give to your President-elect the same fine cooperation that you have always given me.

We may confess to a certain satisfaction in things accomplished during the past two years. I believe that we are stronger, more united, more virile than we were before. There is more yet to be done. But you will write that chapter under new leadership. I predict that it will be an interesting chapter. Carry on! Forrest!

SYLVESTER R. TOUSSAINT.

A PUBLISHER VISITS THE CONVENTION

One of the most interested spectators at Topeka, was Mr. J. Kendrick Noble, president of Noble and Noble Publishers, Inc., the company which publishes the Pi Kappa Delta volumes of *Winning Speeches*. Mr. Noble came out from New York to visit the convention and hear the students speak. He attended meetings of the legislative assembly, served as a judge at the amateur hour, and listened to the orators and debaters.

Some of his impressions are worth repeating. "The letters PKD of Pi Kappa Delta stand for 'persuasion, beautiful and just.' It seems to me, however, that some of the debate teams took out the beautiful 'pi' and left—just persuasion." "When I saw the battle going on at the Students' Congress at the Capitol, I thought you would have to prepare another Service Flag."

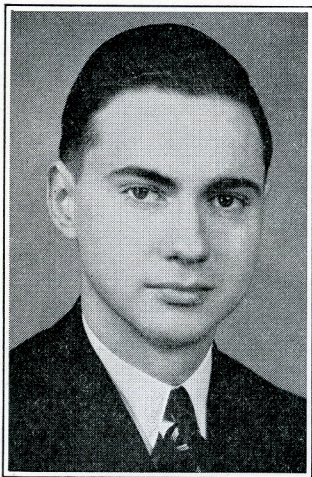
"I could not help but notice the bad postures assumed by most of the girls in the oratorical contest. It seems to me that this is bound to act unfavorably upon the audience and judges and I think the girls should be told that the girl with the fine carriage usually brings home the bacon."

The Legislative Assembly

P. CASPAR HARVEY

William Jewell, Missouri Delta

Pi Kappa Delta made history at its Silver Anniversary Convention at Topeka by presenting to America the first National Student Congress in the history of the country. No single event in the history of Pi Kappa Delta itself has attracted as much nation-wide attention. The balance between the tournament side of the convention and the congress was maintained by the national officers in such a way that the more than eight hundred students attending were all stimulated, instructed, and perhaps inspired by the combination of the two activities.



PAUL HAWKINS

President of the Senate
Doane College, Nebraska Gamma

Musician, athlete, forensic star, and student leader. Won his letter in tennis. Manager of the Doane Players. Second in provincial oratory. Listed in "Who's Who in American Universities." Voted "Most Representative Man" at Doane.

Any attempt to record a modicum of what took place in the National Student Congress would require too much space and then equally important events would have to be slighted. For four days the senate chamber and the hall of the house of representatives of the State House of Kansas were both the scenes of kaleidoscopic action in which the forty senators and 135 congressmen participated. In the senate a dignified decorum maintained a certain electric calm and in the house a "grass roots" sense of responsibility gave the lower chamber more color and more lungs.

Although the National Student Congress did not convene until Tuesday morning, April 19, all day April 17 and 18 the senators-elect and the congressmen-designate held their caucuses and milled about the hotels in "true legislative fashion" to determine their officers, parties, plans, and leaders.

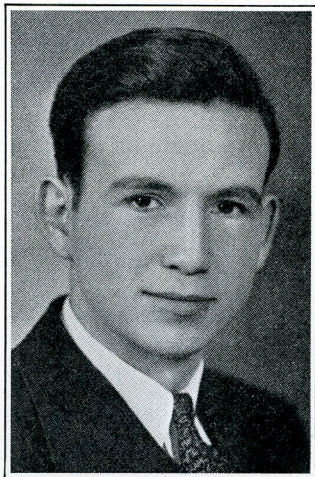
At nine o'clock, April 19, Leslie Blake, Kansas State, later to be elected clerk of the senate, called the senate to order and Justice W. W. Harvey of the Kansas State Supreme Court administered the

oath to the senators. At the same time Lloyd Huitt, Washburn, later to be elected clerk of the house, was calling the House of Representatives to order and Chief Justice John Dawson of the Kansas Supreme Court swore in the members of the house.

Although there were but eleven Republicans in the senate, Paul M. Hawkins, Doane College, led a coalition of Independents, Democrats, and Republicans to win his election as President of the senate by a vote of 25 to 15 and with him Ronald Swartz, Dakota Wesleyan, president pro-tem, and George A. Greenfield, College of Idaho, Republican floor leader. Robert Boyd, Linfield, Oregon, was Democratic floor leader.

Bedford W. Black, a freshman from Wake Forest, North Carolina, who styled himself "a Carter Glass Democrat," won the heated race for speaker of the House by a vote of 59 to 56. John W. Smith, Northwest Oklahoma State Teachers, was elected speaker pro-tem; Bob Capshaw, Edmond, Oklahoma State Teachers, Democratic floor leader; and Robert Allen, Washburn, Republican floor leader.

Immediately after this election of officers, the two houses convened in their only joint session to hear the message from the President of the United States and the address of Governor Huxman of Kansas. Professor H. B. Summers, chairman of the faculty committee in charge of the Congress, had appointed John Newport, senator-elect from Province No. 2, and H. Price Philbrick, congressman-elect, both from William Jewell College, to go to Washington to confer with President Roosevelt. In the joint session, these two presented the presidential message. Philbrick described the luncheon given in the Speaker's dining room of the Capitol in Washington in honor of the National Student Congress by Clarence Cannon, congressman from the 9th district of Missouri, who spoke in the Congress of the United States



BEDFORD W. BLACK

Speaker of the House
Wake Forest College,
North Carolina Beta

"I want to say, first, that I think it was a howling success. The whole session was characterized by a vigorous enthusiasm that was indicative of the rapidly growing interest in governmental activities among us college students. The session was truly practical experience. It served to bring us from textbook theory to an actual practice in parliamentary procedure. The Student Congress should by all means be made a permanent part of our National Pi Kappa Delta Convention."

on February 10th on the National Student Congress. Philbrick then told of the "official" visit to the White House. Newport read to the joint session the message which is as follows:

"To the Pi Kappa Delta National Student Congress:

The problems confronting the government of the United States should be studied widely by college students throughout the country. In no other way can we hope for the most effective solution of those problems because in the last analysis the government must depend in the main upon those citizens who are best trained for leadership.

I think the plan to organize your convention after the model afforded by the Congress has great practical merit. In this way realistic consideration can well be given to problems which just now confront the United States. Actual debates on the issues before the Congress will certainly result not only in better understanding of those issues by those participating in the debates but will be of assistance in stimulating interest among the student bodies represented by the delegates.

In sending greetings to the delegates assembled I heartily urge that they assume genuine responsibility for helping to discover the wisest solutions of the problems now before the country and for developing a public opinion in support of those solutions.

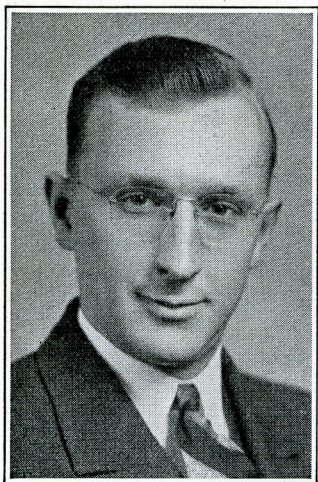
—FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT."

A committee of three senators and three congressmen escorted Governor Huxman to the rostrum for his address. Among other things, he said:

"I want to congratulate you on your attempts to legislate on matters of importance and the work you have undertaken to put on this Student Congress. We live in the best country because our government is founded on the principle

that government is instituted by the people and derives its powers from the people. You people may some day sit in the legislative halls of your state and nation—there is no reason you should not—and government will be then what you want it to be."

The joint conference committee appointed by Hawkins and Black to draw the joint resolution of appreciation for the more or less "official" connection of the Pi Kappa Delta National Student Congress with the Congress of the United States and the President was com-



LLOYD HUITT
Clerk of the House

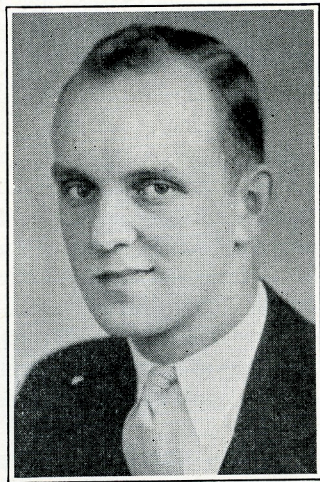
posed of senators: John Willcoxon, Fort Hays State College; Tom K. Shields, Redlands; and Howard C. Lyman, Rollins; and congressmen: Helen Rader, College of the Ozarks; Robert E. Short, College of St. Thomas; and Edward C. Fitzmaurice, North Carolina State College. This resolution passed unanimously by both chambers was sent to President Roosevelt, Senator Capper, and Congressman Cannon.

During the afternoon of the second day, the Columbia Broadcasting System picked up for its coast-to-coast network one half hour of the proceedings of the National Student Congress through the facilities of WIBW. The debate on the floor of the lower house on the war referendum amendment was chosen for the broadcast as one-third of the bills introduced in both houses had something to do with peace and war activities of America. Short interviews with the officers of the senate were also broadcast.

To attempt to describe the Congress as it worked would be to repeat the way the Congress of the United States works. The committee had by most painstaking care and detail devised ways to make this possible even to the publication by mimeograph of a daily "Congressional Record." Bills were introduced and sent to the proper committees and laws passed exactly as they are in Washington. The debates on bills corresponded to the procedure in the nation's capital except all debates were before full houses. Bills had to pass both houses to become "laws." It was the most vivid and real study of government possible for college students.

To list all the faculty members of Pi Kappa Delta working long and arduously before and during the Student Congress would be impossible and there were many of them. However, among many others, especial credit and recognition should be given three: H. B. Summers, Kansas State; Geo. R. R. Pflaum, Emporia Teachers, and G. S. Fulbright, Washburn.

The value of the congress and its recognition can be best summed up in the following editorial which appeared in the *Topeka State Journal*, whose editor is Henry J. Allen, former governor and United States Senator.



LESLIE BLAKE
Clerk of the Senate

Leadership for the Future

“Those who observe members of the National Student Congress bringing in proposals to lower the cost, increase the efficiency and reduce the personnel in government might jump to the conclusion that the youngsters have found the answers to the problems which press for a solution.

“It is not as simple as that, as the representatives of collegiate America no doubt appreciate. If they do not understand it now they will later as they continue the studies in government of which the session at the statehouse is an interesting and valuable part.

“Getting into the problems of government, the things which at first seemed obvious often become uncertain and then confused. The need of increasing the efficiency in government, for example, is granted universally. Actually increasing it is something else. Long after abuses or weaknesses are recognized, practical, workable methods of applying remedies or adding strength are difficult to find, as many a member of the legislature, who has gone home at the end of a session disappointed and disillusioned, can testify.

“Nevertheless it is a good thing for the country that these open-minded, alert young men and young women are studying government and checking the conditions and theories of today against the realities of history. These students of government today will be the representatives of government tomorrow in some capacity. They will have the benefits of training denied many of the men upon whom the burdens have fallen in the past and still fall. They are getting part of the training in this week's statehouse sessions. The privileges they enjoy should fit them better to learn and apply to the problems of the country the lessons experience and more mature years will bring.

“The congress is a feature of the national convention of Pi Kappa Delta, now in its twenty-fifth year, which is holding its annual tournament here. Some 800 students, each chosen upon the basis of his or her attainments, are in attendance. They are a group of well-behaved, earnest, wholesome young people. If they are representative of the student bodies in the 154 institutions in thirty-eight states from which they come—if those left in the dormitories and class rooms have the same high interest in government and devotion to the task of finding solutions for the nation's problems—then the schools are creating a reservoir of informed, capable citizenry out of which age and experience will forge leadership for the future.”

Official Business Sessions

Minutes of the Business Sessions of the Twelfth National Biennial
Convention of Pi Kappa Delta, held at Topeka, Kansas,
April 18-22, 1938

**First Business Session. Auditorium of the Topeka High School,
at 9:00 A. M., Monday, April 18, 1938**

The meeting was called to order by National President S. R. Toussaint. Governor W. A. Huxman of Kansas welcomed the convention to the Sunflower State in a few well chosen words. Dr. Philip C. King, President of Washburn College, welcomed the delegates in the name of the college and the Kansas Beta Chapter of Pi Kappa Delta, National Number 3, and Dr. Van Slyck, Principal of the Topeka High School, spoke for the schools of the Capital City. A number of announcements were then made by members of the Council and chairmen of the contest committees. Moved by J. J. Barry of Louisiana Institute that in the debate tournaments no decisions be announced until the end of the tournament, but that the judges be allowed to give oral criticisms, if they wish to do so. Moved, to amend by striking out the clause about oral decisions. The amendment was lost. The original motion carried.

Adjournment.

**Second Business Session. Convention Hall of the Jayhawk Hotel.
April 19, 7:00 P. M.**

The meeting was called to order by President Toussaint. Roll call. Several announcements were heard after which reports were taken up. Report of the National Secretary-Treasurer.

REPORT OF THE NATIONAL SECRETARY-TREASURER

**To the Twelfth National Biennial Convention of Pi Kappa Delta
Topeka, Kansas, April 18-22, 1938**

"Start with the most important thing in the article." That may have a familiar ring in the ears of some of you budding young journalists. All right; we'll do it.

**Financial Statement for the Past Biennium From July 1, 1935
to July 1, 1937**

On hand July 1, 1935	\$ 6,666.51
Receipts during the year	8,563.22
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Total for 1935-36	\$15,229.73
Expenditures during the year	8,769.84
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Amount on hand July 1, 1936	6,459.89
(Disbursements exceeded receipts during this year by.....)	206.62)
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Receipts during 1936-37	6,725.23
Total for the year	13,185.12
Expenditures during the year	6,599.09
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Amount on hand July 1, 1937	6,586.03
(Receipts exceeded expenditures this year	126.14)
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Reduction in the reserve fund during the biennium.....	80.48
Amount on hand July 1, 1929	\$ 6,215.97
Amount on hand July 1, 1937	6,586.03
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Increase during the eight years	\$ 370.06

This is a Pi Kappa Delta record of which we need not be ashamed, but it is one which Pi Kappa Delta should improve upon decidedly during the next eight years. Of the \$6,000 balance mentioned above some \$3,000 is required to carry the expenses of the fraternity from July 1 to March first, giving us a real reserve fund of about \$3,000; in fact we have this \$3,000 invested in interest bearing mortgages and bonds at the present time, the other \$3,000 being carried in savings and checking accounts. During the next eight years Pi Kappa Delta should increase that reserve to \$10,000. Such a fund properly invested would be a real anchor to windward for the next great financial hurricane which is almost certainly headed in our direction.

Twenty-five years ago today Pi Kappa Delta was made up of five chapters, Ottawa, Iowa Wesleyan, Washburn, Nebraska Wesleyan, and Ripon. The next year, 1914, five more chapters came in, Illinois Wesleyan, Kansas State, Iowa Central, Redlands, and Occidental. There were five more in 1915, 3 in 1916, 2 in 1917, 4 in 1918, 2 in 1919, and 12 in 1920. During the next ten years we expanded at the rate of 10 chapters a year on the average. During the six years from 1930 to 1936 we grew at the rate of a little over four chapters a year. So runs the history of the growth of what is today the largest fraternity, either honorary or social, in the world. No, I am not from California. That being the case I know that size alone is nothing to boast about. We do have a right, however.

to be proud of the fact that this expansion is exactly in line with the purpose of our fraternity; we are a working organization—not a key awarding order. Pi Kappa Delta was created for the purpose, as our founders said, “of stimulating interest in forensic endeavor,” and we have not lost sight of our goal.

In our 25 years of life we have established 166 chapters; 16 of these are now inactive, leaving us at present 150 active chapters. Of the 16 six were in colleges that have ceased to operate, three surrendered their charters voluntarily, and seven were dropped for inactivity.

Our chapter roll covers 35 states of the Union and one insular possession. Leading the procession in the number of chapters now is the Prairie State with 14 active groups, they reach all the way down the Greek alphabet to the letter Pi. Close on the heels of the “Illini” come the Hawkeyes and the Jayhawkers with 12 chapters each; the Lone Star tribe is fourth with 11; the “Show-Me” folks fifth with 10; and the Buckeyes and Sooners sixth with 9 each. What the line-up will be at the end of this convention is still in the lap of the charter committee.

In the future our extension program should continue to be one of steady but conservative expansion. Each biennium should see a group of strong, not necessarily large, progressive colleges added to our chapter roll, at least for several years to come. Every one of the quadruplets born at Houston convention two years ago has proved itself to be healthy, active and of excellent promise. They are Winthrop, South Carolina; Luther, Iowa; Tempe, Arizona; and River Falls, Wisconsin. We are glad to welcome our four baby chapters to this their first national convention.

In planning our expansion program we need to take into consideration the needs of the provinces. Our provincial conventions and contests are at present second only in importance to the national convention and contests. In the future they may become even more important. It has been suggested that we should make the national convention triennial instead of biennial and hold two provincial conventions to each national. Well, that's an idea. Just now we need to do two things for the provinces; 1st, rearrange some of the province boundaries; 2nd, get some strong new chapters in certain sections of the country so that some of the provinces can be stronger and more compact. For instance the Province of the Northwest should probably combine with some of the other provinces, and we should have a new Province of the North Atlantic.

Right here I would like to set down some of the major policies for which it seems to me Pi Kappa Delta should stand in the decade ahead of us.

1. It should serve as the balance-wheel on the forensic machine. It should help in the fight against over-emphasis on winning, but it should not allow that fight to destroy the whole forensic game. It should and does oppose those extremists who would turn forensic contests into a series of uninteresting, pointless, ignorance-revealing, namby-pamby, wind-jamming sessions and insist that they shall continue to be vital, purposeful, fact-revealing, vigorous, conclusion-reaching discussions. To

do so it must keep the element of competition but must not allow that element to over-shadow the real purpose of forensics, training in effective speaking.

2. It should by all means retain those essentials of good debating, thorough knowledge of the subject, careful analysis, rigorous argument, and careful organization but at the same time instill into our debates more of the sparkle and interest that is so woefully lacking in many of them today. Let us insist that our debaters be interesting, entertaining, yes, even humorous at times, even though they still continue to be logical and instructive.

3. We need to see to it that the forensic program in our colleges is **extensive** rather than **intensive**. The benefits of intercollegiate competition in speech should be spread to as many students as possible instead of being restricted to a few outstanding performers who don't need it much anyhow. It is certainly far better to have a hundred students engaging in debate than to have two or three students engaging in one hundred debates.

And now a word or two to the individual chapters about some of the important details of our work.

1. Make it a point to see that all students who are eligible for membership in Pi Kappa Delta and have been elected to such membership actually come into the fraternity. That's equivalent to saying, "Make them feel that membership in Pi Kappa Delta is worth while." The best ways to stimulate interest that I know of is to adopt the policy of granting forensic awards just as your athletic department grants athletic awards, and make that award the Pi Kappa Delta key. Make the money to pay for these awards a regular part of the intercollegiate debating budget. This plan is followed by a large number of our chapters and it works like a charm. A few chapters go so far as to award both the membership and the key; of course, that's even better yet if it can be done. At any rate get your eligible students into your chapter; no local chapter will long exist if it fails at this vital point.

2. Answer correspondence from national officers promptly. Keep in touch with national headquarters. Write us whenever you need anything or have any suggestion to make. We like to get your letters. Your National Council exists in order to serve the local chapters, but we can't do that if you don't keep in touch with us.

3. Make an outstanding event of your annual initiatory ceremony. Have a banquet, a picnic, a joint meeting with nearby chapters; make it a red-letter day on the campus for those concerned.

4. How about your memberships and key orders? Would it be at all possible to get them to me by say May 10? If it would be, we could have a chance to get them back to you before commencement. As you know it is difficult to get cards and keys to the students after they leave for the summer; they scatter to the four winds and frequently leave no forwarding address behind.

5. And finally as a closing word I want to express my hearty appreciation of the splendid cooperation most of the chapters have shown during the past biennium. It has been a joy to work with you. May the reward of the faithful be yours.

G. W. FINLEY,

National Secretary-Treasurer.

The report was received and placed on file.

The president announced the following Nominating Committee: P. J. Harkness, Aberdeen; F. L. D. Holmes, Illinois State Normal University; Robt. B. Cox, Johnson City; Maud Webster, East Texas; and Mark Nickerson, Linfield. Resolutions Committee: Cunera Van Emmerik, Central, Iowa; Mary A. Hill, Flagstaff; E. O. Wood, Louisiana College; C. L. Nyström, Wheaton; and Maxine Ann Smith, Oklahoma A. & M.

The Charter Committee made the following partial report: That Texas Alpha chapter at Southwestern University, which has been suspended for four years be reinstated. Carried. That the following chapters be granted: Bethel College, Kansas Xi, Newton, No. 167; State Teachers College, Chadron, Nebraska, Nebraska Eta, No. 168; St. Vincent College, Latrobe, Pennsylvania, Pennsylvania Beta, No. 169. Carried.

The committee on constitutional revision reported a number of changes in the constitution which are shown in detail in the printed 1938 revision. These were adopted by the convention. Their recommendation that the expression "oratorical contest" be changed to "speech contest" was first adopted then reconsidered and referred back to the committee. At the next session it recommended that the original wording be allowed to stand. Carried. The first suggestion concerning the National Secretary-Treasurer was that this officer be appointed by the Council instead of being elected by the convention. The matter was referred back to the committee by this session with instructions to bring in a report making the office elective. At the next business session the committee recommended that the Secretary-Treasurer be nominated by the Council and approved by the convention. Carried.

Moved, that a committee be appointed to consider the matter of the selection of the Pi Kappa Delta debate question. Carried. Moved, that this committee also consider the question of whether or not an official interpretation of the question should be issued. Carried. Moved, that the committee also report on the method of selecting the extempore speaking topics. Carried. Moved to strike from our constitution the clause "who shall not be of the African Race." Moved, to refer this matter to the constitutional revision committee. Carried.

Adjournment.

**Third Business Session. Convention Hall, Jayhawk Hotel.
April 22, 1938, 9:00 A. M.**

The meeting was called to order by President Toussaint. Roll call. The Constitutional Revision Committee completed its report and it was adopted.

The Charter Committee recommended that the following chapters be granted and they were voted by the convention:

Georgia Alpha, State College for Women, Milledgeville, No. 170.

North Carolina Delta, Lenoir Rhyne College, Hickory, No. 171.

Florida Beta, John B. Stetson University, De Land, No. 172.

These chapters were voted by the convention. It was recommended that a chapter be granted to Appalachian State Teachers College, Boone, North Carolina, contingent upon this college passing the investigation now being made by the Southern Association before the convening of the Thirteenth National Convention of Pi Kappa Delta. Recommendation adopted.

The committee submitted the following general recommendations:

1. Every school making application for charter should be visited by the Governor of the province, or some qualified member appointed by him, in which the petitioning school would logically be located. This investigation should take place before the province is asked to endorse the institution. The petitioning school should bear the expense of this visit.

2. Applications for charter should be in the hands of the Chairman of the Charter Committee at least 60 days before the opening of the National Convention.

3. We recommend that the next Charter Committee revise the information now found on the petitioning blank sent to institutions desiring to petition for local chapters.

4. We also recommend that the province take more aggressive measures in recommending institutions within the province boundaries which might make good chapters for our organization.

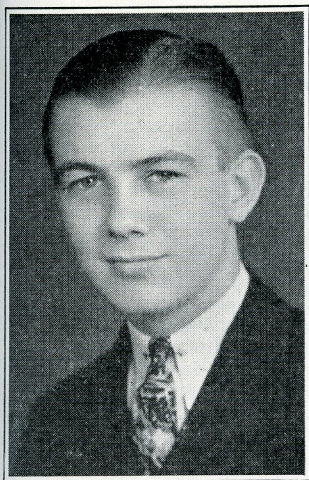
W. V. O'CONNELL,

Chairman.

Report adopted.

**REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON INTER-CHAPTER
RELATIONS AND STANDARDS**

We believe that greater harmony and the more ready attainment of our broad purposes will be achieved by refraining from a tendency to label any type of public speaking as "the educational" speech. We believe that each type has merit. We recognize the limitations upon the variety of types that may be accommodated in the national tournaments of Pi Kappa Delta. We believe that it is the privilege of each chapter and of each province to examine and experiment with all types of public speaking. We believe that the national fraternity should be ready to try, in so far as it is practicable. We believe that the national fraternity will be guided



EDWIN CASH

Student Representative on the
National Council
College of the Ozarks,
Arkansas Gamma

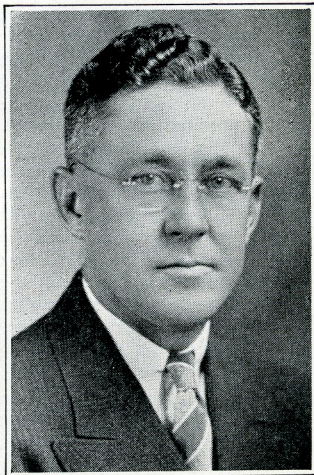
Sophomore. Degree of honor in debate and proficiency in oratory. State high school champion in debate and last year in junior college debate. President of his class. Editor elect of the college annual. Plans to study law.



MARTIN J. HOLCOMB

Member of the National Council
Augustana College, Illinois Xi

A.B., Bethany, Kansas Mu. A.M., Northwestern University. Has also studied at the universities of Chicago, Oklahoma, and Iowa. Taught speech at Bethany eleven years and at Augustana six. Has been governor of both the Kansas and Illinois province.



VERTON M. QUEENER

Member of the National Council
Maryville College, Tennessee
Alpha

"I attended my first national convention as a student in 1924. I have attended all but one since. I have served on various committees and have been province governor. I am deeply grateful for the honor of being elected to the national council."

by that which a strong majority of the local chapters find to be practicable and desirable.

Your committee shares that body of sentiment in Pi Kappa Delta which holds that the rating of a chapter solely upon the basis of its entry and achievement in provincial and national tournaments is not sufficiently comprehensive of the true purposes of the society. It is, therefore, recommended that Pi Kappa Delta adopt further standards by which it may rate its chapters.

The adoption of these standards is recommended in the belief that the following ends may be more readily attained: 1. A more comprehensive measurement of each chapter upon a qualitative basis. 2. A greater service by Pi Kappa Delta to the enterprise of extra-curricular forensics throughout the nation. 3. The satisfaction of a desire of various chapters to be accredited for reexamination and experimentation in the field of extra-curricular forensic activity. 4. The greater and more responsible organization of each chapter. 5. A greater body of data upon which the national fraternity may base determination of its future policies. 6. The advantages and values of forensic participation will be carried to a greater number of college students.

The Committee on Interchapter Relations and Standards recommends the accrediting of each chapter on the basis of the following standards:

1. Provincial and National Tournaments.
2. Cooperation with National Offices.
3. Cooperation with The Forensic.
4. Standard Competition.
5. Occasion Speaking.

THE FORENSIC

The Forensic.—We recommend that the scope of The Forensic be enlarged by inviting the contribution of more articles on experimental and controversial aspects of the field of Pi Kappa Delta interests: this with the purpose both of arousing interest in The Forensic as a magazine and of aiding the chapters in enlarging and improving the forensic programs.

Roster of Chapter Presidents and Coaches

The Editor of The Forensic is hereby directed to publish during the term of each school year a roster of all chapter presidents and coaches, or directors of the extra-curricular forensic activities, in those colleges and universities in which chapters of Pi Kappa Delta are chartered, and the publication of this roster shall be made not later than the January number of The Forensic. **Provided**, the National Secretary shall furnish the Editor with all names required to be published.

THE FORENSIC and Alumni (Graduate Members) of Pi Kappa Delta

The national council is hereby directed to make, or to cause to be made, a study of the feasibility of providing The Forensic, at a subscription rate or by other substantial means, to the graduate members of Pi Kappa Delta.

Record Forms

The National Secretary and the Chairman of the Committee on Interchapter Relations and Standards shall devise record forms which will simplify and expedite the accumulation and preservation of all factual material necessary to the rating of each chapter on the bases of measurements herein adopted. The forms so devised shall be printed upon a substantial grade of paper or card and each chapter shall be supplied with a sufficient number of forms to keep a record of the data herein

required for chapter accreditation. **Provided** that the costs of materials, printing, and distribution of the record forms shall be charged against the national treasury until the national convention of 1940, at which time the National Treasurer shall report the effect of such charges against the national treasury.

Accreditation

Section 1. It shall be the duty of the Corresponding Secretary of each chapter, as required by the constitution to be elected, to make regular reports to The Forensic.

Section 2. Each chapter of Pi Kappa Delta shall be accredited with fifty (50) points for each chapter report made as "No Report." Each chapter shall be accredited as follows for each of the following items sent during the term of the school year The Forensic:

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| 1. For regular receipt of the campus paper by The Forensic | 100 points |
| 2. For each item or article specially written for The Forensic | 100 points |
| 3. For each clipping from the "public press" | 25 points |
| 4. For each picture presenting a Pi Kappa Delta member or a
Pi Kappa Delta activity | 50 points |

Section 3. The Editor of The Forensic, by post card, shall notify each Corresponding Secretary of the deadline for receipt of copy for each issue of The Forensic, and such notice shall be given not less than fourteen (14) days before such established deadline.

Section 4. No chapter shall be called upon to make a report for more than four (4) issues of The Forensic during any school year.

Section 5. No chapter shall receive credit for more than one of the above items for each of the four issues of The Forensic.

Section 6. All items solicited by The Forensic shall receive the same credit as those voluntarily submitted by the chapter.

Section 7. The Editor of The Forensic shall keep a record on which will be reflected the rating of a chapter in its cooperation with The Forensic.

The purpose of this act shall be construed to provide The Forensic with materials sufficient to give recognition to all interests and all chapters of Pi Kappa Delta, and it shall not be construed to mean that all items received by The Forensic must be published in the magazine nor to restrict the Editor of The Forensic in his judgment of what is suitable for publication.

Occasion Speaking

A chapter shall be accredited with twenty (20) points for having presented one or more of its students as an extra-curricular event, upon each of the following types of occasions:

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| 1. For one (1) or more students in an intercollegiate extra-curricular
"after dinner speaking" contest | 20 points |
| 2. For two (2) or more students in debate broadcast by
radio to the public | 20 points |
| 3. For one or more intercollegiate debates, except a radio debate,
before a non-school organization | 20 points |
| 4. For presenting an individual student giving an original address,
except in debates, before a non-school organization | 20 points |
| 5. For having entered an intercollegiate congressional or assembly debate..... | 20 points |
| 6. For having sponsored an intramural congressional or assembly
debate in which students who have not engaged in intercollegiate
forensic competition shall participate | 20 points |
| 7. For having held at least one debate, excepting a congressional or
assembly debate, but not necessarily an intercollegiate debate, be-
fore a student body assembly of the college in which the chapter | |

- is located 20 points
8. For having held at least one debate before a meeting of a collegiate organization of the college in which the chapter is located..... 20 points

Relations With National Offices

For transmitting to the national officer properly authorized to receive the following official communications from the chapters, each chapter shall be accredited with twenty-five (25) points for transmitting each of the following items, and in addition each chapter shall be accredited with seventy-five (75) points for having transmitted each of the following items within the time limit specified by the national officer. **Provided**, that this rule shall not apply, unless there shall be allowed not less than twenty-one (21) days between the date of notice to the chapter and the date on which each item is transmitted to the national office. **Provided** further, that the National Council may establish a permanent deadline for receipt of each of the above items, in which case it shall be sufficient that the chapters be given fourteen (14) days' notice.

	For Transmitting:	(plus) For being on time:
1. Vote on the national debate question of Pi Kappa Delta	25	75
2. Roster of chapter membership together with the names of all officers as required by the Constitution of Pi Kappa Delta	25	75
3. List of suggestions of debate subjects for the forth- coming school year	25	75
4. Applications for membership in Pi Kappa Delta.....	25	75
5. Applications and reports of student records for "Ad- vanced Standing" in Pi Kappa Delta	25	75
6. Entries and fees for National Tournaments.....	25	75
7. A record of all facts upon which a chapter is given an annual rating among all chapters of Pi Kappa Delta	25	75

Provincial and National Tournaments of Pi Kappa Delta

The method of rating chapters on the basis of entry and achievement in the provincial and national tournaments of Pi Kappa Delta, as heretofore employed, shall be retained in computing ratings of chapters in tournaments in which contests proceed to a final elimination and awarding first, second, and third place honors. **Provided** that for purposes of computing the rankings in the 1938 national tournament, each chapter entered in men's debate or women's debate, or both, shall be accredited as heretofore in national tournaments except that, in lieu of the credits heretofore given for progress beyond the preliminary rounds, each chapter shall receive one (1) point for a rank of "Excellent" or two (2) points for a rank of "Superior."

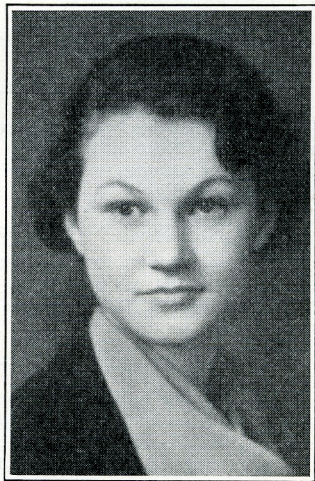
Local Contests: Oratory and Extempore Speaking

In this section "local contest" shall mean an intramural competitive event in which students compete for the honor of representing their college in an intercollegiate oratorical or extempore speaking contest.

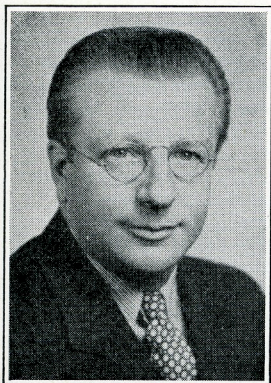
A chapter whose college has an enrollment of 500, or fewer, students shall be accredited with ten (10) points for each student, up to and including five (5) students, who participate in a local contest.

A chapter whose college has an enrollment of more than five hundred (500) students shall be accredited with ten (10) points for each of the first five (5) stu-

"Nothing in my college life has given me such a thrill and an urge to be a part of the world as sitting in a real legislative chair for four days at Topeka. Now I can understand why so many "phoney" laws get passed, and why it is so hard to pass good laws in real legislatures. I feel very grateful to Professor George Pflaum and Professor H. B. Summers for the work they did in making the Student Congress a success. The friendly, smiling, parliamentary genius, President Toussaint, made the general assembly meetings and the banquet a pleasure to the students. I enjoyed every part of the great Pi Kappa Delta convention."—*Nan Coon.*

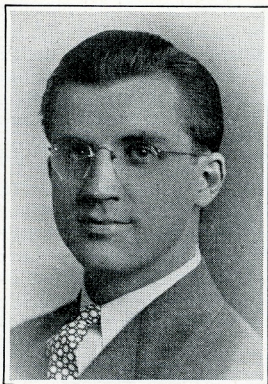


NAN COON
Representative
Sioux Falls College,
South Dakota Epsilon



Clifton Cornwell, senior.
Head of the speech department, offering speech major. Six instructors. Also director of alumni activities and newspaper publicity.

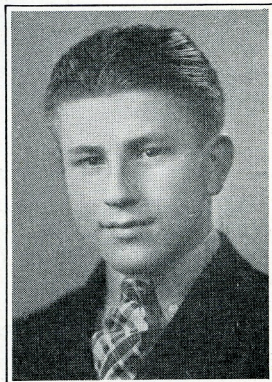
**THE CORNWELL
FAMILY,
Kirksville Teachers,
Missouri Theta**



Charles Cornwell, 21, senior, major in social science and speech. Six months in Missouri general assembly in 1937. Orator and Senator in the legislative assembly at Topeka. Nominated for student representative on national council. Plans to enter teaching or politics.

Besides being the daughter of our National Counsel J. D. Coon, Nan is a debater, orator, and extempore speaker in her own right.

Clifton Cornwell, Jr., 17. High school debater and honor student. Major in social science and speech. Debated at Topeka. Plans to enter teaching or journalism.



dents entering a local contest; and, in addition, shall be accredited with five (5) points for each of the second five (5) students entering the same local contest.

Intercollegiate Debates

Each chapter shall be accredited with five (5) points for each student representing his college in three (3) or more intercollegiate debates. **Provided** that "intercollegiate debates" shall here include strictly freshman team debates, varsity team debates.

Intercollegiate Extempore or Individual Original Speech Contest

A chapter shall be accredited with five (5) points for each student who shall have represented his college in an intercollegiate extempore speaking or individual original speech contest during a school year.

Intercollegiate Oratorical Contest

Each chapter shall be accredited with five (5) points for each original oration presented by a student in a recognized intercollegiate oratorical contest during a school year.

Each chapter shall be accredited with three (3) points for each recognized intercollegiate oratorical contest in which its college is entered.

Intercollegiate Debates

For all intercollegiate debates, except those entered in the provincial and national tournaments of Pi Kappa Delta, each chapter shall be accredited with points as shown in the following table. **Provided**, "intercollegiate debates" shall mean such debates as would, under the constitution of Pi Kappa Delta, be accredited toward membership or advanced standing in Pi Kappa Delta.

For each of first 20 debates.....	5 points
For each of next 10 debates.....	4 points
For each of next 20 debates.....	2 points
For each of next 20 debates.....	1 point
For each of all debates above 70 during any one regular school year	½ point

Map Showing Location of All Chapters

The National Secretary, as soon as practicable after each national convention, shall direct the preparation and distribution of a map indicating the location of all active and suspended chapters of Pi Kappa Delta, together with a showing of the provincial boundaries, and it is further provided a key table approximately identifying each chapter shall accompany the map. **Provided** the expense of publishing and distributing the map shall be charged against funds of the national treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Alumni Records

We recommend that each chapter keep a readily available record of all members as initiated and that this record be extended to include, as far as possible, a full, accurate, and permanent record of alumni (graduate members), their activities, achievements, and honors.

Report of Provincial Tournaments

The Governor of each Province shall transmit to the office of the National Secretary, within not more than twenty-one (21) days after each provincial tournament,