

## EDITOR'S PERSONAL PAGE

Where inconsistencies cease from troubling and logic is at rest

The first duty of man is to speak, that is his chief business in the world.—*Robert Louis Stevenson.*

A democracy presupposes an opportunity for discussion among its people.—*Glenn Frank.*

And we used to debate, purely as an academic question, the freedom of the Philippines and Japanese immigration.

There is no knowledge and no assurance of right belief but with him who can both confute the opposing opinion and successfully defend his own against confutation.—*John Stuart Mill.*

He who wishes to persuade should put his trust not in the right argument, but in the right word . . . Give me the right word and the right accent, and I will move the world.—*Joseph Conrad.*

He that will not reason is a bigot; he that cannot reason is a fool; and he that dares not reason is a slave.—*Sir William Drummond.*

Science and peace will triumph over ignorance and war.—*Pasteur.*

What we love has always found  
Expression in enduring sound.

—*Louis Untermeyer in "Food and Drink."*

Assertion is not argument; to contradict a statement of an opponent is not proof that you are correct.—*Samuel Johnson.*

### YOU HAVE A 50-50 CHANCE

You may be called or you may not. If you are called, you have a 50-50 chance. You may pass the physical examination or you may not. If you pass, you still have a 50-50 chance. You may be sent to the front or you may not. If you go to the front, you may be hit or you may not. If you are hit, you may get well or die. Even if you die, you still have a 50-50 chance.

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My opponent was a skillful pool player. Before he made one shot, he studied what the next one would be. He not only pocketed the ball he was after, but he also ended up with his cue ball in position for the next shot.

We are at war. The most important immediate task before each one of us is the winning of the war. We are and must be ready to serve when and where Uncle Sam needs us. Already many members of Pi Kappa Delta are in uniform. Many others will leave the platform for the field.

A soldier should be strong and brave. He does not have to be an artist. But even in the army there is need of and a place for the man who can reason accurately and speak clearly. An officer has to be an instructor. He must be able to understand, to explain, to teach. There is a great demand for officer material to mould our untrained youth into the efficient fighting machine they must soon become.

And when peace comes and the soldier returns to civilian life, there will be need for leaders, for men who can think straight and speak courageously. The peace which is to follow may be as difficult as the war.

There is every reason for the student now in college to carry forward his education in an orderly manner as far as he can, to complete his work as far as he goes, to train himself for leadership, to prepare for the present war and the peace which is to follow. While making sure of the ball which is his immediate aim, he should not forget the shot which is to follow. It may be hard to come back to the campus to complete his education after the war. He should use wisely and effectively the days which are now his. Such opportunities may not come again.



The second annual meeting of Pi Kappa Delta coaches of the Province of the Lower Mississippi, held in Fort Worth Texas, November 7 and 8, was presided over by Tom Bullock Hyder of North Texas State Teachers College, Governor of the Province, with Dr. C. Allen True and the local Pi Kappa Delta Chapter of Texas Christian University serving as hosts.



TOM BULLOCK HYDER

The meeting was opened by an evening reception for all of the attending coaches. This was followed by a discussion led by National Councilman Glenn Capp, of Baylor University, on the suggested topics for the current season.

Later in the evening Mr. Capp; Dr. C. Allen True, of Texas Christian University; and Mr. Tom Bullock Hyder were presented over station KFJZ in a discussion of Pi Kappa Delta, local and national, and its activities.

The following day was spent in valuable and organized discussions on "Problems of Judging", "Special Contest Problems", "Tournament Debate", "Legislative Assemblies", "Local Chapter Problems", and "National Participation."

Another radio broadcast over station WFAA featured Dr. Hugh F. Seabury,

whose subject was "Public Speaking in a Post-War World." The meeting was climaxed by a luncheon in the Centennial Room of the Texas Hotel.

*Tom Bullock Hyder, B.S., LL.B., M.S., who is associate professor of government and director of debate at North Texas State Teachers College, Denton, will supervise this year's Pi Kappa Delta National Student Assembly at Minneapolis in April. Three times a member of the Texas legislature, Hyder served two terms as chairman of the powerful legislative committee on municipal and private corporations. In 1932 and again in 1940 he was a delegate to the National Democratic Convention. He has been a member of the North Texas State government faculty since 1938.*

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Just two days before Japan attacked Pearl Harbor, Iowa held its annual Peace oratorical contest. Kenneth Shank of Simpson won first. Peter Malaris of Upper Iowa, won the extempore contest.—*The Central Ray.*



## *The Province Conventions*



### PROVINCE OF THE GREAT PLAINS

A Baker veteran team composed of Max Thompson and Johnny Phillips debated the affirmative against Park College in a pre-season exhibition debate before the annual meeting of the debate coaches of The Plains at Kansas City, in October.

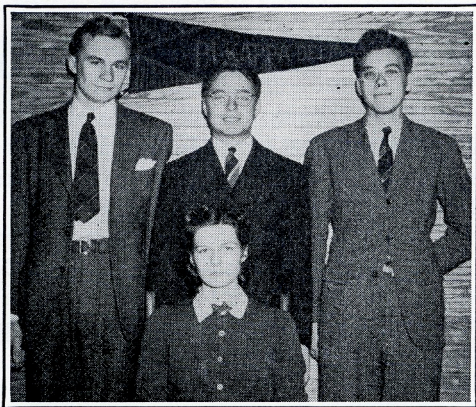
Fort Hays State College chapter sponsored its largest High School Debate Tournament November 15. One hundred teams represented some twenty-two high schools. Five rounds were handled terminating with rankings of superior, excellent and good. The chapter will be represented in the McPherson Tournament January 10, Kansas Native Sons and Daughters Oratorical in Topeka January 23, the Peace Oratorical at Kansas University April 24, and the National in Minneapolis.



### PROVINCE OF THE MISSOURI

Park, Missouri Central, and William Jewell came through undefeated in the William Jewell Tournament November 15. Fourteen colleges from Missouri, Iowa, Kansas, and Nebraska participated in this annual go-around sponsored by the chapter at Liberty. The chapter tournament schedule calls for a trip to Pittsburg, Kansas; Baylor at Waco; and the Midwest at Norman, Oklahoma. The schedule of stops for the annual West Coast trip includes the University of Arizona, Redlands, Southern California, College of the Pacific and Linfield. Ten teams are active out of thirty-three answering coach Amery's first call.

Miss Elizabeth Dickey, a graduate of the University of Minnesota and student at the University of Mexico where she taught in the



These four speakers from Central College (Missouri Gamma) won out over forty teams from fifteen colleges in Missouri, Kansas, Iowa, and Nebraska, to take first place in the William Jewell debate tournament, November 15. From left to right they are: Robert Wieman, Faye Warden, Merrill Tomlin, and Hamilton McCoy.



Collegio Americano, has joined former Governor Cunera Van Emerik of the speech department of Iowa Central College, Pella. Miss Dickey will have charge of dramatics, oratory and extemp.

Kennon Shank took the fifty dollars for first place in the National Peace Oratorical at the state contest held at Simpson December 5.

"Something you want to get off your chest? Here's your chance! The Pi Kappas 'll furnish the brew, if you furnish the bull. Yep, it's the first of Simpson's 'Java Jibes' coming up this next Friday, October 31, at four. Be at the Y. W. room if you get excited about campuistry—or do you uphold the time honored text book?"

The above announcement marked the start of a series of coffee forums on Simpson College campus, known as "Java Jibe." It was felt that Simpson students needed an opportunity to meet together and discuss campus and national problems. Midnight bull sessions had been the only available outlet. The "Java-Jibe" was well received.

Mary Towne, secretary of the chapter at Coe, sends along an interesting account of the establishing of a Speakers Bureau this year. Two students head-up this student-organized and student-operated community service business. All calls for programs that come to the speech department are passed on to the Speakers Bureau which shapes up a layout from the detailed files kept of each member and every speech student in the college.

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### PROVINCE OF ILLINOIS

Abe VanDerPuy, varsity debater for three years at Wheaton, and diamond member of Pi Kappa Delta, is now eligible for double diamond. He is now an instructor in speech and assistant debate coach at Wheaton College. This is the second double diamond member for the Illinois Mu chapter. Clarence Nystrom also holds the distinction.

On December 6, Leo Shapiro and his De Paul University squad took part in the tournament at Northwestern University along with Lake Forest, Mundelein, Wheaton, the Rosarys, University of Chicago, Loyola, and Marquette.

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### PROVINCE OF THE PACIFIC

The Linfield College chapter opened the season with a twenty-team squad tournament to qualify for the Ogden meet. The nine who made the trip brought back a first and some seconds and thirds in debate. Norma Justin, last year's chapter president, was first in this year's State Extemp Contest.

Invitations have gone out for the tenth annual high school debate tournament and the twelfth annual college tournament in February. The chapter is in charge of the regional meet for the Inter-American Affairs contest. The State After-Dinner Speaking contest will be held on the Linfield campus January 14. One of the direct clash debate go-arounds is also scheduled for this year.

At the Western Association Tournament in Ogden, Redlands finished first along with the University of Southern California and the College of the Pacific. At the Southern California Tournament at Pomona the chapter finished second.

Cal Tech chapter is planning its annual fund-raising Greek play for the second semester. Chapter representatives won the Southern California tournament at Pomona.



### PROVINCE OF THE SIOUX

Coach Hugo Carlson's debaters of Augustana, South Dakota Eta, swept through the Midwest Tournament at Omaha University on December 5-6. Debating the labor question were Hames McBath and Don Gross, with Paul Olsen as alternate and observer.

At Gustavus Adolphus on November 28-29, the Augustanans participated in three rounds of debate, all optional after the first round. James McBath, freshman, captured first place in extemp, while Don Gross placed second.

Dakota Wesleyan University was host to forty speech students November 6. Veteran Pi Kappa Deltans debated the question, "Resolved, that it is better to be a big frog in a little pond than to be a little frog in a big pond." The chapter has already held two of a year's series of town hall meetings.



### PROVINCE OF THE LOWER MISSISSIPPI

At the Commerce, Texas, Assembly, North Texas Teachers gave an account of themselves as follows: Norman Bagwell, chapter president, first in his division of oratory; Henry Amlin, vice-president, first in one division of men's extempore; and Ben Hearn, freshman in his first college meet, first in the other division; first place, women's poetry reading, Mary Lu Smith; first place, women's extemp, Betty Jane Timblin; first place, women's oratory, Elizabeth Scull; second place, Hilda Haines; and third place, radio, Ben Hearn.

Prior to Christmas vacation, Texas Christian attended the Legislative Assembly at East Texas Teachers, the Intercollegiate Assembly



at Dallas, and the East Central Tournament at Ada, Oklahoma. Pres. Arthur Norred of T. C. U. chapter was speaker of the house at Commerce, and vice-president W. R. Rucker was speaker at the S. M. U. gathering. They finished first and second in the same order on extemp.

Maude Webster and East Texas Teachers are away to a busy year. Seventy delegates from eight colleges attended their second annual Legislative Assembly and contests in oratory, extemp, poetry and radio, October 24-25. Mrs. John Hart was parliamentarian, Jo Williams tops in after-dinner speaking, and J. D. Quick one of the five distinguished participants in the S. M. U. Assembly November 14-15. The chapter is sponsoring a series of open forums on current topics, a patriotic declamation meeting for freshmen on the campus along with a radio series over KPLT on Preservation of Democracy, and discussion of the high school debate question before interested groups far and near.

Southwestern opened the forensic season with the largest forensic squad in the history of the college. Twelve varsity debaters returned, and twenty first-year debaters were selected to join the squad after tryouts. Twenty orators responded to the call for intercollegiate oratory. The entire squad is composed of fifty-two students who are busily engaged in preparing for various invitational tournaments and the National Pi Kappa Delta.

Invitations have gone out for Baylor University's Speech Tournament January 16-17. There will be contests in debate, oratory, extemp, radio announcing and after dinner speaking. A poetry festival will take the place of the usual poetry reading contest.

The state high school contests will be held at Baylor February 13-14.

At the Southwest Debate Institute on the University of Texas campus, Eloise Lewis and Mary Louise Gehring received top rating in the girls' affirmative class; Ellen June Wallace and Martha Hean Nordyke tied for first with the University of Texas and Texas Tech in the girls' negative division. Howard Lennon and Huber Drumwright placed second in the boys' affirmative section. Miss Lewis received the top individual rating for the girls and Lennon placed second in the individual rating for the boys. Colleges besides Baylor were the University of Texas, Texas Tech., S. M. U., University of Kansas, and Wichita University.

## PROVINCE OF THE UPPER MISSISSIPPI

Arthur Toupin, Gustavus Adolphus College, was awarded first place in the extempore tournament sponsored by Iowa State Teachers, Cedar Falls, in November.

Gustavus Adolphus College held its third annual invitational debate tournament on November 30. Eighteen colleges from five states participated.

A women's debate squad has been organized on the Gustavus Adolphus campus. Women's debate was abandoned there in 1937. The college is expecting to send a co-ed team to the national.

Three debate teams, two composed of men and one of women, entered the fifth Iowa Junior College Tournament at Iowa State Teachers, Cedar Falls, as representatives of Luther College, and won half their debates.

An all-college peace oratorical contest was held on the Luther campus November 19. Lyman Peterson won first prize and the right to compete in the Iowa State Peace Oratorical Contest. There he made chapter history by tying for second place. Marwin Wrolstad placed third in extemp at Indianola to set another chapter record. On January 30 the chapter will conduct the annual Luther College invitational high school debate tournament to which 40 schools have been invited.

Professor W. F. Schmidt, director of forensics at Concordia College, Moorhead, Minn., since 1936, has resigned his position at the college to accept the pastorate of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Youngstown, Ohio. Mr. Schmidt will continue at Concordia until after the Red River Valley Tournament in February.

Concordia, North Dakota State, and Moorhead State Teachers have reorganized the Tri-College Forensic League and scheduled a forensic program that will include three series of debates on three different questions, oratory, extempore speaking, poetry reading and after-dinner speaking. The program of activities will conclude with a tri-college dinner at which the ballots will be announced and a coffee pot awarded the winning college.

The topics to be used at the Ninth Red River Valley Forensic Tournament, to be held at Concordia, February 5-7, are: the Pi Kappa Delta debate question for both men and women; the Labor Unions question in the extemp argument contest for both men and women; "Evaluation of Contemporary American Leaders" in men's extemp; "Editing the Past Month's News" in women's extemp; "America's World Responsibility" in the discussion contest for both men and women. Prior to Japan's "blitz-fits" the discussion topic had been



announced as "Is American Neutrality Possible in a Warring World?"

Pi Kappa Delta members are leaders on Hamline Campus:

Patrick Henry, an honor student, is not only president of Pi Kappa Delta, but also of the student senate, and of Kappa Phi Sigma.

Clayton Oberg, an honor student, is a member of the choir, of Kappa Phi, Torch and Cycle, and captain of the swimming team.

Donald Harkness is president of Kappa Phi, the International Relations club, editor of the *Piper*, and an honor student.

Valene Simmonds is a member of the Literary Board and the Student Senate, the society editor of the *Oracle*, and officer of the Christian Association.

The chapter at Hamline sponsors the two Randall oratorical contests which are held each year on the campus. One contest is held for men, one for women, with prizes of \$25, \$15 and \$10 given by E. W. Randall, former president of the Board of Trustees. The men's contest was held December 15, Russell Johnson winning first. He is to represent the school in the state oratorical contest. The women's contest will take place after the first of the new year.



## PROVINCE OF THE SOUTHEAST

Four experienced debaters from Alabama College and their coach will embark next March 20 on a full month's debating and sight-seeing tour which will take them to the Grand Canyon, the National Pi Kappa Delta Tournament, a three-day stay in Chicago, and a visit to Mammoth Cave, Kentucky. Debates with sixteen schools have already been scheduled, and since most of these involve two debates, a total of some thirty debates in addition to those of the National Tournament will have been completed by the time the group returns to Montevallo on April 19. J. H. Henning, will take with him on the trip Miss Sarah Peck Weaver, holder of the degree of Special Distinction and President of the Alabama Beta Chapter, who will be completing her fourth year as a varsity debater; Miss Sara Rumbley, Miss Marjorie Stith, and Miss Peggy Kirk, all juniors completing their third year of varsity debating, and all of whom will be eligible for the degree of Special Distinction before the trip is completed.

In Tennessee, Southwestern of Memphis will be met; in Arkansas, Hendrix College of Conway and the College of the Ozarks at Clarksville; in Oklahoma, Oklahoma Baptist University; in Texas, North Texas State Teachers at Canyon; then on to the University of New

Mexico at Albuquerque and Arizona State Teachers at Flagstaff. After three days at the Grand Canyon and a general tour of the area, Colorado College and Denver University will be debated in Colorado; Kearney Teachers and the University of Omaha in Nebraska; and then a week of ding-dong debating and fun at the Minneapolis National. On the way home, the group will spend three days in Chicago, debating Northwestern University of Evanston and Lake Forest College at Lake Forest during their stay. Northern Illinois State Teachers at DeKalb will conclude the Illinois schools to be met; Franklin College in Indiana and the University of Kentucky at Lexington wind up the debates. Then after a full day's visit to Mammoth Cave, the group will return to school for some different kinds of education.

Florida Beta at John B. Stetson University sponsored its fifth annual State Practice Tournament December 6. The University of Florida, Rollins College, Florida Southern College, and St. Petersburg Junior College were the visitors. Carson Seavy of Rollins was first in extemp, Bud Dickinson of Stetson second, and Leo Weinstein of Florida Southern third. Non-decision debate and non-competitive after-dinner speaking made up the rest of the schedule of activities.

Eight freshmen and sixteen varsity debaters make up the chapter squad for this season at Tennessee Polytechnic Institute at Cookeville.

T. P. I. is pointing for the Minneapolis tournament with the Tennessee State tournament at Lebanon February 26-28, The Murray College Mid-winter tournament and debates with Iowa State Teachers, University of Dayton, Texas Christian, Murfreesboro Teachers, The University of the South, and Cumberland.

On February 24, the Tusculum College chapter is holding the seventh annual Smoky Mountain Tournament for men. This year's participants will be Carson-Newman, Lincoln Memorial University, Cumberland University, Milligan, Maryville, East Tennessee Teachers, Emory and Henry, and Kings. Along with debating will be contests in oratory, impromptu, radio speaking and a debate symposium in the form of a panel discussion.

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Augustana, Illinois Xi, won first in the University of Iowa freshman-sophomore tournament December 5-6. Forty-one teams representing fourteen colleges participated.—*The Augustana Observer*.

Lois Spier of Park speaking on "Preparation for Peace" won second place in the Missouri State Peace Oratorical contest.—*The Park Stylus*.



Prof. T. B. Hyder, Governor of the Province of the Lower Mississippi, has offered an award for the chapter of his province with the best all around program of practical speech work. Prof. Hyder, who served several terms in the Texas legislature, will be in charge of the student legislative assembly at the National Convention in Minneapolis.—*The East Central Journal*.

Bruce Kendall, Ray Werner, and Coach David M. Grant of Hastings, Nebraska Delta, participated in the Jefferson High School, Council Bluffs, Iowa, debate clinic November 21-2. The debaters met a team from Omaha University in a demonstration debate. Prof. Grant was a critic judge in the high school tournament.—*Hastings Collegian*.

Earl Engles and William Scott Nobles of Southeastern Teachers, Oklahoma Theta, won eight straight debates and the cup for the junior division of the meet at Jackson, Mississippi, December 5-6. Nobles also won the extemporaneous speaking contest.—*The Southeastern*.

Bake Young and Leslie Montgomery of College of Idaho won second place in the senior division of the debate tournament at the Western Association of Teachers of Speech at Ogden, Utah. Charles Grimes and Harley Barnhart tied for third.—*The College Coyote*.

St. Vincent and Grove City, Pennsylvania Beta and Alpha, ranked second and fourth in the ninth Westminster debate tournament at New Wilmington December 5-6. Twenty-four teams from eighteen colleges participated.—*The Collegian*.

Bette Jane Hill and Evelyn Hamil, of Central Teachers, Oklahoma Iota, debating for their first time in a national tournament, won second in the Ada tournament.—*The Vista*.

Miss Van Emmerik of Central, Iowa Beta, took six of her debaters to the William Jewell, Missouri Delta, tournament, November 14.15.—*The Central Ray*.

Wisconsin Delta of River Falls Teachers held a Homecoming breakfast October 25. Invitations were sent to all active, honorary, and alumni members.

The Illinois Wesleyan debaters stopped at Cape Girardeau December 8 for two no-decision contests with Missouri Iota.—*The Capaha Arrow*.

The Pittsburg Junior College tournament November 21-22 drew teams from twenty-nine colleges.—*The Collegio*.

Rita Haskins, Bowling Green, Ohio Eta 1940, recently sent in an order to replace a key which had been stolen. She also asked to have her name entered for a subscription to THE FORENSIC. She adds: "After being out of school for a year, I can now realize how much I have received from my forensic activities. I wish now that I could have taken more advantage of the opportunities Pi Kappa Delta offered. I wish I could in some way transmit my thoughts to members of Pi Kappa Delta throughout the country. Don't take your forensic activities as a matter of course—they're the main dish, not just the dessert."

William Jewell, Missouri Delta, published a very attractive illustrated folder giving its forensic history, the records of those speakers now in college, and an outline of its plans and ideals. The William Jewell record goes back to 1873 and is studded with national and international achievements and honors. It should certainly inspire talented freshmen to try for a place on the squad.

Five college editors debated the drafting of college students over station KMOX, the Columbia St. Louis station, recently. The colleges represented were Carnegie Institute of Technology, Wellesley, University of Minnesota, Emory University, and St. Francis College. The editors were themselves divided three to two in favor of conscripting the students.—*The Wesleyan Pharos*.

Southeastern Teachers, Oklahoma Theta, placed in five events in the Dallas tournament November 21-22. Ganna Buford won first in women's oratory, Martha Freeman second in extemp, Edward Highsmith and Edra Floy Files placed third in after dinner speaking, and Highsmith was listed among the five outstanding representatives in the student assembly.—*The Southeastern*.

Prof. Charles C. Major of Illinois Wesleyan took four of his debaters on a two thousand mile trip through Missouri, Oklahoma, Louisiana, Mississippi, Georgia, Indiana, and Illinois. Those making the trip were Wallace Dace, Stanley Billick, Dick Lebitsamer, and Mike Millich.—*The Argus*.

Park, Missouri Beta, came through the Midwest Speech Tournament at Kirksville, with eight victories and no defeats. Southeast Teachers, Missouri Iota, was second with only one loss.—*Capaha Arrow*.

Heidelberg, Ohio Beta, debaters met Michigan Normal and Albion in a triangular practice debate December 16. They had previously engaged Wooster and Akron.—*The Kilikilik*.



The closest State Intercollegiate Peace Oratorical contest was held at North Central December 8. The first votes showed a tie for first between Doris Ollman of Lake Forest and Edward Weir of East State Teachers. The tie was broken in favor of Miss Ollman. Richard Goodman won third for Normal. Then came another tie between Geneva Esmont of North Central and John Wetmer of Wesleyan.—*The College Chronicle*.

East Central Teachers, Oklahoma Eta, and Oklahoma Baptist debaters gave a demonstration debate before the Annual Debate and Discussion Institute at the University of Oklahoma, October 17-18. Representatives from all Oklahoma colleges were invited to participate in the discussion which is a part of the institute.—*The East Central Journal*.

Jackie Judge of College of the Pacific placed second in impromptu in the senior women's division of the forensic tournament at Pomona Junior College December 5-6. The declaration of war immediately afterward made this the last tournament on the regulation of labor unions, which has now become an undebatable subject. — *Pacific Weekly*.

Don Marsh, last year president of Nebraska Delta chapter at Hastings, is now a private at Mather Field, California. He says that army life is a snap for any one used to the strenuous life of a debater.—*The Hastings Collegian*.

Pittsburg, Kansas Theta, won honors at the Ada tournament. Don Musser ranked first in after dinner speaking, Jane Pratt placed second in extempore, and Margaret Naylor and Jane Pratt were third in debate.—*The Collegio*.

Betty Lou Sitz, Lucretia Low, Irene Pickering, and Clara Jo Hopkins of Wesleyan, Nebraska Alpha, won ten out of twelve debates in the Omaha tournament December 5-6.—*The Wesleyan*.

LaVerne Briley and Ruthie Reams have won oratorical contests at Oklahoma College for women and will represent the institution in intercollegiate meets.—*The O. C. W. Trend*.

Normal University orators won eleven first, four seconds, and six third places in the contests and clinics at Illinois Wesleyan December 5-6.—*The Vidette*.

Eight girls from Mary Hardin-Baylor visited Southwestern, Texas Alpha, for a series of no-decision debates November 20.—*The Megaphone*.