

Chapter	Fees	Keys	Total	Refunds
Univ. of Detroit .....	5.00	3.25	8.25	
Mount Pleasant .....	55.00	14.00	69.00	
Minnesota:				
Macalester .....	25.00	4.50	29.50	1.00
St. Olaf .....	45.00	7.25	52.25	
Gustavus Adolphus .....	80.00	15.25	95.25	
Hamline .....	.....	8.25	8.25	
St. Thomas .....	30.00	38.50	68.50	
Concordia .....	20.00	9.01	29.01	5.35
Mississippi:				
Millsaps .....	65.00	62.25	127.25	
State College .....	25.00	12.75	37.75	
Missouri:				
Westminster .....	.....	.....	.....	
Park .....	20.00	49.30	69.30	2.05
Central .....	20.00	3.50	23.50	
William Jewell .....	10.00	4.00	14.00	
Culver-Stockton .....	35.00	78.25	113.25	2.00
Warrensburg .....	.....	.....	.....	
Kirksville .....	35.00	22.50	57.50	
Cape Girardeau .....	30.00	43.00	73.00	
Maryville .....	20.00	.....	20.00	
Missouri Valley .....	15.00	.....	15.00	
Tarkio .....	60.00	.....	60.00	
Montana:				
Polytechnic I. ....	5.00	4.75	9.75	
State College .....	40.00	.....	40.00	
Nebraska:				
Wesleyan .....	.....	20.50	20.50	
Doane .....	25.00	13.50	38.50	
Hastings .....	40.00	52.00	92.00	
Kearney .....	25.00	24.26	49.26	
Chadron .....	20.00	15.00	35.00	
North Carolina:				
State .....	10.00	14.10	24.10	
Wake Forest .....	.....	.....	.....	
Asheville Normal .....	15.00	.....	15.00	
Lenoir Rhyne .....	20.00	18.00	38.00	
North Dakota:				
Jamestown .....	.....	9.25	9.25	
Ohio:				
Baldwin-Wallace .....	10.00	.....	10.00	
Heidelberg .....	20.00	13.75	33.75	
Hiram .....	.....	.....	.....	
Akron .....	25.00	15.75	40.75	
Otterbein .....	15.00	4.00	19.00	
Marietta .....	15.00	.....	15.00	

Chapter	Fees	Keys	Total	Refunds
Bowling Green .....	65.00	4.00	69.00	
Toledo .....	40.00	....	40.00	
Kent State .....	30.00	13.00	43.00	
Oklahoma:				
A. & M. College .....	25.00	....	25.00	10.00
Tulsa .....	20.00	....	20.00	
Baptist .....	30.00	3.50	33.50	5.00
Alva .....	....	11.00	11.00	
Oklahoma City .....	....	4.00	4.00	
College for Women .....	20.00	....	20.00	
Ada .....	50.00	13.00	63.00	
Durant .....	25.00	....	25.00	
Edmond .....	25.00	22.00	47.00	
Oregon:				
Linfield .....	15.00	8.00	23.00	
Pennsylvania:				
Grove City .....	30.00	....	30.00	
St. Vincent .....	30.00	....	30.00	
Univ. of Puerto Rico .....	....	....	....	
South Carolina:				
Presbyterian .....	15.00	8.76	23.76	
Winthrop .....	65.00	53.50	118.50	
South Dakota:				
Wesleyan .....	20.00	5.00	25.00	
Huron .....	....	....	....	
Yankton .....	20.00	....	20.00	
State College .....	30.00	23.00	53.00	
Sioux Falls .....	65.00	21.10	86.10	
Aberdeen .....	5.00	4.75	9.75	
Augustana .....	20.00	9.75	29.75	
Madison .....	35.00	12.75	47.75	
Tennessee:				
Maryville .....	45.00	54.25	99.25	
Tusculum .....	35.00	19.87	54.87	
Johnson City .....	....	....	....	
Polytechnic Inst. ....	80.00	36.75	116.75	
Carson-Newman .....	70.00	28.00	98.00	
Texas:				
Southwestern .....	15.00	15.00	30.00	
Trinity .....	....	....	....	
East Texas .....	35.00	40.50	75.50	
Howard Payne .....	....	....	....	
Mary Hardin Baylor .....	10.00	5.00	15.00	
Texas Christian .....	20.00	7.25	27.25	
Denton .....	5.00	8.50	13.50	
Hardin-Simmons .....	10.00	12.00	22.00	
Baylor .....	35.00	25.25	60.25	



Chapter	Fees	Keys	Total	Refunds
Sam Houston .....	35.00	27.75	62.75	
San Marcos .....	45.00	8.50	53.50	
Stephen F. Austin .....	-----	-----	-----	
Virginia:				
Farmville .....	20.00	3.50	23.50	
Washington:				
Puget Sound .....	95.00	28.75	123.75	
Seattle Pacific College .....	115.00	42.50	157.50	
West Virginia:				
Wesleyan .....	30.00	4.75	34.75	
Wisconsin:				
Ripon .....	20.00	36.00	56.00	
Carroll .....	35.00	39.75	74.75	
Oshkosh .....	45.00	4.75	49.75	
River Falls .....	30.00	-----	30.00	
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	\$4,375.10	\$2,491.46	\$6,866.56	\$47.02
	G. W. FINLEY,			
	Nat'l Secretary-Treasurer.			

## COMMENTS ON THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT

The first thing you will notice is that receipts exceed expenditures for the year by \$643.27. The balance is again on the right side. Glancing back over the figures for the past ten years I see that the balance June 30, 1930 was \$6,028.70, showing an increase during the decade of \$1,599.05. If we can keep on in this direction we shall reach that long sought goal of a \$10,000 reserve fund, although of course our true reserve fund is not the balance shown in this year's report, but our lowest balance during the year, or about \$4,500.

Looking over the individual chapter reports we see that the prize for the best financial showing during the year, not including the new chapters, goes to Michigan State Normal College, \$140.25; second Emporia Teachers, \$139.00; third Millsaps, \$127.25. Others that made excellent showings were: College of Puget Sound \$123.75; Winthrop \$118.50; Wheaton \$118.00; DeKalb Teachers \$117.75 (not counting the refund); Culver-Stockton \$111.25.

As usual a few chapters failed to take in any new members or order any keys. Most of these will remedy that situation early this fall. Some of them, however, seem definitely headed for the inactive chapter list.

Credit for the good financial showing goes first to the chapters that sent in the funds and second to the National Council members who all cooperated loyally to help hold down the expense column.

## EDITOR'S PERSONAL PAGE

Where inconsistencies cease from troubling and logic is at rest

A debate should be more than a logomachy.



With words that in an honest suit might move,  
First he praised my beauty, then my speech.

—*The Comedy of Errors.*



Every extemporaneous address is the product of the whole man—mind, heart, voice—every supporting and expressing organ contributing in varying degrees of energy.—*James W. Buckley.*



The sluggard is wiser in his own conceit than seven men who can render a reason.—*Proverbs.*



Only from continued debate can new vistas be opened.—*President Conant of Harvard in The Atlantic Monthly.*



"It is not inappropriate here to praise the quality of speaking done during the past years under the auspices of the National Forensic League, the Pi Kappa Delta, Delta Sigma Rho, Tau Kappa Alpha, and the score of state high school and college debate and discussion leagues. In these performances and the speech instructional systems back of them in school and college lie our hopes for good speaking standards in America, as far as the standards relate to thought analysis. And these same factors of solidity should contribute to the sane and serious treatment of basic questions by the rank and file of our citizens."—*A. Craig Baird, President of the National Association of Teachers of Speech, in the address he delivered at the annual convention in Chicago, December 27, 1939. Reprinted from Vital Speeches of February 1, 1940.*



Every American youth, if he desires for any purpose to gain influence over his countrymen in an honorable way, will seek to become a good public speaker.—*Senator Hoar.*



This is true liberty, when every man speaks free.—*Euripides.*



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In a democracy free speech is a fundamental necessity. Under a dictator it is frequently suppressed. A dictator must destroy opposition and bend men to his own will. Democracy had its beginnings in the assembly, in the town meeting, where men stood up as free men and voiced their counsels. It makes use of the wisdom of all members. The rights of the individual were protected in so far as he is able to make them clear and has the courage to speak in their defense.

Social institutions and forms of government rise and pass. Feudalism, monarchies, rule by priesthoods—all have pretty well passed. Today even democracy has almost disappeared. The British Empire and the United States alone are left to defend the ramparts of individual freedom and hold aloft the flame from the altar of human liberty.

The beginning of another forensic season offers the gifted and ambitious student an opportunity to win kudos for himself and his institution. It also offers him a chance to enlist under the banner of democracy and to train himself in the great preparedness program for freedom. He can serve his country every time he speaks by bringing home the lessons of liberty. We are today preparing the leaders of tomorrow. They must be able to make democracy appeal to the peoples of the world. Not all the battles for freedom are won upon the field. The great democrat who once stood upon a battle field of our Civil War and coined the phrase "government of the people, by the people, for the people" did as much to make secure for our people the blessing of liberty as some who have laid down their lives.

Last year The FORENSIC failed to print any forensic news about a fourth of its chapters. This was a serious failure. The items of forensic news about the chapters are more widely read than any other part of The FORENSIC. It is the ambition of the editor to have at least one item about each chapter in each issue. Such an exchange of forensic information would be very valuable.

It will take the cooperation of each chapter to make this possible. The most satisfactory arrangement is to schedule an exchange between your college paper and The FORENSIC. Most of the chapter news is secured in this way. If a chapter can not arrange such an exchange, it should appoint a reporter who will clip all forensic news and mail it to the editor. This news should reach him each month. Other news items may be included.

The FORENSIC would like to publish articles of interest from its members. It appeals to all, students and faculty, to contribute. It is especially anxious to have articles by student members. Last year Tucker Irvin, one of our present student representatives on the National Council, contributed two interesting and timely articles. More would be welcomed. Write to the editor for suggestions if necessary. Articles of not over fifteen hundred words are most welcome.

“Mend your speech a little, lest you mar your fortunes.”—*King Lear*.

Some of Candidate Wendell Wilkie's friends have suggested that he employ a speech teacher, as Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt has done.

“Mr. Wilkie's chief fault is a slurring of words, a tendency to stumble and back track,” points out the friendly *Washington Daily News* . . . . “These slurrings were conspicuous—flosphy, instead of the full articulation; principles, likewise; blieve, similar, clamity, oppsite, maintenance, obsolete, Unistates.”

“An Adam's apple may win the election and determine the destiny of nations,” the newspaper added, warning Mr. Willkie that “he is up against the greatest epiglottitis in the known world.”—*The Kansas City Star*.



## NOTES FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK

Dr. Merle Ansberry who has been Director of Speech Education at Arizona State College, Tempe, for several years goes this fall to a position in the University of Virginia.

Albert Keiser, Director of Speech at Lenoir-Rhyne College, was a welcome visitor at the offices of the National Secretary and the Editor of *The FORENSIC* during the summer. He spent most of his vacation in the mountains of Colorado.

National Vice-President Leroy Laase goes this fall to the staff of the University of Nebraska. He has been the guiding genius of the Nebraska Delta chapter at Hastings for a good many years and will be sorely missed there.

Baylor College, Belton, Texas and Baylor University, Waco are more closely united now than ever. On May 25 Thelma Robuck, Coach of Forensics at Belton, became Mrs. Glenn Capp and she is now looking after the household of our National Councilman, and, I dare say, helping him to turn out more winning teams, (although, judging by the past record of Baylor University, Glenn didn't need any extra help).

Boris Alexander, Coach of Debate at Lemoyne College, the most famous debating colored college in the country, called to see Messrs. Westfall, Toussaint and Finley during the summer. He has travelled with his debaters as far as Australia in past years and is looking for a place, not too close to Memphis, Tennessee, to which he can journey in 1940-41.

Hugo Carlson, for years Director of Forensics at Augustana, South Dakota, has given up coaching and taken to the air. His voice may now be heard over some of the NBC stations. He is stationed at Omaha, Nebraska.

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Dr. Warren Keith, Winthrop, South Carolina Delta, who directed the student congress at the last National Convention, has been engaged as tournament director of the national convention of Phi Rho Pi, the national junior college honorary forensic society. The convention will be held at Charlotte, North Carolina, April 7-10, 1941.—*The Phi Rho Pi Persuader.*

## Speech In the Popular Magazines



One measure of the interest the general public is taking in public speaking is the number of articles appearing in the popular magazines. Following is a list of only a few of the outstanding ones. Many of them are by recognized speech teachers or are based on a study of the work of such teachers.

These articles should be valuable to college students engaged in forensics. They bristle with practical suggestions. Most of them are available in the average college library. Some speech teachers have used these articles for assignments in speech classes. Each student studies one of the articles and summarizes it for the class. If the article gives suggestions for voice exercises, the student illustrates them for the class.

1. "The Beautiful Escape," Celia Caroline Cole. *Delineator*, 121:17;50. August, 1932.
2. "Can You Think Fast On Your Feet?" John Janney. *American Magazine*, 113:41 ff. January, 1932.
3. "Finding Your Voice," Marie Raynon Ray. *Collier's*, 86:10 ff. August 16, 1930.
4. "The First Lady Takes Lessons to Train Her Speaking Voice," *Life*, 6:6-9. March 13, 1939. (Pictures of Mrs. Roosevelt being instructed).
5. "Give Voice to Your Charm," *Reader's Digest*, 32:74-6. May, 1938.
6. "Have you Really Learned to Talk?" Vida Sutton. *American Magazine*, 116:45;98. August, 1933.
7. "How Good is Your Speech?" W. N. Brigance. *Woman's Home Companion*, 62:20 ff. January, 1935.
8. "How You Can Make Your Speaking Voice Attractive," Helen Christine Bennett. *American Magazine*, 107:18-19; 99-104. June, 1929.
9. "If You Don't Like Your Voice Get a New One," Marie Reynon Ray. *American Magazine*, 109:70-3; 157. June, 1930.
10. "It Isn't What You Say," Louise Paine Benjamin. *Ladies' Home Journal*, 53:27 ff. September, 1936.
11. "It's the Way You Say It," R. Seinfel. *Collier's*, 102:18 ff. August 27, 1938.
12. "Making Your Words Count," Chas. N. Sheldon. *Rotarian*, 55:20-22. November, 1939.



13. "New Approaches to Science of Voice," C. E. Seashore. *Scientific Monthly*, 49:340-40. October, 1939.
14. "Oratory," *Quarterly Review*, 269-132-44. July, 1937.
15. "Oratory's Successor," George Wharton Pepper. *Saturday Evening Post*, 204:21 ff. January 30, 1932.
16. "The Secret of a Pleasing Voice," Helen Bethany Hamilton. *Hygeia*, 9:1125-6. December, 1931.
17. "Speech: Northwestern School Teaches Students How to Talk," *Life*, 8:86-8. March 11, 1940. (Good pictures).
18. "Speech and the Democratic Process: Deliberative Speaking in the Service of Democracy," A. Craig Baird. *Vital Speeches Of Today*, 6:242-4. February 1, 1940.
19. "Spellbinding," Alfred E. Smith. *Saturday Evening Post*, 202:3-5 ff. May 24, 1930.
20. "Voice and Personality," D. L. Ashley. *Pictorial Review*, 34:42. April, 1933.
21. "The Voice of Beauty," Dorothy Cocks. *Ladies Home Journal*, 51:54-6. November, 1934.
22. "What a Voice," Ruth Chandler Moore. *Collier's*, 95:28. June 29, 1935.
23. "Your Voice," Crystal Waters. *Woman's Home Companion*, 66:15. April, 1939.
24. "Your Voice Can Be Your Fortune," Crystal Waters. *Good Housekeeping*, 103:34-5. November, 1936.
25. "Your Voice Gives You Away," Helen Hathaway. *Good Housekeeping*, 90:40-1 ff. May, 1930.

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### The Committee Which Selected the Debate Question

Glenn R. Capp, Baylor University, Waco, Texas, Chairman.  
 Harold M. Jordan, Sioux Falls College, Sioux Falls, South Dakota.  
 James M. Holm, Kent State University, Kent, Ohio.  
 R. D. Mahaffey, Linfield College, Ypsilanti, Michigan.  
 W. V. O'Connell, State Teachers College, DeKalb, Illinois, Ex-Officio.  
 Forrest H. Rose, Teachers College, Cape Girardeau, Missouri, Ex-Officio.

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Prewitt Ewing, former national vice-president, writes that he is now located in Kansas City where he is beginning the practice of law. He is also coaching forensics at the University of Kansas City. He would like to schedule debates with any teams passing through.

## ANOTHER PI KAPPA DELTA WEDDING

George V. Bohman, former National Vice-President of Pi Kappa Delta, was married June 22 in Johnson City, Tennessee, to Miss Gladys Presley, a charter member of the Tennessee Gamma chapter. The wedding was attended by a number of Pi Kappa Delta members. Prof. Bohman was forensic coach at Dakota Wesleyan, South Dakota Alpha, before going to Dartmouth. Last year he was working towards his doctor's degree at Wisconsin, but will be back at Dartmouth this year and in charge of forensics.

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Dr. Forrest L. Knapp, a Colorado State debater of some years ago, was recently elected General Secretary of the World's Sunday School Association. Dr. Knapp was an active member of the Colorado Alpha chapter and in 1920 attended the third national convention at Morningside college. After receiving his B.S. degree at Colorado State, he earned a doctor's degree at the Yale University Divinity School.

Last year fifteen debate teams from North Texas State Teachers, the Eta chapter, won 182 debates of the 261 in which they participated. They engaged in twelve tournaments in five states, winning firsts in six of them. Four members of the chapter presented a forum discussion on 'What we as students expect from our dean' before a meeting of the deans of Texas colleges and universities.

Prof. George McCarty, South Dakota Delta at State College, was featured on the program of the Western Wisconsin Teachers Association at La Crosse, October 10-11. He spoke on "Every Fellow for Himself—Devil take the Hindmost" and "This Thing we Call Democracy." He also spoke for the Golden Jubilee Convention for the Northwest Wisconsin Teachers Association.

The Pasadena Playhouse, one of the leading schools of the theater, is anxious to secure the names and addresses of members of Pi Kappa Delta who have done outstanding work in dramatics.

Maynard Iverson, Minnesota Beta, was elected president of the St. Olaf student body. Donald Eastvold, his opponent, is also a member of Pi Kappa Delta.—*The Manitou Messenger*.

Hunter Beckelhymer was elected student body president at Park, Missouri Beta. Harry Stiles was chosen to edit the Narva, the college annual.—*The Park Stylus*.



Joe Robbie, former South Dakota Zeta debater at Northern Teachers and present student body president at the University of South Dakota, appeared in the Teachers college auditorium September 18, in a political debate. Robbie spoke for the Democrats. The Republicans were represented by a prominent Aberdeen lawyer.—*The Exponent*.

Martin J. Holcomb, member of the National Council of Pi Kappa Delta and forensic director at Augustana, Illinois Xi, is on a year's leave of absence from his teaching duties and is studying at Northwestern, where he has been granted a fellowship in the school of speech.—*The Augustana Observer*.

Don Marsh, Gerald Mehuron, and Janice Shuler were each awarded a fifty-dollar scholarship at Hastings, Nebraska Delta, as the high ranking man, freshman, and woman orator in contests during commencement season last spring.—*Hastings Collegian*.

Lillian Canon, College for Women, won the Oklahoma state peace oratorical contest. Mary Louise Smelser, who won second in the state contest last year, gave her oration at the state convention of the W. C. T. U.—*The O. C. W. Trend*.

Robert Charles Newell, Hastings, Nebraska Delta, was awarded the Bronco Award as the member of last year's graduating class who had done the most to promote 'Constructive College Citizenship.'—*Hastings Collegian*.

Prof. H. Dana Hopkins of Heidelberg, Ohio Beta, former national president of Pi Kappa Delta, last year taught a course in radio drama in which students wrote and produced their own radio plays.—*The Kilikilik*.

Eugene Dawson, Kansas Theta of Pittsburg Teachers, is this year attending the Divinity School of Harvard University. He is a former Kansas state oratorical champion.—*The Collegio*.

"Probably the fastest growing department in East Texas State Teachers College is the department of speech, headed by Miss Maud Webster."—*The East Texan*.

The forensic department at Park, Missouri Beta, has just acquired a Presto Recorder which will be used in training its speakers.—*The Park Stylus*.

Thirty-four out of the fifty-six debaters at Alabama Beta during the last four years began their forensic work as freshmen.—*The Alabamian*.

Edward R. Stanford, Georgetown, Texas Alpha, was awarded the J. J. Perkins Debate Prize as the student doing the best debating during the year. The prize was a twenty-one jewel Waltham watch. Fifty dollars in prizes were awarded to the three student winners in the Bible reading contest.—*The Megaphone*.

The Portland Chapter of the American Institute of Banking carries on quite an extensive debating program each year. The bankers particularly like to meet travelling college teams. If you are planning to visit the Pacific Coast this year write R. F. Ingalls, First National Bank, Portland, Oregon, for a date.

“Mountain Touring, or Smokies in Your Eyes” was the theme of the evening in the annual joint Pi Kappa Delta banquet and initiation of Central and Simpson, Iowa Beta and Epsilon, at Pella last May. Fifty members and guests were present.—*The Central Ray*.

In recognition of his great interest in forensics, President Adams of Northern Illinois State Teachers was awarded an honorary membership in Pi Kappa Delta at a banquet May 26. National President O’Connell made the award.—*The Northern Illinois*.

Southeastern Teachers, Oklahoma Theta, closed its forensic season last May with a steak fry and open forensic contests in several events. Cash prizes donated by members of the faculty were awarded the winners.—*The Southeastern*.

Bob Geller won the district constitutional oratorical contest sponsored last spring by Representative Carl T. Curtis. Henry Grosshans of Doane was second. First place was worth twenty-five dollars.—*Hastings Collegian*.

Prof. Theodor LeVander, Augustana, Illinois Xi, lectured daily on “Public Speaking in the Pulpit” at the pastoral conference of the Lutheran clergy at Lake Okoboji during July.—*The Augustana Observer*.

Bill Biddick and Martin Pulich of College of the Pacific, California Delta, debated Stanford University before the college assembly May 9 on the question of a third term for the New Deal.—*Pacific Weekly*.

The abolition of state governments was the question for intramural debates at College of the Pacific, California Delta, last spring. Eight teams participated.—*Pacific Weekly*.



Mr. George W. Cox of Memphis reports the story of a resident of France who was in a beer hall in Munich in the early days of Hitler's fame. Listening to Hitler's speech, this eyewitness was among about a thousand Germans who held a beer stein in one hand and pretzels in the other. Hitler spoke for an hour and a half, during which time not one German tasted a pretzel or sipped his beer; and that, ladies and gentlemen, is a point beyond which the art of holding an audience cannot go!—*The South Carolina Speech Bulletin*.

Southwestern Louisiana Institute closed its most extensive and most successful season last year with a "Speech Takes A Holiday" banquet. Forty-one students qualified for intercollegiate forensics in ninety-five speech contests. Fourteen new members were taken into Pi Kappa Delta. Prof. Roy D. Murphy, who was responsible for last year's outstanding program, is off to a good start this year.

A picture of Audrey Adams shaking hands with Eddie Cantor appears in the July issue of *Banta's Greek Exchange*. Miss Adams is a member of Missouri Delta at William Jewell. Last year she was a member of the William Jewell team which took a trip of 11,000 miles, speaking on both coasts.

Donald Eastvold, St. Olaf, won the Minnesota state peace oratorical contest last spring. St. Thomas and Macalester were second and third.—*The Manitou Messenger*.

The picture of Prof. E. R. Nichols and his Redland's speakers which appeared in the May FORENSIC was reproduced in the July number of *Banta's Greek Exchange*.

St. Thomas, Minnesota Epsilon, will again hold the Northwestern Debate Tournament—this one will be the tenth. The dates will be the first week in March.

Prof. Leroy Allen, for many years debate coach at Southwestern, Kansas Delta, has returned to coaching after being out of it for a while.

James Oppitz, a freshman at McKendree, Illinois Theta, won the fifty-dollar oratorical prize last May.—*McKendree Review*.

James Seamon, West Virginia Alpha, has been elected editor of his college paper.—*The Wesleyan Pharos*.

The College Forum, sponsored by the Wheaton College debaters, will begin its third season this fall. Broadcast over WCFL, Chicago, on Saturday afternoons, the College Forum is a series of roundtables, debates, and panel discussions participated in by representatives of Wheaton College and invited guests from other colleges. Pi Kappa Delta schools having touring debate teams in the Chicago area are especially invited to appear on these programs. Write to Don Hoke, radio manager, Wheaton College, Wheaton, Illinois, for dates and further particulars.—C. L. Nystrom.

Winthrop, South Carolina Delta, will again sponsor the Dixie Tournament, December 5-7; and the Grand Eastern, April 10-12, 1941. Both of these will be at Rock Hill. It will also conduct the National Student Legislative Assembly at Lexington, Kentucky. Clyo Lawrimore and Pauline Lay are in charge of these events.

Illinois Wesleyan will again hold its annual speech clinic, this year on November 1-2. The Illinois Alpha chapter is also sponsoring two radio programs a week over station WJBC. One is a round table discussion and the other of the "Information, Please," type.

Dick Lebetsamer, President.

Prof. Ray D. Mahaffey, Oregon Alpha at Linfield, reports that he is beginning the year with a large squad of promising candidates. He expects to have twenty teams working and will take five to the November tournament in Los Angeles. Fifteen per cent of the freshman class is reporting on the freshman squad.

The eighth annual Red River Valley Forensic Tournament will be held at Concordia College, Minnesota Zeta, February 7-8, 1941.

Paul A. Rasmussen, formerly forensic director at Concordia, is an active political leader of the Farmer-Labor party in Minnesota.

Ralph J. Fjelstad, a former Concordia debater, is finishing his doctorate in political science at Northwestern University.



## Book Reviews

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*The World's Greatest Debate.* Edited by Glenn Clark. St. Paul, Minnesota. Macalester Park Publishing Co. 1940. Pp. 214. \$2.75.

Three great debates in American history are often studied by students in public speaking, the Patrick Henry-James Madison debates before the Virginia Assembly in 1788, the Webster-Hayne debates in the United States Senate in 1830 over the settlement of the western lands, and the Lincoln-Douglas debates before the voters of Illinois for the senatorial election of 1858. It remained for Prof. Glenn Clark, a charter member (1921) of Minnesota Alpha at Macalester College and a former debate coach, to show how closely these three debates centered around States Rights and the question of human liberty.

Prof. Clark has presented these great discussions as a formal college debate. He selects Henry Clay as chairman for this contest, sits the six speakers on the platform, and by a skillful selection from their speeches gives us the best of their arguments in their own words as if they made one continuous debate. The direct speeches and rebuttals, although they cover a period of seventy years fit together in a starting manner.

This bringing together of these speeches is an experiment, says Prof. Clark. He sees it as a "perfect laboratory" in which to examine the problems of liberty and world union which we shall be called upon to face in the period just ahead. Developments in communication have brought the world closer together. We now listen to Hitler, Mussolini, and Churchill plead their cases. Perhaps before long, as Prof. Clark suggests, world leaders will have to debate world problems for the verdict of mankind.

Another feature gives this book an especial interest for members of Pi Kappa Delta. One section of it, "Selection of an All-American Debate Team," in slightly different form, first appeared in *The FORENSIC* in March, 1926.

Prof. Clark's first contribution to *The FORENSIC* was an article on "Extemporaneous Speaking" which appeared in October, 1921. The March, 1922, issue carried his picture.



*Experiences in Speaking.* Howard Francis Seely and William Arthur Hackett. Chicago. Scott, Foresman and Company. 1940. Pp. 512. \$1.72.

This volume is advertised as "the only high-school book offering

*an entire course in general speech."* It makes a definite attempt to interest the student and to enlist his cooperation. The emphasis is on action. It should make a very satisfactory text.



*University Debaters' Annual.* Edited by Edith M. Phelps. New York. H. W. Wilson Company. 1940. Pp. 432. \$2.50.

*Intercollegiate Debates.* Edited by Egbert Ray Nichols. New York. Noble & Noble, Publishers, Inc. 1940. Pp. x-411. \$2.50.

This is the twenty-sixth *University Debaters' Annual* and the twenty-first of the *Intercollegiate Debate* series. While the present writer does not pretend that he has read each volume, he has read many of them in their entirety and one or more debates in the others. Each volume of both series has passed through his hands and has been examined. He has seen the practice of publishing annuals of representative debates begin, grow, change, and move steadily forward.

Before he attempts to review the annuals of this year, he wishes to make an acknowledgment which he feels is due. The college forensic world owes a debt to Edith M. Phelps and Egbert Ray Nichols which it should attempt in some measure to discharge. Few agencies or individuals have done more to improve debating; to fix high standards of organization, proof, and bibliography; to vary the pattern; and to determine the directions in which it should move. Year after year, the judiciously selected and carefully edited debates of these annuals have made available to all some of the best forensic patterns of the year. These volumes have encouraged experimentation and have kept debating growing. Conspicuously among its friends college forensics should list Edith M. Phelps and Egbert Ray Nichols.

If a thousand years from now some student of our age wished to know what American college students discussed in 1939-1940, he would get a reliable record of their debate activities in these two volumes. Each one prints nine debates with bibliographies. From New England to California, every section of the country is represented. Here are debates on all the important questions discussed. All forms of debating are represented.

Let us glance first at the subjects discussed. Government ownership and operation of the railroads, the national high school question, appears in both volumes. There are seventeen other subjects. Many of them have to do with the war. Massachusetts Institute of Technology and Middlebury discussed the entrance of the United States into the war. Emory argued with Washington and Jefferson over our neutrality policy. Wentworth Military Academy and Glen-



dale Junior College discussed isolation from countries at war. Manchester and De Paul considered an international federal union of democracies. Williams tried to persuade Middlebury that we should aid the Allies. With the Brooklyn College debates, the visiting Oxford team discussed the basis for a lasting peace.

There were two debates on the presidential election. Western Reserve and Northwestern considered a third term, while George Washington and the University of Missouri argued more specifically over approving the Roosevelt administration.

Civil liberties were the subject of several debates. The Dies Committee was discussed by Pennsylvania State and the universities of Pennsylvania and Pittsburgh in a three cornered debate. Pittsburgh and Pennsylvania also considered the means of maintaining our civil liberties. Civil liberties were also one of the chief concerns of the student senate which met at Fordham.

These volumes present a number of the usual formal debates. The informal discussion is represented by the Oxford-Brooklyn meeting. Wichita and the University of Texas, by request, presented a discussion of reciprocal trade agreements before a Kansas Bankers Association. A clever and unusual debate is presented in the court examination type of debate on the third term for president. Instead of quoting from authorities, the debaters summon these authorities as witnesses and cross-examine them for evidence. Thus Charles A. Beard, Donald Richberg, George Gallup, Frederick Schuman, Felix M. Frankfurter, and Robert Jackson, represented by students, appeared on the witness stand and offered their testimony.

After the formal part of the George Washington-Missouri debate on the third term, invited representatives of the Republican and Democratic parties spoke. At Fordham representatives of a number of eastern universities discussed national questions.

In these volumes is a debate on this year's national high school question presented by Redlands and the College of the Pacific. The final championship debates in the Phi Rho Pi, the honorary junior college forensic society, tournament; and in the contests of the National Forensic League, the high school honorary, are here. The high school contest between Bristow, Oklahoma, and Sioux City, Iowa, used cross-questioning.

The first television debate, a discussion between Bucknell and Columbia University of what we should do with the Dust Bowl, is presented.

One point of criticism is offered to the *University Debaters'* series. More space is devoted to the brief than is deserved. In early days debating tried to take over the brief from legal procedure. The attempt was none too successful. Today debating is a less formal and

more direct clash. While it is still logical and well organized, it does not follow the steps of the formal brief. Many coaches no longer teach briefing. A study of the briefs presented shows that in some cases violence has to be done to the actual debate to make it conform to the theoretic pattern of the brief. Debating owes a great debt to the brief. But to continue to feature the brief so prominently shows an attempt to make debating conform to a model it no longer follows. The debates printed give the direct clash of the platform struggle as it takes place today. Why try to impose the archaic pattern of the brief on these head-on conflicts?

It should also be noted that Professor Nichol's volume of *Inter-collegiate Debates* contains a useful list by states of the leading forensic tournaments of last year with the names of winning institutions.



*Increasing Federal Power.* Compiled by Harrison Boyd Summers and Robert E. Summers. New York. The H. W. Wilson Company. 1940. Pp. 301. \$1.25.

*Increasing the Power of the Federal Government.* Edited by E. C. Beuhler. New York. Noble and Noble, Publishers, Inc. Pp. 382. \$2.00.

These are the annual editions in the help book series on the national high school question. All that needs to be said about them is that they are up to the previous high standards and are the first and best aid to the high school debater. It might be added that all three editors are members of Pi Kappa Delta. It should be further noted that last spring the high school question was framed to advocate diminishing the powers of the federal government, but that during the summer it was changed to make the affirmative advocate increasing them. This change indicates some of the difficulties and dangers in trying to select a timely question.

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