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Pi Kappa Delta is a far flung organization—150 chapters in 35 states and Puerto Rico. Its affairs are administered by a National Council of ten members. During the period between biennial conventions its important and complex business must be conducted by mail. It is very important, therefore, that chapters keep in touch with the National Council and respond promptly to all communications. In the long two year period between conventions a chapter may lose contact with the national organization unless it uses the mail.

There are various ways in which contact may be interrupted. In some cases the National Secretary is not given the name of the representative to whom mail should be addressed. In many cases the one who receives the mail does not reply. National officers not infrequently have to write four and five times before they get a response, and sometimes even fail altogether. One obligation your chapter owes to the national organization is to respond promptly to official letters. A society as large as our own is vulnerable because of its size. It begins to break down where and when the circulation is impeded.

See that your chapter keeps in touch with the national headquarters.

What the Chapters Are Doing



MICHIGAN BETA KEEPS BUSY

Dear Sir :

I have today received your October, 1935, FORENSIC, and immediately put into use the names of the directory of Pi Kappa Delta.

I noted that you emphasized throughout the FORENSIC advanced steps taken in debate circles, and made notes of any departures from the ordinary. I am sending you the following note:

Olivet College, Michigan Beta chapter of Pi Kappa Delta, has all intercollegiate and campus public speaking activities organized and conducted by the students themselves. President Joseph Brewer, Jr., a graduate of Oxford University, helped the students organize a Debate Union similar to the famous Oxford Union in England.

Resolutions are formally debated pro and con by selected speakers, and then thrown open to discussion from the floor, in a form similar to parliamentary procedure.

Last year the Union sponsored the campus and state extemporaneous speaking contest, a campus debate schedule, the intercollegiate debates, and the state peace oratorical contest.

Last year one out of every five boys on the campus were regular debaters, and this year we hope to exceed that number.

Thanking you again for the FORENSIC, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

WM. O. URANECK,

Executive Secretary, Olivet Debate Union,
Michigan Beta, Olivet College.



Robert Cotner, who was in charge of debating at Henderson Teachers last year, is now at John B. Stetson University. He will be a busy man there as he is debate coach, dean of men, and professor of history and political science.

Robert Capel, who coached at Upper Iowa for several years, is now in charge of forensics at Hendrix College, Conway, Arkansas. That college has a chapter of Tau Kappa Alpha.

The debating at Illinois Wesleyan is this year in charge of Norman Hickman. He reports that Illinois Alpha expects to have a full delegation at Houston.

REPORT OF MICHIGAN GAMMA CHAPTER OF PI KAPPA DELTA

Michigan Gamma Chapter, Hope, is planning a big year in forensics. Four faculty members now guide the destinies of the chapter. To Miss Meta Ross, coach of women's oratory, Dr. J. B. Nykerk, original sponsor, and Professor Clarence DeGraaf, coach of women's debate, has been added Dr. Rolland Shackson, who will coach men's debate and extempore.

Dr. Shackson was first elected to Pi Kappa Delta as a debater from Michigan Epsilon Chapter; he has since been elected also to Delta Sigma Rho, and was the founder of Phi Rho Pi, national honorary forensic society for junior colleges.

Four colleges are sending two men's teams each to the Hope campus on January 24 for a multiple debate. These teams will meet eight Hope men's teams in decision debates on the same evening, before audiences composed of members of the various literary societies on the campus.

The debates will be preceded by a supper for all and a double afternoon round of debates, so that each visiting team will debate three times and Hope will participate in twenty-four debates on the same day. Judging will be by the coach judge plan.

Definite plans are afoot to send a delegation to Houston for the National Convention, and women have been promised equal opportunities with the men to qualify for this trip.

Hope hopes to "be there" forensically this year.

RICHARD SMITH, Secretary.



NATIONAL TOURNAMENT COMMITTEES

Director of Tournaments: Forrest H. Rose, Southeast State Teachers College, Cape Girardeau, Missouri.

Chairman, Men's Debate: Evan E. Anderson, Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter, Minnesota.

Chairman, Men's Oratory: John Barnes, Park College, Parkville, Missouri.

Chairman, Men's Etempore: Harold LeVander, Macalester College, St. Paul, Minnesota.

Chairman, Women's Debate: Leroy T. Laase, Hastings College, Hastings, Nebraska.

Chairman, Women's Oratory: Cunera Van Emmerik, Central College, Pella, Iowa.

Chairman, Women's Extempore: J. Rice Quisenberry, Wake Forest College, Wake Forest, North Carolina.

CARRYING DEBATE TO THE PEOPLE

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the facts. The amount of time given to the statement of facts over radio, through the press and on the programs of our countless clubs and organizations warrants such a statement. College youth is concerned about this matter of stating the facts. College youth is preparing as never before in America to state the facts clearly and interestingly. A number of our veteran speakers are prepared to come out in groups and present the facts on such topics as:

What are the effects of unemployment?

What of the children of depression?

What is the importance of modern chemistry?

Why do political changes come?

What must be done about public health?

What may be the effects of relief?

Just as in past years, our debate teams are preparing to present arguments pro and con on contemporary problems before groups over the district either among themselves or against other college teams interested in the same problems. Last year one of our teams was invited to meet a team from Iowa State College before a joint session of the Iowa legislature to present arguments on the question of a one-house legislature at the time that the bill for such a legislature was before the Iowa houses. We adapt the number and length of speeches to local demands. This year we are prepared to argue the following problems:

Should the several states provide complete medical care of the citizens?

Is a written constitution a hindrance rather than a safeguard to social progress?

Should the sales tax be repealed?

Should public utilities be owned and operated by the government?

Should congress have the power to set aside a decision of the supreme court?

Is Italy justified in her move against Ethiopia?

Should the Democrats be returned to power in 1936?



More than twenty teams entered the intramural debate tournament at Washburn, Kansas Beta, on the question of an R. O. T. C. unit on the local campus.—*The Washburn Review*.

Starting from St. Paul on January 21 a debate team representing the College of St. Thomas will make a tour of the inter-mountain and Pacific Coast sections on which it will meet in debate 30 of the leading colleges and universities en route. The team will return on February 22. Three men will make the trip, Robert Sheran, Martin Cogley and Abraham Kaplan. The Pi Kappa Delta question will be used generally throughout the trip. The St. Thomas speakers are prepared to take either side of the question allowing the home team choice of sides. On the trip debates will be held before student convocations, luncheon clubs, church congregations, high schools, and debate squads. Ten states will be covered on the tour.

EXTEMPORE SPEAKING CONTESTS

Topics

Men: The International Relations of the United States.

Women: The American Stage.

Mr. A. P. Fenderson, of the Collegiate Division of the American Liberty League, National Press Building, Washington, D. C., has written that his organization will be glad to supply interested debaters with any of its publications dealing with the Supreme Court question. He also announces that the American Liberty League expects to publish other pamphlets during the coming months which will also deal with this question. All requests for publications should be directed to the address given above.

Mr. Ward Henderson, Southwestern, Kansas Delta, won the Kansas State Peace Oratorical contest. His oration was awarded third in the national in which twenty-one states and more than six hundred orations were represented.

Prof. Herbert C. Libby, Colby, Maine Alpha, former national vice-president of Pi Kappa Delta writes, "As yet I don't dare think I can make Houston in 1936, but who can tell? I shall try."

Thirteen teams entered the freshman debate tournament at Missouri Theta on the question of state medical care.—*The Northeast Missourian*.

Delta Sigma Rho, national honorary forensic society, has recently amended its constitution by eliminating the words denying membership to Negroes. More than the necessary four-fifths chapter votes to amend the constitution were received.—*The Gavel*.

Prof. Rolland Shackson, national founder of Phi Rho Pi, the junior college forensic society, is writing a history of that organization. The first section appeared in the October issue of the *Persuader*. In explanation of the initial efforts to found a new society, he writes, "with memories of the splendid chapter of Pi Kappa Delta sponsored by Dr. F. B. McKay at Michigan State Normal still fresh in my mind, I determined to secure for my debaters equal advantages."

Announcement received by the Editor:

"Life begins at forty"

"Believe it or not"

Marilyn Marie

born to

Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Cornwell

November twenty-fifth

Nineteen hundred and thirty-five

Prof. Cornwell is debate coach at Missouri Theta, Kirksville Teachers.

Intermountain Union College has moved from Helena to Great Falls. After the recent earthquake shocks the college buildings at Helena were so badly damaged as to be useless, and the institution was faced with the alternative of closing its doors or finding new quarters. It chose the latter and is now in session at Great Falls.

Dr. W. F. Brewer, sponsor of Montana Beta at Montana State College, who was ill last year, writes that he has recovered his health and is again back on the job. In spite of the distance from Montana to Texas, he expects to be at the convention with a delegation of contestants.

Miss Everin O'Brien, South Dakota Theta, Eastern State Teachers, won the fifteen dollar prize offered in the local W. C. T. U. oratorical contest. Cash prizes were also awarded second and third place winners.—*The Eastern*.

Missouri Theta, Northeast Missouri State Teachers, indulged in its seventh international debate when it met the visiting Oxford team November 20.—*The Northeast Missourian*.

Mr. T. M. Beaird, of the University of Oklahoma, is now on a year's leave from his university work to sponsor a project under the Works Progress Administration which will include a summarization and classification of all branches of educational speech procedure in the State of Oklahoma, with the subsequent formation of a standard course of study and a program of related activities. The survey will include all students in Oklahoma, from the first grade through the university, in both public and private schools, some 796,615 of them in all. While central headquarters will be located in Oklahoma City, there will be district headquarters in each of the six teachers colleges. Many of the debate coaches in the Oklahoma Pi Kappa Delta chapters are associated with him in cooperating committees. Mr. Beaird is known to many members of Pi Kappa Delta. He has for years been chairman of the National University Extension Association's Committee on Debate and most active in the state and national high school debate associations. He spoke at the last national Pi Kappa Delta convention in Lexington, Kentucky.

Dr. J. Thompson Baker, Southwestern, Kansas Delta, conducted another debate institute in Arkansas City November 15-16. He inaugurated the idea last year. This one was for high school and junior college debaters. It was attended by over two hundred coaches and debaters from Kansas, Oklahoma, and Texas. Appearing on the program along with Dr. Baker were President Mossman of Southwestern; Prof. T. M. Beaird of Oklahoma University; Prof. Hess of McPherson College; and Prof. Ingham of the University of Kansas. There were also debates on the Pi Kappa Delta and high school questions and criticisms of them. The institute was so successful that it was voted to conduct it again next year.—*The Southwestern Collegian*.

For the thirteenth time the local chapter of Pi Kappa Delta is producing a classical play at the Institute. The play this year is the Roman comedy "Adelphi" by Terence The proceeds from the play will be used to send Tech debaters back to the national biennial Pi Kappa Delta convention at Houston, Texas, next spring.—*The California Tech*.

The Regents of Northeast Missouri State Teachers College, Missouri Theta, offer an annual award of twenty-five dollars to each member of the team winning the debate tournament open to all college students who have not previously won it. Sixteen teams entered this year.—*The Northeast Missourian*.

College of the Pacific, California Delta, lost a decision to a convict team before a prison audience in San Quentin. Through several years of competition the Pacific debaters have found the "San Quentin University" debaters worthy foemen.—*Pacific Weekly*.

"Marajuana Pedlers," delivered by Miss Lillian Fisher, Nebraska Delta, of Hastings, won the state oratorical contest. Miss Fisher will represent her state in the interstate oratorical in Chicago in April.—*The Hastings Collegian*.

Park, Missouri Beta, inaugurated a new type of speech contest in its all-school speech festival with included readings, extempore speaking, and poetry reading. Fourteen participated in the finals.—*The Park Stylus*.

While admitting students free Drake, Iowa Mu, is selling season tickets at a dollar for its series of debates with Kansas University, Kansas State, Hawaii, Florida, and Iowa State.—*Drake Times-Delphic*.

Emporia Teachers, Kansas Zeta, discussed the socialized medicine question with Northwestern University December 11. The doctors and high school debaters of the state were invited guests.—*The Bulletin*.

Culver-Stockton, Missouri Zeta, has sponsored an intramural debate tournament for novice debaters with a prize of two dollars for the winning team. Six teams entered.—*The Megaphone*.

Kansas Gamma and Zeta, State College and Emporia Teachers, discussed the discontinuance of federal relief after March 1 over station WIBW of Topeka on December 19.—*The Bulletin*.

Wheaton, Illinois Mu, opened its forensic season with a practice debate against Northwestern University on the high school question of socialized medicine.—*The Wheaton Record*.

Carlyle Beyer won the fifty dollar Randall oratorical contest at Hamline and will represent Minnesota Delta in the state contest.—*The Hamline Oracle*.

Six debate teams from Kansas City University visited Park, Missouri Beta, for a practice debate session December 16.—*The Park Stylus*.

A four state high school debate tournament was sponsored by Chadron Normal College of Nebraska.—*The Eagle*.

William Jewell, Missouri Delta, has been carrying on a number of extension debates. It has met the University of Missouri before the Speech Section of the Missouri State Teachers' Association meeting in St. Louis and again at a forensic meeting in Bloomington, Iowa. These two institutions also gave a demonstration debate before the high school debaters and coaches in a meeting at Lexington, Missouri. The St. Louis debate was a women's contest of a popular nature on the question, "Is it still a man's world?"—*The William Jewell Bulletin*.

Prof. J. R. Pelsma, Pittsburg Teachers, Kansas Theta, was chosen director of the debate tournament for the Missouri-Kansas Debate Coaches' Conference. The tournament will be held at Pittsburg about the middle of March. Each participating institution may enter four teams and it is expected that about twenty institutions will be represented.—*The Collegio*.

Cash prizes of twenty-five, twenty, and five dollars were awarded to the winners of the intramural debate tournament at The College of Idaho. The prizes are donated by Hon. T. A. Walters, Assistant Secretary of the Interior, Washington, D. C.—*College Coyote*.

Six debate teams of Nebraska Zeta, Kearney Teachers, visited Hastings to engage in eighteen practice debates with the Nebraska Delta squad. There have also been practice debates with Nebraska Wesleyan, Midland, and Doane.—*The Antelope*.

William Sener, Culver-Stockton, Missouri Zeta, won the state peace oratorical contest November 16. The University of Missouri won second, and a Negro, Augustus Lowe, of Lincoln University, third.—*The Megaphone*.

Eighteen teams from five junior colleges participated November 25 in the junior college debate tournament sponsored by Pittsburg Teachers, Kansas Theta.—*The Collegio*.

Kent State, Ohio Iota, won third place in the debate tournament of ten Ohio colleges held in Columbus, December 11.—*The Kent Stater*.

Culver-Stockton debaters gave an exhibition debate on using economic sanctions to enforce the Pact of Paris.—*The Megaphone*.

Robert Sheran, veteran debater of St. Thomas, Minnesota Epsilon, was elected president of the senior class.—*The Aquin*.

A novice debate tournament sponsored by Hiram, Ohio Gamma, drew debaters from ten colleges.—*The Kent Stater*.

BOOK REVIEWS

Basic Debate. By Keith Case. Minneapolis: The Northwestern Press, 1935; pp. 137.

The author of this handbook for interscholastic debaters states that it is his purpose to give a more concrete and practical presentation of the principles and practices of debate than is offered in the usual course in argumentation. "Thus, this manual is intended to precede, not to supplant, the traditional textbook."

The author holds well to his purpose. He has produced a practical manual with a minimum of space devoted to such subjects as induction and deduction, topics which usually receive generous treatment in the average text on debating. This book tells the beginning student how to get started, how to collect and organize evidence, and how to present it in an effective manner. It offers ample evidence that it has been written by an experienced debater and coach. It should prove a useful tool in the hands of any beginning debater.

Prof. Keith Case, the author, represented Augustana, South Dakota Eta, in the finals of the men's debate tournament at Lexington in 1934. He has since finished the work for a master's degree Colorado College of Education, Colorado Beta, where he also directed forensics. He is at present head of the department of speech in the junior college at Garden City, Kansas.



How to Conduct Group Discussion. A. F. Wileden and H. L. Ewbank. Madison: Extension Service of the College of Agriculture, The University of Wisconsin, 1935: pp. 64.

This pamphlet is written on the stated theory that group discussion of public questions is necessary for the survival of democracy. "When the town meeting falls into decay, the government gets away from the people There is nothing equal to free debate as a part of political education." It attempts to suggest especially to rural organizations how group discussions can be organized and conducted. It treats of four types, public discussion meetings, debate, lecture-forum, and informal group discussion. Practical suggestions for the conduct of each type are offered. This pamphlet should be useful to any group seriously interested in a program of discussions of timely and important topics.

The authors write with the authority of experience. Mr. Wileden has been connected with rural extension and discussion in Wisconsin

for a number of years and has written a number of pamphlets and articles on group discussion. Prof. Ewbank is professor of public speaking at the University of Wisconsin and national president of Delta Sigma Rho.

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Limitation of the power of the Supreme Court. Compiled by Julia E. Johnson. New York: H. W. Wilson Company, The Reference Shelf, Vol. 10, No. 6, 1935.

In this volume Miss Johnson has compiled a wealth of material for those interested in the power of original and appellate jurisdiction exercised by the Supreme Court. Both the affirmative and the negative cases are presented in brief form, along with a carefully outlined history of the question. The arguments presented are substantiated by reprints from vital articles concerning recent congressional legislation and Supreme Court decisions.

Affirmative argument questions the constitutionality of the powers assumed by the Supreme Court; demonstrates the consistent opposition of the court to laws of economic and social benefit; and emphasizes the growing tendency of the court to vitiate congressional legislation. Negative evidence attempts to prove the legality of the powers assumed by the Supreme Court; to show the benefits derived from past judicial decisions; and to reveal the liberalism of present court action.

This book will be helpful to debaters and debate coaches, for it presents much suggestive material that will prove useful as groundwork for more detailed study.—*W. Laverne Strausbaugh, Colorado State College.*

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Public Speaking, Donald Hayworth, The Ronald Press Company, 1935. 430 pages, \$2.50.

Professor Hayworth's new text gives a good workmanlike treatment of the subject. It has been carefully planned for classroom use. All the speech problems usually considered in a text are taken up, the treatment follows the conventional lines, and the chapters are followed by suggestions for class exercises.

While it would be easy to charge this text with the failure to introduce any original contributions to the field of speech instruction, to do so would be to misunderstand the purpose of the book. A text in such a well established subject as speech must necessarily

follow conventional lines. There are certain problems that the instructor will expect to find treated in any standard textbook. The virtue of this text is in the clearness of its treatment, the thoroughness with which it covers the field, the acquaintance it shows with the best and most up-to-date material in the field, and the interest it holds for the student reader. It is not over-technical and it presents a practical program for speech work.

Texas Christian, the Texas Zeta chapter, has been engaged in a program of popular debates. With Baylor University it discussed before the Fort Worth Roosevelt Democratic Club, whether or not Roosevelt should be re-elected. Before a church audience it argued the question of government control of cotton production against Texas University. In Dallas it argued the same question twice against Southern Methodist University.—*The Skiff*.

Lois Shaner and Charles Cornwell, Missouri Theta, participated in a unique manner in the radio debate with Kansas State College which was broadcasted over station KSAC December 5. The debate was on the question of state medical service. The Missouri speakers recorded their speeches on phonographic records which were sent to the station in Manhattan, Kansas, and there reproduced.—*The North-east Missourian*.

Misses Fern Reed and Roberta Thomas, Central State Teachers, Oklahoma Iota, won the women's debate honors at Winfield, Kansas, tournament. They defeated another Oklahoma team in the finals, the Eta chapter of East Central Teachers.—*The Vista*.

Mr. Robert E. Allen, formerly coach of debate at Colorado Beta. Greeley, is now Professor of English at the School of Mines, Rapid City, South Dakota. He is coaching debate there and hopes to apply for a chapter of Pi Kappa Delta soon.

Howard Sells, freshman at the College of Emporia, Kansas Iota, won the freshman-sophomore debate and a prize of fifteen dollars.—*College Life*.

Latest membership number: 13863, Henry W. Calvert, Presbyterian College; last key issued, number 9827, Aidalu Butenschon, Alabama College.