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News From Our Province Conventions

“Little Nationals” Aptly Describes Many of the Province Conventions Held This Year

In a former issue of The Forensic the editor suggested that our Province Conventions should be “Little National Conventions.” We hoped that there would be no excuse for the adjective “little” except in its application to a smaller number of participants in each. Judging by the letters received from our Province governors and others, these conventions took on much of a national calibre both in quality of work done and in the fellowship in the groups.

We will give below reports from the governors of the provinces in some cases in detail, almost as submitted to us in their letter. We liked, and we believe you will like the personal note in these reports. Those who participated in the Province activities will have the background of experience necessary to sense the situation elsewhere and can think of our various Province Conventions as a national convention broken up by individual meeting places.

Of course, that makes the great difference—the different meeting places—as those who attended the National Convention at Tiffin, Ohio last year know, or as those who will attend our next National Convention at Wichita a year hence will discover.

May we suggest that teachers of speech, and members of Pi Kappa Delta generally, read these reports with the thought of applying constructive changes or suggestions operative elsewhere to your own Province Conventions two years from now. Jot down suggestions now for your own later use in the next “Little Nationals.” We believe you will be interested in the various judging systems used as well as in other details.

We are sorry that we do not have the information from all of the provinces. Failure to receive this prevents a comparative winning score which we hoped to include. We will give you here the information so far as we have it. Please do not lay this failure to our Province Governors. Knowing as we do how difficult it is to get responses to some of our requests, we are sure that the Province Governors have likewise met with this difficulty. Of course, we are sorry that those who failed to respond by sending the information prevent our giving due recognition to some of our Province Convention winners.
THE Kansas Province held its Regional Tournament at Wichita, Kansas, April 11 and 12, with 28 schools entered in the contest. There were 27 men's teams competing in debate and 17 women's teams entered in debate. A deviation was made from the ordinary elimination contest in debate, in that each debate team was required to debate 5 times and no team knew the result of its efforts until it had completed the fifth round of debate.

In the men's contest, there were 3 teams that won all 5 debates, tying them for first place. They were: Baker University, Baldwin, Kansas; Oklahoma City University, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; and Washburn College, Topeka, Kansas. In the sixth round, Oklahoma City drew a bye and Baker University defeated Washburn. In the seventh round, Oklahoma City won from Baker, giving Oklahoma City the men's debate tournament.

In the women's debates, five schools tied for first place, each having four wins and one loss. These five schools were: Bethany College, Lindsborg, Kansas; Kansas State Agricultural College, Manhattan, Kansas; Pittsburg State Teachers College, Pittsburg, Kansas; Southwestern College, Winfield, Kansas; and Washburn College, Topeka, Kansas. The representatives from these five schools drew lots and Washburn thereby won the women's trophy. The plan of having each debate team participate in five debates, regardless of its wins or losses, was an excellent scheme.

Twenty-three men participated in the men's extemporaneous contest and fourteen women in the women's extemporaneous contest. All contestants were required to compete in two contests and then the results of each contest were compiled. The men's extemporaneous speaking contest was won by Mr. John Young of the Emporia Teachers' College; second place was taken by Mr. Fred Segahammer of Bethany College; and third place was taken by Mr. James Hutton, Emporia Teachers College. In the women's extemporaneous speaking contest, first place was won by Miss Gwinn of Washburn College; second place by Miss Louise Lawrence, College of Emporia; and third place by Miss Enid Cole, Oklahoma City University.

Thirteen men entered the men's oratorical contest and ten women were entered in the women's oratorical contest. The men's oratorical contest was won by Mr. John Johaneses of Pittsburg State Teachers College; second place by Eugene Link, College of Emporia; and third place by Mr. Morrison of Bethany College. In the women's oratorical contest, first place was won by Miss Gertrude Hoener of Southwestern College; second place by Miss Enid Cole, Oklahoma City University; and third place by Miss Gertrude Brookings, Kansas State Agricultural College.

Coaches of the various schools served as judges in the various contests and Wichita University furnished many additional judges. President W. H. Foght of the University of Wichita turned the entire university over to Pi Kappa Delta. Professor C. C. Harbison and Professor C. Cowley (formerly
of Heidelberg University who helped put on the last national) took care of local arrangements. They had a splendidly organized corps of workers that were very beneficial and exceptional in helping to run an efficient tournament. President Foght promises us, for next year, a splendidly worked out organization for the national convention. Wichita University, its faculty and students are excellent hosts for conventions.

The regional tournament program opened at eight o'clock Thursday morning, April 11, with the drawing of men's and women's extemporaneous speaking topics, which was immediately followed by a meeting of all the coaches of the schools represented. The extemporaneous speaking contest was held at nine o'clock, followed by the first round of debates at ten. At 1:30, the first round of men's and women's oratory were held and at 3:00 o'clock, the second round of men's and women's debates. At 4:45, the Kansas Pi Kappa Delta schools went into a business session and at 8:00 p.m. the third round of men's and women's debates. On Friday morning, April 12, at 8:00, the second round of men's and women's extemporaneous speaking was started and was completed by 10 o'clock when the fourth round of men's and women's debates was held. At 1:00 p.m. followed the second round of men's and women's oratory; 2:00 p.m. the fifth round of men's and women's debate; 4:00 p.m. a sight-seeing trip of Wichita; 6:30 p.m. tournament banquet and business meeting; while at 8:30 a recreational evening was put on at Wichita University. At the banquet, Dean Leroy Allen, Southwestern College, Governor of the Kansas Province, acted as toastmaster. The welcoming address was given by President H. W. Foght of Wichita University, followed by the response by Professor H. B. Summers of the Kansas State Agricultural College, Manhattan. Music for the banquet was furnished by the School of Fine Arts of the University of Wichita, under the direction and supervision of Thurlow Lieurance, Dean of School of Fine Arts. Following the banquet program, a business session was held and the following officials were elected: Professor Martin J. Holcomb, Bethany College, Lindsborg, Provincial Governor; Professor H. B. Summers, Kansas State Agricultural College, Manhattan,

John I. Young, representing K. S. T. C., took first place in the Kansas regional extemore contest. Mr. Young took first place in the state extemore contest last year and also placed in the finals at Tiffin, Ohio. Aside from being an extemore speaker, he is an experienced debater and a participant in dramatics. Mr. Young holds special distinction in three orders. He has been president of the Kansas Zeta chapter of Pi Kappa Delta.
Lieutenant Governor; Professor J. R. Start, Hays State Teachers College, Hays, Secretary-Treasurer; Professor Carl Taylor, Southwestern College, Winfield, Assistant Secretary. The retiring officials were: Dean Leroy Allen, Southwestern College, Winfield; and George R. R. Pflaum, Emporia College, Emporia.

Miss Velma Totten and Miss Aldean Beatty represented Pittsburg State Teachers College in the women’s debates at the convention of the Province of Kansas. This was one of the five teams which tied for first place. Their work was of a very high order, and they received much complimentary comment. The five teams drew lots to break the tie, and Washburn College of Wichita drew the “long straw.”
Gertrude Hoener of the Kansas Delta chapter won first place in women's oratory at the regional tournament held at Wichita.

Miss Stromquist and Irma Lann of Bethany College (Missouri) tied for first place in the Province tournament held at Wichita.
PROVINCE of the Missouri had a wonderful time at its convention and forensic tournament held this month in Des Moines and Indianola, Iowa. All fourteen chapters and a new visiting chapter from Penn College had entries in the contests. The debate tournament for girls ran for six rounds and the boys' ran for eight. That, it seems, is unusual. It only proves that there was stiff competition all of the day through and few teams dropped out early. The Central College men's team from Fayette, Missouri, who eventually won the tournament lost a debate in the second round to Parsons College, then won on through to the top by defeating in the last few rounds the strong contenders for the title. The Simpson College girls did a like feat.

There was also keen competition in men's oratory. The final event was as fine an exhibition as we find in our national events. Only by a re-ranking and adding of percentages was a tie for first place broken; thus the representative from Park College gained precedence over that of William Jewell College.

This year we had expert judges practically all of the way through our tournament. In cases where this was impossible we used from three to five coaches and college professors. As yet I have heard no complaints concerning fairness or competency—though, as is to be expected in any competition in forensics there were disagreements. We like the system and hope that it can well be used again in 1931.

We succeeded in making this a convention as well as a tournament. Events were not crowded. We started on Wednesday afternoon and did not finish until Saturday noon. Time was taken out for entertainment. For instance we had two assembly or chapel programs; a lovely dinner at Simpson college; a timely luncheon at Des Moines University; a banquet on Friday evening with a theater party following; we secured a special train to take us from Des Moines to Indianola and return; we had special convention badges and a printed program. Students and contestants became acquainted. All in all we did away, to a large extent, with the nervous hurry and drive that in the past has been so characteristic of our tournaments. We had time to breathe. This suggestion we would submit to the National Program committee: "Take more time, set up a machinery, appoint a convention officer to arrange local affairs, set aside recreation periods—conventions should provide for relaxation from intense strain."

Much of the success of our convention was due in no small way to our convention officer, Professor C. C. Carrothers of Drake University, who had the management of all local arrangements. It was impossible for the Council, miles away, to make such arrangements. All praise to Mr. Carrothers. But even he could have done nothing without the willing efforts and cooperative spirit of all three of the entertaining chapters: Des Moines University, Simpson College and Drake University. They did their share—and that was not light.

All ready for Wichita. But let us make it a Convention as well as a tournament.
3. PROVINCE OF THE PLATTE

W. B. HUNT, GOVERNOR
Doane College

THE SECOND biennial convention of the Province of the Platte was held at Nebraska Wesleyan University, Lincoln, Nebraska, March 14-16, 1929. All chapters in the province had representatives in the contests, the schools represented being:

Colorado Alpha, Colorado Agricultural College; Colorado Beta, Colorado Teachers College; Colorado Gamma, Western State College; Nebraska Alpha, Nebraska Wesleyan University; Nebraska Beta, Cotner College; Nebraska Gamma, Doane College; Nebraska Delta, Hastings College; Nebraska Epsilon, Grand Island College; Nebraska Zeta, Kearney State Teachers College.

A total of fifty contestants took part in the events. In the preliminary round of the debates the single judge system was used. The three judge system was used in the semi-finals and finals of the debates. Three judges were also used in both extemporaneous speaking and oratorical contests.

The annual banquet was held Thursday evening, March 14. Guest speakers were Professor G. W. Finley, National Secretary-Treasurer; and Professor H. A. White, debate coach, University of Nebraska. The Province was very fortunate in having both of these men as its guests.

Nebraska Wesleyan University won the tournament with a total of thirty points. Hastings College with fifteen points and Doane College with ten points finished second and third respectively.

An account of the convention would not be complete without a mention of the cordial hospitality of the entertaining school, Nebraska Wesleyan University. Much of the detail work was in the efficient hands of Miss Enid Miller, forensic coach at Nebraska Wesleyan, and Mr. Ford McCoy, president of the Nebraska Wesleyan chapter and also provincial secretary-treasurer.
4. PROVINCE OF ILLINOIS

GUY E. OLIVER, Governor—North Central

MONMOUTH COLLEGE DEBATE TEAMS

(This was taken after the tournament at Normal University, April 6)

First row, left to right: Floy Fetherston and Ruth Scheidegger, team B, winners of first place in women's tournament with six victories and no defeats; Marge Farrell and Frances Mahaffey, team A, second place winners with five wins and one loss.

Second row: George Kerr and George Bohman, team B, first place with six wins and no losses; Prof. S. R. Toussaint, coach; James Van Nostrand and Edwin Leader, team A, second place with five victories and one defeat.

The four teams as a squad won 22 out of 24 debates in the three days.
Herman H. Brockhaus of North Central College of Illinois, by placing first in the men's extempore contest for the Illinois Province, was entitled to the silver cup given for that event.

5. PROVINCE OF THE PACIFIC

CHAS. A. MARSH, Governor—University of California at Los Angeles

The biennial meeting of the Pacific Province was held April 5 and 6 with the California Beta chapter at Occidental College. Owing to the fact that two chapters failed to enter debate teams, only three chapters participated in the men's debates and two in the women's debates. Each of these schools entered both an affirmative and a negative team.

In the men's debates the University of California at Los Angeles won three out of four contests, thus giving that chapter first place in that event. In the women's debates the University of Redlands won both sides of a dual contest with the University of California at Los Angeles.

Four men and two women participated in the oratorical contest. Kenneth Piper of the University of California at Los Angeles was awarded first place in the men's division, and Elnora Witten of the University of Redlands won over Evelyn Pugh of U. C. L. A. in the women's section. Professor H. M. Karr, formerly debate coach at the University of Indiana, was the single judge.

In the extempore speaking contests the University of California at Los Angeles, represented by Leslie Goddard, was again awarded first place, thus giving the California Epsilon Chapter first honors in each event in the men's division, while the California Alpha chapter made the decisions unanimous for the women of the University of Redlands by again winning over U. C. L. A. in the women's extempore.

Regardless of the fact that all chapters did not participate in the con-
tests, each chapter was represented by delegates, and the meeting was quite successful. We are now looking forward to the National Convention at Wichita.

BLOSSOM MILLS  
University of Redlands  
Winner of Girls' Extempore

LESLIE GODDARD  
U. C. L. A.  
Winner of Men's Extempore

REDLANDS' AFFIRMATIVE DEBATERS

REDLANDS' NEGATIVE DEBATERS

Elnore Witten  Mildred Bradbury  Charlotte Macomber  Inis Russell

Winners in dual debates

Mildred Bradbury was also winner of Girls' Oratorical at Pacific Coast Province Convention
6. PROVINCE OF THE SIOUX

E. H. JACKSON, Governor—Huron College, South Dakota

All member schools of the Province of the Sioux were represented in their Province Convention. Most schools were represented in all of the events. The chapter having voted to change their judging system for the preliminary contests, decided upon using coaches of schools not represented in the tournament. Three judges were used both as single judges in the preliminary contest and later in a group of three for semi-finals. The final contests in all events were judged by a critic judge, Dr. Robert West of the University of Wisconsin.

Lois Buswell of Huron College acted as toastmaster at the banquet. As a feature of the banquet program, a coach debate on the subject “Faw Down—Go Boom” was staged. The affirmative of this timely question, certainly “one of the most momentous before the American ‘Peepul’ today,” was upheld by Professor Hoffman of Sioux Falls College and Professor Parlette of Morningside. Professor Paul Harkness of Northern Normal and Professor E. H. Jackson (Province Governor—who would have supposed a governor could forget his dignity to the point of debating a subject such as this) of Huron College handled the negative destruction. No one was hurt (we have heard better debates). Editor McCarty of the Forensic was scheduled to debate but somebody remembered that he debated at the Province Convention two years ago, and felt that would be sufficient. Then, too, the editor preferred to be at a distance so that he might the better observe. In spite of the debate a good time is reported “to have been had” (is zat krek?), by all of us.

The South Dakota plan of extemporaneous speaking as used in the finals of the National Contest last year was used in both preliminaries and finals of the men’s and women’s contests. The men’s debate tournament consisted of fifteen contests, the women’s tournament, fourteen contests. Northern Normal and Dakota Wesleyan tied for high point winners of the tournament, each winning a first, a second and two thirds. See the summary on page 267.

Credit for the efficient handling of the Convention must go to Professor E. H. Jackson and Lois Buswell.

Louis Anderson, representing the Northern Normal and Industrial School of Aberdeen, South Dakota, won first place in men’s oratory in the Province of the Sioux.

Mr. Anderson, as a high school speaker, won the degree of distinction in The National Forensic League. He is a sophomore at Northern Normal.
7. PROVINCE OF THE LOWER MISSISSIPPI
ROSS COMPTON, Governor—North Texas State Normal

This province will hold its tournament on May 2 and 3.

8. PROVINCE OF OKLAHOMA
GILBERT GARRETSON, Governor—Oklahoma City University

OKLAHOMA Province Convention was an orthodox elimination tourna-
ment with two defeats essential to a team's withdrawal from the
tourney. The Pi Kappa Delta schools of Kansas were participants in
the Oklahoma tourney as were the Oklahoma schools in the Kansas meet. In
the Kansas tourney the five-round point system was used.

The greatest objection to the orthodox method, as I see it, is the uncer-
tainty of the number of rounds. It is possible to close a tournament in six
rounds. It may string out to eight. Then if the tournament runs past the
normal closing time there is an anti-climax and a loss of interest. This oc-
curred at the Oklahoma Province meeting at Pittsburg, Kansas, in 1927. It
would have occurred at Oklahoma City in 1929 had not a unanimous agree-
ment of all coaches brought the meeting to an end after the sixth round with
triple honors.

Perhaps the only unusual feature of the Oklahoma tournament this year
was the selection of judges from among the business, professional and cultural
people of Oklahoma City. The tournament was sponsored by the Oklahoma
City Chamber of Commerce and this organization supplied the officials of
the tournament with 150 judges selected from the Bar Association, the Town
Club, the American Association of University women and the City School
system.

These judges, in the main were capable men and women. Considerable
objections were heard concerning the use of a surplus of women judges, al-
though these were used in women's debates as far as possible. This is a fea-
ture which will be eliminated if another tournament is sponsored by the
Chamber of Commerce. In justice to the women, however, I want to make it
plain that they were sincere and conscientious judges, but the use of women
for men's debates did not "set well" with many debaters and coaches.

The coaches were thus permitted to hear their teams debate. While in
my judgment the oft repeated charge of insincere coaches eliminating strong
competitors is a myth in cases under question, this system prevented such an
unjust accusation.

The writer is inclined to favor the system of outside judges and the hold-
ing of tournaments in urban centers of at least 150,000 people. In a city of
this size there is a wealth of unprejudiced judges glad of the opportunity to
serve.
Another unusual feature of this year's meeting was the use of student timekeepers and presiding officers, apart from the tournament. Students from the School of Journalism of Oklahoma City University served in these capacities. There was little confusion. The tournament ran on scheduled time. There was never more than a five-minute delay in the starting of any round. This I believe is unprecedented in Pi Kappa Delta.

9. PROVINCE OF THE LAKES
H. G. HANCE, Governor—Olivet College, Michigan

The following is a report of the convention of the Province of the Lakes. The convention was held at the Michigan Epsilon chapter, Michigan State Normal College, Ypsilanti, Michigan, on Thursday and Friday, April 11th and 12th. It was, so we think, a very successful tournament and convention with nine chapters in attendance. We had expected that twelve of the fifteen chapters in the province would come, but at the last minute Hiram, Otterbein, and Hope were forced to cancel. However, as every chapter present entered into more than one activity in the tournament, the program was a complete one.

Eighty-two contestants competed in the Province of the Lakes. Thirty-one men's debates were held, with eleven women’s debates. The debaters from State Normal College, of Ypsilanti, won five of the twelve medals that were given. Those receiving medals were James Latture, Elmen Winkelman, Mary McGill, Clinton Fair, and Evelyn Krasny.

The tournament included debates for both men and women, extempore for both men and women, and oratory for both men and women. The extempore subject for men was PROPAGANDA; that for women was CENSORSHIP. In the debate tournament single judges were used in the first four rounds of the men's tournament and in the first two rounds of the women's tournament. In succeeding rounds and the final debates three judges were used. For judges we used the coaches who came with their delegations, several professors from the Speech Department of the Michigan State Normal College, some professors from the University of Michigan, and three other professors from non-Pi Kappa Delta colleges in Michigan. Especially in the finals did we use persons not directly connected with the convention.

Using the system for determining winners that was suggested by our Forensic editor, we find that Heidelberg won first place and Michigan State Normal College second. Heidelberg won the following: first in men's debate, first in men's oratory, first in women's oratory, first in men's extempore, second in women's debate.


Our banquet was a very successful affair with ninety people in attendance. At this gathering the many chapters were able to experience the real fel-
lowship of the convention. Many said that this was the most enjoyable event of the entire program. At the conclusion of the final debates we presented the medals to the first and second place winners, using the standard Province Convention awards.

I wish to add that much credit for the success of the Convention should be given Professor Harry T. Wood, Michigan Normal College, and the entire Michigan Epsilon chapter for all they did to aid the Province of the Lakes.

10. PROVINCE OF THE UPPER MISSISSIPPI

EVAN ANDERSON, Governor—Gustavus Adolphus, Minnesota

This province will hold its Convention on May 1st.

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Iowa Nu Hopes——

We have a very enthusiastic group in the Iowa Nu chapter. At present there are five new people eligible for membership, besides the seventeen charter members. However, out of the whole group only ten will be back next year.

I have heard it said, "Variety is the spice of life." If this is true we ought to have plenty of spice here in debate, for we certainly have variety. We have heckling debates, split team debates, open forum debates, and regular decision debates using the expert, three- and five-judge system.

As a general rule we have about fifty to seventy-five people out of our enrollment of three hundred who try out for some form of forensics. From this group we choose two men's and two women's debate teams, three orators and two extempore speakers. This year we had twenty debates, and won two-thirds of the decisions. We won two thirds in the State contests in oratory for men and women, and a second in the men's state extemporaneous speaking contest. In the last two years there have been four people who have earned diamonds on this campus, one man earning a diamond both in debate and oratory.

We are a young chapter and are facing all the problems of organization. As usual there are some discouraging features. But "tall oaks from little acorns grow." Maybe we'll grow up!

Leland Austin,
President of Iowa Nu Chapter.
11. PROVINCE OF THE SOUTH ATLANTIC

C. C. CUNNINGHAM, Governor—North Carolina State

FELLOW members of Pi Kappa Delta, Wake Forest College, North Carolina Beta, greets you. We wish you one and all the best of success and hope to meet you at the National Convention where we plan to have a representation. Joe L. Carlton and Wade H. Bostick of North Carolina State have excellent records as debaters and should make a creditable showing at Wichita next year.

Joe L. Carlton, indeed, has a record to be proud of. Last year he took second place in the State Constitutional Oratorical Contest. He won the Freshman debate medal and the Junior orator’s medal of his society. He also is a four-year man, having been on the debate squad since his freshman year. He has to his credit thirteen debates, eleven of which were won, including the province championship.

Wade H. Bostick, also, has an enviable record. Wade came to us from a Junior college three years ago. He won the Freshman and Junior debate medal of his society. He has twenty-two intercollegiate debates on record, tallying wins in nineteen cases and a non-decision. He was a member of the State Junior College championship team in 1925 and the province champ this year. One more year of intercollegiate activity lies ahead of him.

This is the team we will send to the National Convention next year and if you aren’t on your toes, they’re liable to tally again. We sincerely hope they do!

Walter W. Cohoon, also for North Carolina State, took second in the oratorical contest.

Brothers and Sisters of Pi Kappa Delta, we extend to you a most hearty welcome to our college, which we think is the greatest in all the land, and a cordial invitation to our several communities in the grand and glorious “Old North State,” North Carolina.
12. PROVINCE OF THE NORTHWEST
W. C. STONE, Governor—Montana State

The Northwest Province of Pi Kappa Delta held its biennial regional convention at Washington State College, Pullman, Washington, April 5 and 6. Twenty-eight delegates were present, representing the College of Idaho, Linfield College of Oregon, Montana State College and the College of Puget Sound, Washington, and took part in debates, oratorical contests and extemporaneous speaking contests. All schools sent well-prepared contestants to the convention.

Professor W. H. Veatch of the Washington State College, National President of Pi Kappa Delta, was general chairman in the convention and presided at several of the contests. The coaches of the member schools and members of the faculty of Washington State College judged the contests. Professor H. C. Stone of Montana State presented the medals to the winners.

Harriet Smith of the College of Idaho was the winner of the women's extempore speaking contest of the Northwest Province, held at Pullman.

Mildred Martin, with Lillian Burkland, of the College of Puget Sound, were first place winners in the women's debate tournament of the Northwest Province.
Of the honors coming to the College of Puget Sound, that of first place in oratory came through the representation of Pauline Voelker.

Fred Livesay and Gilbert Stanton, representing the College of Idaho, won the men's debate tournament of the Northwest Province.

Mr. Shigeo Tanabe, representing the College of Puget Sound, won the extempore contest of his Province.
PROF. QUEENER: "As I now think of our stay at Lexington there are a number of things outstanding; first, the hard work both for those managing the meet and those participating. Should I be in charge of another convention I would take more time to get acquainted, more time for social get-togethers for everyone, yes more time for play, a thing conspicuous for its absence at this convention. From the first meeting Monday noon to the last meeting Tuesday noon we did nothing but work. Second, I would work out a more efficient and effective system of securing and caring for judges. While there was and is no complaint about this part of our convention it was a real problem. Third, there should be some system of pooling finances because the chapters far removed from the convention school are put to considerable expense. Finally, no one could promote a convention without the hearty cooperation of all the chapters. That I had and for that I am thankful to each and every one of the chapters in province 13."

MISS COUNSELMAN: "I enjoyed the work. I think getting forty to sixty judges is about as hard a job as one can be given, but now it is over and I hope we are all happy."

MAE COUNSELMAN of Kentucky Delta Chapter who assisted the Province Governor

THE Provincial Pi Kappa Delta Convention held at Lexington, Kentucky at Transylvania University, April 8 and 9 was a great success and very interesting. This was the Kentucky Provincial Convention which includes the seven colleges in Kentucky, Tennessee, and Indiana having chapters in the Pi Kappa Delta fraternity. These colleges are Maryville, Tusculum, Centre, Kentucky Wesleyan, Georgetown, Franklin, and Transylvania. Each was represented at the convention.

There were forty-nine student contestants, some of whom were entered in two events. Eleven faculty members were there accompanying their
teams. Eleven men's debating teams were entered, Centre, Kentucky Wesleyan, Georgetown, and Transylvania each being represented by two. Six rounds were necessary to determine the winners. Six girls' teams were entered. In oratory seven men and four girls were entered. There were seven extemporaneous speakers, all the schools being represented.

Maryville won the highest number of points. The standing was as follows: Maryville 435, Transylvania 335, Centre 270, Kentucky Wesleyan 185, Georgetown 135, Tusculum 135, and Franklin 50.

Maryville, Tennessee Alpha Chapter took first place at the convention with two first places, a tie for first place, one second and one third place. Every member or team placed in the contest entered. Every chapter placed in one or more of the events. Tennessee Alpha Chapter took first place in debate for men, first in extempore speech for women, tied for first in oratory for women, took second in extempore speech for men, and third in debate for women; failing to place in only one event— oratory for men.

Kentucky Delta Chapter of Transylvania College took second place in the provincial convention, winning first in men's oratory and tied for first place in women's oratory; second place in extempore speech for women, and third place in debate for men.

Kentucky Beta of Centre College placed third in their province by winning first in extempore speaking for men, second in oratory for men and second in debate for women.

Miss McPherson, for Indiana Alpha of Franklin College, took third place in extempore speaking for women.

Tennessee Beta tied for second place in oratory for women, and took third place in extempore speech for men.

Georgetown College took second place in debate for men and third place in men's oratory.

Summarizing the Convention: there were sixty some people present, there were forty-nine registered participants and eleven faculty members. All the schools (Franklin excepted) participated in debate for men—four schools having two men teams entered in each. All the schools participated in oratory for men and in extempore speech for men. Six of the seven participated in debate for women, four in oratory for women, five in extempore speech for women.
Throughout all the contests the three judge system was followed. Few people participated in more than one event and there was no one outstanding "star" of the convention. In each contest the contestants were pretty evenly matched.

The banquet held Monday evening at the Transylvania College cafeteria was an enjoyable affair. It was not an elaborate affair but one with emphasis on food and not talk. All those present were made to feel doubly welcome by the address given by President McCambell of Transylvania.

At the business meeting following the banquet Mr. J. Stuart James of Maryville was elected secretary-treasurer of Province 13 for the coming term of two years.

The chapters of this province are now planning and looking forward to the national convention of next year.
SARAH ROGERS  
ROSA FUDOLEL  

THELMA POLLITT  
DUFF GORDON

Representing Transylvania College, Duff Gordon took first place in Oratory at the Kentucky Province Convention. He, with C. A. Weesner took third in debate. Miss Pollitt for Transylvania College tied for first place in Oratory for women. Sarah Rogers and Rosa Fudoel representing Kentucky Gamma won first in women's debate. Their chapter also tied for second in oratory for girls.
Province of Kansas*

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Province of the Platte

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| Hastings                               |                                            |                              |                             |                            |
| Doane                                  |                                            |                              |                             |                            |
| Nebraska Wesleyan                      | Men's Extempore                           | Harold Bosley               |                             |                            |
| Hastings                               |                                            |                              |                             |                            |
| Colorado Teachers                      |                                            |                              |                             |                            |
| Nebraska Wesleyan                      | Women's Oratory                           | Laura Fried                 |                             |                            |
| Grand Island                           |                                            |                              |                             |                            |
| Doane                                  |                                            |                              |                             |                            |
| Nebraska Wesleyan                      | Men's Oratory                             | Ford McCoy                  | Max Lieberman               |                            |
| Colorado Teachers                      |                                            |                              |                             |                            |
| Hastings                               |                                            | Hastings                     |                             |                            |
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**WINNER**—Dakota Wesleyan and Northern Normal Tied.
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Pi Kappa Delta—Then and Now

While we were in Minneapolis recently, knowing that one of the founders of Pi Kappa Delta resided there, we phoned him (a personal visit being impossible because of train schedule), to ask that he write us telling of his personal connection with Pi Kappa Delta. We give his letter below.

Of course, former issues of THE FORENSIC have carried information concerning the history of Pi Kappa Delta. The March (1923) issue told in detail the history of the organization up to that time. Mr. Shields' letter follows:

Mr. George McCarty,
Editor THE FORENSIC,
Brookings, S. Dak.

Dear Editor:

Eight Thousand Seven Hundred Sixty-five! Your three-line announcement at the bottom of an inside page of the January Forensic that the last membership card issued was No. 8765 gave me a thrill that you can hardly appreciate!

Late on a Saturday night seventeen years ago two tired college students finished the last page of a manuscript they had been working on for months; they clasped their right hands and flipped a coin to decide which would sign the document first; then they signed as follows:

John A. Shields, Ottawa University.
E. A. Vaughn, Alabama Polytechnic Institute.

It was the original Constitution of Pi Kappa Delta; it was subsequently signed by:

E. R. Nichols, Ripon College.
J. H. Krenmyre, Iowa Wesleyan University.
A. L. Crookham, Southwestern College.
Frank P. Johnson, Morningside College.
H. O. Pritchard, Eureka College.
C. J. Boddy, Kansas Wesleyan University.
Dan C. Lockwood, College of Emporia.

These men, in the order named, became the charter members of Pi Kappa Delta.

Vaughn and I, sitting in my room in Ottawa, Kans., that night early in 1912, constituted the first and last convention of the entire membership of our fraternity; we made great plans; in an optimistic outburst we predicted that the membership would some day reach 250, possibly even 300!
And now, after seventeen years, it is nearly 9,000! In a short time it may need to be written in five figures! At the first National Convention, held at Washburn College thirteen years ago, there were 11 delegates and 9 visitors, representing nine chapters in four states; at the 1929 National Convention, divided between Otterbein and Heidelberg Colleges, there were over 500 delegates, visitors not enumerated, 113 colleges from 31 states being represented officially.

To E. R. Nichols, then a professor at Ottawa University, came the first vague conception of a forensic fraternity; it was in the spring of 1910; he had been my coach in winning the two state oratorical contests in Kansas that year; he said to me (I was but a freshman) "why not utilize your recognized leadership in college oratorical circles by devoting your next three years to organizing a forensic fraternity that will put college oratory on a higher plane?" The first thought was a local society; soon it took on state-wide proportions; but no active steps were taken; for two years it was merely an idea.

Meantime, Nichols joined the faculty at Ripon College and launched the same idea there; the Ripon boys even went so far as to organize a society, which later re-organized and became Chapter No. 5 of Pi Kappa Delta. During 1911 and 1912 a self-constituted and unofficial "committee" made up of Nichols, Vaughn, and myself, promoted the forensic fraternity idea on every possible occasion, particularly at state oratorical conventions; we finally succeeded in getting a number of representative college men "designated" by these various conventions, though none of the conventions was willing to name "official delegates" to participate in such a movement as was contemplated.

All of the men were invited to participate in the formation of an organization—it was a "correspondence participation" and I was the secretary; the whole matter finally simmered down to three or four exchanges and revisions of a Constitution, all of the work being done by Nichols, Vaughn, and myself. Nichols outlined the general idea of a forensic fraternity and gave it the name Pi Kappa Delta; I contributed the idea of Degrees—local, state, national; Vaughn suggested the Orders—Oratory, Debate, Instruction. The Constitution was finally shaped up and launched at a conference between Vaughn and me, which Nichols was prevented from attending at the last moment, and, as I have already stated, was ratified by the other members of the group.

Nichols was elected president; Vaughn was vice president; I was general secretary-treasurer; Krennmyre was historian; Crookham and Somerville were members of the executive committee. These officials served until the first national convention in 1916.

But four chapters were installed in the spring of 1913, in the following order:

- Ottawa University.
- Iowa Wesleyan University.
- Washburn College.
- Nebraska Wesleyan University.

During the college year 1913-14 several other chapters were organized, among them being Ripon College, Illinois Wesleyan, Kansas State Agricultur-
al, University of Redlands, Central College, Southwestern College, Occidental College, and Southern California.

When my official connection with the fraternity came to an end in 1916 we had about 350 members, 14 active chapters, in 8 states; let me now congratulate Pi Kappa Delta on its nearly 10,000 members, its 13 provinces, its 130-odd chapters, in more than 30 states.

I think I have never read three lines that gave me a greater thrill than yours in the January Forensic beginning "The last membership card issued was No. 8,765." Sincerely and Fraternally,

J. A. Shields.

College of St. Thomas Travels
By Airplane

COLLEGE OF ST. THOMAS DEBATERS
Left—Daniel S. Lane                    Right—Carmi Lawrence

Prof. George McCarty,                   April 26, 1929
Editor, Forensic,
Brookings, South Dakota
Dear Editor:

Believing that Pi Kappa Delta members may be interested in an experiment we have made with a modern mode of travel in making our debate schedule we send a report of the trip we made this month by airplane to Chicago to fill a debate engagement with Chicago-Kent College of Law.

We left St. Paul Airport by one of the Northwest Airways tri-motored, 14-passenger monoplanes on the morning of April 7th at 9 o'clock. Comfort-
ably seated in the cabin of the plane with a fine clear view through the window at our side, we saw the usual grand panorama of country-side, lakes, rivers, roads, cities and towns. Over Winona, LaCrosse, almost before we were settled in our seats, we viewed the winding Mississippi, Lake Pepin, and the clustering towns on its banks, then darting across southern Wisconsin and passing Madison, the university city, we reached Chicago in a little over three hours after taking off.

It gives one a creepy feeling to go 7,000 feet above ground and look down on great masses of clouds far below. Through openings in the rolling vapor we could get glimpses of country and realize how far aloft we were. Though traveling at 125 miles per hour there is little sense of motion and the only disagreeable feeling is the sudden “dips” of the plane when down currents of air are encountered. Then one’s sensation is that felt when in a rapidly descending elevator. But one gets used to almost everything and so he will to this falling sensation and rather enjoy it after awhile.

We used the “air” again at Chicago as our debate was broadcast and within a few hours after the debate we were again on our magic steed dashing for home. Here again three hours sufficed to cover nearly 400 miles of distance and we found ourselves gracefully sliding to earth within a few feet of the spot from which we started such a short time before.

May we commend this plan of travel to our fraternity brothers? For comfort, cleanliness, speed and interest there can be nothing better. There is some noise—but let us leave something for the next generation of inventors to supply.

Daniel S. Lane,
Carmi Lawrence,
Minnesota Epsilon Chapter,
Pi Kappa Delta

PROFESSOR HARKNESS OF N. S. T. C.

Professor P. J. Harkness of the Northern State Teachers College of South Dakota, who for the past three years has consistently turned out winners of state oratorical titles for that institution, has an interesting article in the April issue of the Quarterly Journal of Speech Education. The Journal is published by the National Association of Teachers of Speech, and deals with the main phases of speech education. This month it emphasizes the needs, objectives and methods peculiar to Teachers Colleges, and the article by Mr. Harkness is a discussion of the General Organization and Nomenclature. He stressed on the general need of a separate department of speech aside from English, and a unit of purpose with proportionate stress on the various phases of work in this new department.
The Fallacy of No-Decision Debates

BY PROFESSOR KARL E. MUNDT

(Professor Mundt is head of the Speech Department of Eastern State Teacher’s College, Madison, South Dakota. The article herewith is reprinted from the “National Forensic League Bulletin.” Professor Mundt is the national vice president of the N.F.L.)

URING the past decade or so of intercollegiate and interscholastic debating, there has been much said and written about the so-called evils of decision debates with the resultant emphasis which is placed on the winning of debates. Some schools have practically discontinued decision debates; others have intermingled a large number of no-decision contests along with a few decision debates; while others have stayed by the decision debate in one form or another, using a variety of judging systems such as the expert judge, the audience decision where debates are held before neutral audiences, the traditional three-voter decision, and the so-called “jury decision” in which from six to twelve well-informed laymen act as the judges. From out of the experiences of the past decade of experimentation with the no-decision type of debate, it seems to me that certain lessons can be rather clearly drawn and, to me, these lessons point distinctly to the idea that there is a significant fallacy in no-decision debates.

Critics of decision debating in college or in high school have stated that the motive of working toward a decision creates an artificial situation in debating wherein the emphasis is placed upon winning rather than upon effective debating. Personally, I am ready to emphatically deny this charge. To the contrary, I believe the no-decision debate is the contest (if it can be called a “contest”) which is marked by artificiality. Where else in all the field of effective speech does a speaker ever give a speech which might be called a “no-decision” production. Effective speaking aims at conviction. To convince is to win a decision from the audience; to fail to convince is to lose the decision. Effective speaking in the world at large must win this decision (exemplified by the convictions established in the minds of the listeners). If the decision is lost—if the audience remains unconvinced of the sincerity, the validity, or the importance of a speaker’s speech—effective speaking does not take place. Why, then, should we jeopardize such a vital training as competitive inter-school debating by attempting to put it apart from all other effective speaking and direct that it, alone, shall operate on the “no-decision” basis?

When I say that the no-decision debate is jeopardizing the very basis of effective training in debating, I mean exactly that. I have known of many schools in late years which have changed from the decision debate to the no-decision debate. The result? Schools in which speakers used to study dili-
gently to unearth the very last argument for or against a proposition and in which the speakers used to master their defects of delivery earnestly before entering a contest, now send debate teams out to represent them in which the arguments touch on the surface only and in which they violate every principle of effective speaking while upholding their side of the argument. Effective extempore speech, in many cases, has been replaced by carelessly prepared speeches which are literally read from cards or manuscript. I have heard debates which appeared more like an essay-reading contest than the animated interchange of arguments and the sincere attempts of refutation which are exemplified in a hotly contested debate in which both sides strive intently for a decision.

I would place this challenge before the critics of decision debating. For one season place your athletics on this artificial (as I see it) plane of a no-decision contest. Let us take basketball for an illustration. Remove the hoops from the bank board and allow the teams to pass the ball and throw it against the bank board with no possibility of making a basket. Give them no opportunity for registering a score; no chance to learn from an impartial source whether they have won or lost the contest. Will training and team work, and school spirit still be exemplified in the basketball contest? Ridiculous, you say? Precisely! And is it not equally impossible to assume that debaters will work as intently, will prepare themselves as carefully, and will debate as effectively when there is no chance to measure the results by some type of decision? In some schools no-decision debating, running contrary as it does to every human instinct of rivalry, has practically killed debating. In others, it has reduced debating to a pitiful spectacle of its former brilliancy. If debating is to remain what it should be, the most effective avenue for training in effective, extemporaneous speech, we must retain the decision feature.

I care not which of the various types of judging is used; let each school provide the type of judging best suited to its environment and to the judging ability in its locality, above all let it not choose the pernicious course of no-decision debating to escape the occasional evil of a poorly given decision. Debaters, as athletes, must learn that sometimes the best side cannot win; debaters, as athletes, must learn to lose gracefully even when they can honestly feel that the best side did not win. Not always in life, either, does the reward go to the most meritorious. Debaters can better learn to face defeats smilingly in school than to be rudely awakened later in life that never again after leaving their debate team, are they confronted with a situation wherein their speech will be passively received by an audience with a "no-decision" attitude.

The National Forensic League very frankly recognizes the importance of decision debating. Three extra points are awarded for a winning debate over a no-decision contest. I think our constitutional provision is a wise one because the decision contest will nine times out of ten represent a much better contest than the no-decision event.

This year, in Eastern State Teachers’ College where the writer is in charge of intercollegiate debating, we have taken our stand definitely against no-decision debating. In every letter we send out, we state frankly that we
much prefer to schedule a decision contest judged by any of the current judging systems. We have an inexperienced squad; we shall lose most of our debates. But more important than that, these college debaters have a definite goal for which to work in each contest; they can get a check on their accomplishments; they will learn that speaking is a practical art in which a man can know that he is being “judged” every time he gets to his feet in public. And if they learn that, this particular debate coach will be satisfied, even if we lose every single debate. “Debating without a decision and for the mere sake of debating” is like batting a tennis ball for the mere sake of the batting—there will be no flashes of excellency unless there is a man on the other side of the net batting the balls back and unless there is some way of determining which side is doing the better job of “batting.”

The Annual Pi Kappa Delta Banquet

ANY Chapters will expect to make a real “affair” of their annual Pi Kappa Delta banquet. With some it will be an installation banquet at which time the new members will be particularly honored. Some Chapters will have had their installation banquets earlier and will close with a sort of good fellowship get-together event as a climax to the year's forensic associations.

The editor of The Forensic has received already, programs of some chapters. These programs are nicely printed and include some very interesting features. The program of the Kansas Zeta of State Teachers' College includes, in addition to a very palatable menu, a very interesting program of toasts and other features, including music. The program also lists the active honorary and graduate members. We were interested in noticing that their graduate membership list has a total of 95. They have a present active membership of 25. Is there a chapter in the organization that can boast of a larger membership?

Please write and tell us of your annual banquet. It should make interesting reading for our first Forensic next year.

Perhaps some of you have not yet held your annual banquet, or whether you have or not, the following suggestions for toast masters and banquet speakers as given out some time ago at South Dakota State College may be of interest to you.

I. Questions every after-dinner speaker should ask himself:
   1. Shall I say something or just talk?
   2. What is my subject?
   3. Shall I tell a story—“OR THE STORY”?
   4. How much time is allotted me?
5. What will interest or amuse and at the same time be of value to this particular audience?
6. How many others are on the program?
7. How much can the audience stand? How much will they stand—from me?

II. Remember that:
1. Of the 100,000,000 after-dinner speakers who have preceded you, all but eight have begun with, "when the toastmaster asked me to speak here tonight"—will you be one of the nine?
2. The path of least resistance is to use other people's material.
3. The easiest way to make an after-dinner speech, is to tell stories. This is also usually the least effective way.
4. You should have a beginning—or at least an ending.
5. You should avoid the shop-worn—the trite—if you expect what you say to outlive you.
6. You should never apologize. You may not need to say that you are "no orator as Brutus is," leave something to the imagination of the audience.
7. You should not start with Adam and come all the way along step by step—your audience probably knows as much about Adam as you do anyhow. Then, too, it is too great a distance to cover in five minutes, unless you are really in a hurry.
8. Amongst the bushel of nonsense chaff, there should be at least one grain of sense.
9. The toastmaster has honored you by asking you to be one number of his program—he expects you to make a contribution—what will you do to square yourself with him?
10. You may want to speak again sometime on a like occasion.

III. As a toastmaster, it is your business:
1. To introduce the speakers in such a way as to make them appear most at ease, and to best advantage before the audience.
2. To direct the group thought toward a proper emphasis of the theme of the program, if there is to be a general theme running through all the speeches.
3. To introduce the speakers primarily—not to appear on the program for "several addresses," one to be given before and after each speaker.
4. To leave a few stories for the speakers. Perhaps you may have a chance to tell some of the stories you know at some later date. Of course if you don't want this honor again, go on and tell all the stories you have heard, and can find.

IV. Profit by the success and failures of other speakers and toastmasters.
DON'TS FOR CLUB SPEAKERS

(The following “Don’ts” for club speakers was printed some time ago in the General Federation News. They contain some suggestions for those who will speak at banquets and for other occasions. Do you consider all of them important?)

Don’t write your remarks on paper. Write them on stiff cards that won’t crinkle.

Don’t begin with an apology. It does not disarm criticism; it awakens it.

Besides it is no compliment to the chairman who appointed you, to intimate that he made a mistake.

Don’t mention shortness of the time allotted to you. That wastes it.

Don’t say that you looked in the dictionary to find the exact meaning of your topic.

Dont criticize the program committee.

Don’t refer to what you said on a former occasion or to what you are going to say after awhile. Keep the minds of your audience on the present moment.

Don’t tell all you know. Your audience likes to think that it knows a little, too.

Look at your audience. If it is getting bored, you can shorten up accordingly.

Be logical. Be concise. Think a few thoughts of your own and present them simply, naturally and earnestly.

Don’t try to talk with empty lungs. Fill them before each sentence.

Practice deep breathing beforehand. Learn how far a breath will take you.

Stress your consonants. Make the initial consonants clear. Make the finals clear. Make them all clear.

Mark the difference between “m” and “n”, “b” and “p”. Many people are a little deaf. Make it easy for them.

Space your words properly, or your audience will get sleepy. Always pause after a noun, because it is the subject of your sentence and tells what you are talking about. Never pause after a verb. A verb denotes action. Hurry up and tell what has happened.

Dont lose your place if you should happen to be applauded.

Take a few lessons from a good teacher of voice production.
Shades of Westfall and Tiffin

Professor Geo. R. R. Pflaum, our efficient convention chairman of the "big doings" for Wichita next year is not the only one thinking about Wichita and that event.

Professor Dana T. Burns of Baldwin-Wallace College, Berea, Ohio, and his Alpha chapter promise (or should I say threaten) to don the derby as their "official costume" to be again in evidence at next year’s convention as it was last year at Tiffin.

Their action in this regard came as a response to former president-editor Westfall’s suggestions that chapters adopt some such costume for the national convention.

Baldwin-Wallace Debaters

Dear Prof. McCarty:

You may recall that at the request of President Westfall, that chapters adopt some "costume" for the '28 convention, that Ohio Alpha "chose" the derby, which was in evidence at that convention. As the enclosure will show—we still have 'em. We have definite plans to the effect that they will be seen in Wichita in 1930.

Fraternally,

Dana T. Burns,
Head of Department.

Perhaps some other chapters can find something equally distinctive.
GOING UP

When the pioneers made their early trips across the continent they felt they did a good day's work in travel, if by their crude methods of transportation—the ox-drawn or horse-drawn vehicle—they could cover fifteen miles a day.

The modern pioneer goes one-tenth that distance into the air before he considers himself on the best airway level and fifteen miles—the day's travel for the early pioneer—is only a matter of seven minutes forward.

We had the experience of traveling by the modern pioneer method two years ago when as a member of the "Second A. E. F." we traveled from Paris to London, a distance of almost 300 miles, in less than three hours' time.

We agree with the St. Thomas men, whose pictures appear elsewhere in this issue, regarding the speed, interest, etc., of the air method of travel.

We wonder who and how many of the membership of Pi Kappa Delta will travel by air to Wichita to attend the national convention. Our convention chairman Pflaum promises a free ride after we get there. We believe it was to be free. We Scotch want it clear on that point. Tell us again, Mr. Pflaum.
The Kansas Regional Pi Kappa Delta Tournament has just completed its convention in Wichita and we find that Wichita University, as well as Wichita City, promises to be an excellent convention center. We were very royally entertained and this assures us of royal entertainment for the National Convention next year.

May I mention a few words about the good times we hope to have. First, we plan for trips through the airplane factories of Wichita and a trip over the city of Wichita in airplanes. Wichita University provided excellent facilities for a sight-seeing trip around the most attractive inland city that we have in Kansas. This will be a very pleasant and enjoyable trip. Then we will have several mixers at the Hotel Broadview, our hotel headquarters, with dinners on the Roof Garden and plenty of good music and entertainment for rest periods between tournament events. The University of Wichita does things up right when it comes to entertaining, so bring your glad rags and a spirit of full participation in the social gatherings. Your convention chairman believes that old saying of “all work and no play makes Jack a dull boy” so we are trying to introduce plenty of get-togethers and social activities. We will have time for some shows as well as some intellectual benefits. Please come prepared to have a good time and don’t forget to bring your alumni members along.
Do Forensics Get Into Your Editorial Columns?

We are pleased to note the number of college papers that give editorial space in review of the year in forensics.

The following concerning the province convention of the Province of the Lakes indicates that forensics at the State Normal College, of Ypsilanti, Michigan are receiving some attention in this form.

The Ability To Speak

What more tragic comment can be made of a person than: "He seems to know his 'stuff', but he can't put it across". Yet how often we hear this said. One can scarcely name an undertaking of consequence which during its development has not needed someone to explain it and interpret it to others. Evidences of this may be plainly seen in the history of the world. All great movements have had their fiery, or golden tongued orators. The voice of the convincing speaker draws a following to him like magic.

One has only to read the speeches of the great orators and debaters in our own early political history to feel the power which these men exercised over the people of that period. And, although the spread of the newspaper service over the country and the influence of rapid means of communication may have robbed us of the "soap-box" orator, people still turn out in large throngs to hear lecturers on various subjects. Even in our rather blase present day, there is no estimating the
amount of influence which the masterful voice of Herbert Hoover had over the millions of radio listeners during the last political campaign.

Our educational system has almost since its beginning recognized the importance of the ability to speak and has made forensic work a part of the curriculum. Evidence that this accomplishment is of still more importance today is seen in the truly large amount of debating and oratorical activity which is carried on in the high schools, the colleges, and the universities of this country.

Michigan State Normal College, a pioneer in education, has long had a highly developed speech department. That its good work is still continuing is shown by the fine showing which the Ypsilanti contestants made recently in the “Province of the Lakes” conference, held here under the auspices of Pi Kappa Delta, the national forensic fraternity.

The instructors and coaches of that department deserve no small amount of praise for their work. The participants, who have given much of their time and effort, should receive our vote of thanks, for they have held high the standard of the Normal College in a contest in the “art of speaking.”

Following are some editorials from various college papers.

**Pi Kappa Delta**

Sometimes the other fine activities of the campus are snowed under beneath the overwhelming interest in athletics. It may be suggested that the interest in athletics is not exactly to be termed “overwhelming,” but in comparison with the interest exhibited in other campus activities, or rather the lack of it, certainly that word is descriptive.

One of these activities is debate, and in the same line of interest, Pi Kappa Delta, National Honorary Forensic Fraternity. Too many of the students on this campus are not even aware of its existence, and yet it has probably been of much value to the college as a publicity agent as any other one activity—with the usual exceptions of athletics and dramatics.

Some very fine things have been done in the last few years by Pi Kappa Delta, its members, and its aspirants. The *Exponent* wants to express its appreciation, and it hopes that other institutions on the campus may do likewise.—*The Exponent*, Baldwin-Wallace College, Berea, Ohio.

**Paying Dividends**

When the representatives of Park returned from the Pi Kappa Delta convention held at Des Moines, there was a warm welcome awaiting Arthur Todd for his exceptional work there. No welcome could be too warm for him, for it was only through persistent effort on his part that such an honor could come to Park.

Dr. F. W. Beers, his coach, says, “Arthur Todd’s achievement at the
convention at Des Moines is an illustration of what can be accomplished when a man is willing to pay the price for achievement. Todd’s oration was not gotten up in a week or a month. In producing it he studied, read widely, wrote, polished, condensed, rewrote, added here, threw out there, repolished, balanced and organized until he had done his one hundred per cent best in the writing.

“Then he worked on the delivery, the presentation, with the same persistence until he was prepared to do his absolute best there; and if he had done anything less, there would have been no Park victory at Des Moines, with those confident, experienced, outstanding, and seemingly unbeatable orators in the fray.

“To my mind, this is the most outstanding victory our college has achieved since Glenn Ginn won the Inter-state at Evanston two years ago. But it was no accident; it was earned by the right kind of persistent application and purposeful effort—the kind that gets results. I only wish more work of this character were being done by our prospective orators. Such investment of mental resources brings paying dividends.”—The Park Stylus, Park College, Parkville, Missouri.

Brain Teams

Debating had always struck us as being a silly practice. To see a group of gawky youths one after another ascend the platform and recite a canned resume of all the available statistics on the efficacy of capital punishment, the virtues of government ownership, or the necessity of increased naval armament is not our idea of a valuable or an enjoyable experience. But debating apparently isn’t the haphazard wind-jamming which it once was. At Detroit City the last two years have demonstrated that debating can be more than mere public speaking. In the first place careful schedule making established a definite system of competition and introduced into debating the same thrill students have always found in athletics. In the second place, the old-fashioned dispensers of hot air find themselves sadly out of luck when they come up against an aggregation of thinkers alive to all the manifold aspects of a subject. Such an aggregation is our present debating team. We may have no “brain team” to compete with Harvard or Dartmouth, in encounters similar to their recent classics, but our debating team, with its record of ten victories out of fourteen starts against well-known and worthy opponents this season, should satisfy us that in one field of brain work we are well represented.—The Detroit Collegian, College of the City of Detroit, Michigan.
Come Over Into Macedonia and HELP US!

The question has been raised with us, and perhaps you have heard a like question, as to why the Forensic does not carry advertising.

Recently one of our large universities wanted to place advertising with us. The editor passed on the inquiry to the National President, and to our National Secretary-Treasurer, Mr. Finley. Professor Finley, after investigating the matter, informed us as follows:

"I found that the magazine is entered under the Act of August 24, 1912, which Act forbids the carrying of general advertising. Under that Act we get a flat rate of postage. If we take on advertising we will have to change our classification and send the magazine out under the zone system. That would increase the postage considerably. I do not know just how much, but my impression is that it would be enough to take off all our profits unless we went in for rather extensive advertising. And so I'm doubtful about the advisability of branching out in this line. However, if you feel that it would be a wise move, we'll go into it still further and lay it before the council as a whole. I think such a change in policy should be submitted to the whole group before any definite action is taken."

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PROVINCE GOVERNORS—ATTENTION!

Please notify National Secretary Finley if any change was made in your office at your recent Province Convention.

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COACHES! STUDENTS!

Get ready to tell us your plans for attending the National at Wichita. The October Forensic will be interested in knowing of them.

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"FINE" LIST—GET RIGHT!

Remember that Secretary Finley doesn't like to send you "fine" statements. Put someone in charge of chapter details to include among other duties the mailing of your college paper to the Forensic Editor.

Schools under "fine" penalty be sure to send copies of your college paper to the Forensic Editor the remainder of the school year.
WHAT WOULD YOU DO?

When the editor asks for pictures to be used for The Forensic he asks for “unmounted photographs, bright finish, suitable for making cuts.” About half of those received for our Province Convention number were not suitable for making cuts.

Also, some were not used because we could not use all, so we selected on basis of high winning from those suitable. Some were not used also because no explanation, either concerning the individual (name omitted in three cases) or the school represented. We could not read the names in a few cases. What would you do in such a case? There was not time after we heard from you to ask for explanation. Then, too, some were so unprompt (is there such a word?) that we weren’t sure you wanted to “make” The Forensic.

It was impossible to use some of the information because there were conflicting reports from some schools in the same province as to their winnings. What would you do?

THANKS AGAIN

Pi Kappa Delta has attracted attention to itself repeatedly from outside sources because of its high purpose and effective performance.

The reaction of a well known professor of speech in one of our large universities may interest you. We quote him: “Allow me to express my commendation of the work that Pi Kappa Delta is doing in promoting effective speaking. I am very much interested in your organization. It seems to me that you have an opportunity of influencing the style of speaking among our smaller organizations. Certainly you are the most active in promoting speaking of any of our honorary fraternities.”
OFFICIAL LETTER
(See Constitution, Page 18, Fines)
Answer by May 10, 1929

To the Local Chapters of Pi Kappa Delta
Dear Friends:

Thanks for your good response to my call for a list of debate questions for next year. I have listed all the questions you sent in and am including the list in this letter. I will tabulate the results of this vote and report back to you the six questions that get the most votes. Then we will make final selection of the official question the first thing next fall.

You will note that I am calling for three other items of information in this letter. Be sure to let me have all of them. Fraternally yours,

G. W. Finley,
National Secretary.

The __________________________ chapter of Pi Kappa Delta votes as follows on the selection of the official debate question for 1929-30:

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Second Choice.........................................................................................................
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Number of active members in this chapter at the present time: ............
Number who expect to be in school next fall: ............ Person to whom chapter mail should be sent next fall:

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(Name)...........................................................................................................................

(Address)

Name of College....................................................................................................

Signed.....................................................................................................................
SIXTY-EIGHT PROPOSITIONS—IS YOURS HERE?

List of Debate Questions Suggested for 1929-1930

1. Capital punishment should be abolished.
2. The plan of President Ernest Hopkins, of Dartmouth for changing the system of intercollegiate athletics should be adopted.
3. College entrance requirements should be raised to restrict the enrollment to the higher intellectual class.
4. World peace demands the demobilization of all armed forces except those needed for police protection.
5. The present practice of installment buying should be condemned.
6. The present policy of military preparedness should be abandoned.
7. The United States should recognize the Soviet government of Russia.
8. The Federal government should enact legislation providing for a system of flood control for the Mississippi and its tributaries.
9. The direct primary should be abolished.
10. American courts should adopt the English court procedure in criminal cases.
11. A substitute for collegiate athletics should be adopted.
12. A lake-to-ocean waterway for ocean-going vessels should be constructed through the St. Lawrence river.
13. The five-day labor week should be adopted.
14. A compulsory voting law should be enacted.
15. There should be a Federal old-age pension law.
16. The U. S. should abandon the Monroe Doctrine.
17. The tendency toward the chain store is to be deplored.
18. The Jones law should be repealed.
19. The principles of the Baumnes laws should be adopted by all the states.
20. Volstead act should be repealed.
21. Congress should enact a farm subsidy law.
22. The reading of popular fiction is harmful.
23. The U. S. should adopt a uniform marriage and divorce law.
24. The 18th amendment should be repealed.
25. Congress should enact a law for the sterilization of the socially unfit.
26. There should be a national department of education.
27. The Kellogg peace pact is a step toward world peace.
28. Utility rather than culture should form the basis of our school curricula.
29. Our public highways should be nationalized.
30. The U. S. should take a more aggressive stand in the leadership for world peace.
31. Congress should appropriate adequate funds for the complete enforcement of the 18th amendment.
32. The principle of censorship should be condemned.
33. Single six-year term for the president.
34. That naval parity should be established among the leading powers of the world.
35. The American railroads should be consolidated.
36. All goods controlled by capitalists should be admitted free of duty.
37. The single tax should be adopted.
38. The English type of a university education should be adopted in the U. S.
39. Cancellation of war debts.
40. Commercial reciprocity between the U. S. and S. A. would be a wise policy.
41. Social fraternities should be barred from the colleges.
42. All automobile owners should be compelled to carry insurance.
43. The Federal government should have residuary powers and the states the delegated powers.
44. The states should give an elected governor power to appoint the other administrative officers.
45. Liberal Arts colleges should adopt the house plan.
46. Extra-curricular activities in American colleges should be re-evaluated.
47. The U. S. Government should discontinue the sale of war provisions to Mexico.
48. The U. S. government should discontinue granting oil leases where private ownership is involved.
49. There should be a new alignment of political parties.
50. The Federal government should develop and control the Hydro-Electrical resources of the country.
51. The tendency toward centralization in government is to be deplored.
52. Conscription of wealth as well as man power is desirable in time of war.
53. Business mergers should be encouraged and controlled by government authority.
54. Democracy has been a failure.
55. The U. S. should join the League of Nations.
56. Foreign indictment of American Culture is unjustified.
57. Junior colleges should replace freshman and sophomore years in colleges and universities.
58. The six-four-four plan of school organization should be adopted.
59. The Volstead act should be modified to permit the sale of light wine and beer under the regulation of the Federal government.
60. The tendency of modern advertising is to be condemned.
61. The Philippines should be granted independence within a period of five years.
62. The U. S. should adopt a policy of free trade.
63. The U. S. should control the production and distribution of natural oil and its products.
64. Gambling in futures of staples such as wheat and cotton should be outlawed.
65. The U. S. should join the World Court.
66. The presidential system of government is superior to the parliamentary system.
67. Denominationalism is a detriment to Christianity.
68. Concentration of capital in the hands of a few is dangerous to the welfare of society.

Of course if any really good question develops between now and fall we'll include that in the voting, too, even if it isn't on this list. I'm certainly anxious that we should get a live issue for debate this coming year.
Thirteen Unlucky?

We have never had a year in which provincial conventions have been held in all the provinces until this year. Here's a little sketch of the growth of provincial conventions.

The idea of holding provincial conventions in the off-convention years originated in the national convention of 1922. It took definite form in 1923 when the first convention of this nature was held at Southwestern College, Winfield, Kansas. This convention included the chapters in Kansas, Oklahoma and Texas, together with some non-Pi Kappa Delta schools that were invited to participate. Two other conventions were held this year; one for the Central Western Province at Westminster College and one for the Northwestern Province at Aberdeen.

In 1925 five conventions were held. The Oklahoma group met at Stillwater, Oklahoma; the Missouri-Iowa Province at Culver-Stockton; South Dakota at Mitchell; California at California Institute of Technology; and the Kansas Province at Emporia.

In 1927 the number increased to eight. The Kansans met at Ottawa; the Iowans at Iowa Wesleyan; Colorado-Nebraska at Hastings; Province of the Sioux at Benna Vista; the Oklahomans at Pittsburg, Kansas; the Province of the Lakes at Michigan State; the Carolinians at Wofford; and the Province of the Upper Mississippi at Hamline.

And now in this good year of 1929 there have been 13 conventions out of a possible thirteen, conventions having been held in every one of the provinces.

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ERROR IN FINANCIAL REPORT

In the March issue of The Forensic an error was made in the financial report of the Secretary-Treasurer in regard to the receipts from Pittsburg Teachers College at Pittsburg, Kansas. The report should show: “Fees, $24.00; keys, $30.25.”

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WATCH US GROW!

Last membership number, 9032, Nils Berdahl, Augustana.
Last key number, 6278, Helen Sjodin, Hamline.

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130 P. K. D. CHAPTERS AND ONE MORE STATE ADDED

We have just granted two new charters. The first goes to Sam Houston Teachers College at Huntsville, Texas. It is Texas Kappa, No. 129. The second to Millsaps College, Jackson, Mississippi. It is Mississippi Alpha, No. 130. That puts another state on our list. Our correspondent at Huntsville is Earl Huffer, and at Jackson, L. L. Wheless.

The dates for their installation ceremonies have not yet been set.
What Becomes of Our College Orators?

E WERE interested in discovering what has become of some of our college orators after their successes in oratorical endeavors. We discovered that those in charge of national oratorical contests have not, for the most part, kept a very close check on former winners, particularly of those of a few years ago. This of course is impossible unless the contestants themselves inform headquarters.

THE NATIONAL INTERCOLLEGIATE ORATORICAL CONTEST

On inquiry to the National Intercollegiate Oratorical Contest on the Constitution, we have the following information:

The winner of the 1928 contest, Carl W. Albert, is continuing his studies at the University of Oklahoma, where he made a scholastic rating of 100 for the last half term of 1928.

Mr. H. J. Oberholzer, winner of the 1927 contest, a native of British South Africa, participated as the representative of the North Carolina State Agricultural College. He returned to South Africa where he was for a time engaged in business. He is now part-time instructor in the Department of Speech at North Carolina State.

The winner of the 1926 contest, Charles T. Murphy, representing Fordham University is now studying law at Harvard University.

The 1925 winner, E. White Bakke, representing North Western University, when last heard from was studying in Paris with the intention of returning to the United States to enter social service work.

The national office states that each of their four national winners has made an excellent showing scholastically. They point out that these people have not been “on their own” long enough to furnish any basis for judging their capacity for leadership, two of them being still in college.

Of the 28 national finalists in the last four years of the Intercollegiate Oratorical Contest on the Constitution, eight are studying law, two for the ministry, one medicine, one engineering, three are in business, eleven continuing their academic studies and two engaged in occupations unknown to this office.

INTERSTATE ORATORICAL ASSOCIATION

The Interstate Oratorical Association is the largest and oldest in the United States. Contests have been held every year since 1874. They seem to have kept much better record of their finalists than have other oratorical associations. They are able to give us information concerning their winners who are now listed in “Who’s Who.” Investigation concerning their
winners, made some time ago includes twenty-nine annual contests up to and including 1902. Winners of first and second places are considered, making a total of 58 orators. Of this number twenty or slightly more than one-third appear in "Who's Who in America."

1. Olin Alfred Curtis, deceased; one-time professor in Drew Theological Seminary; second place in 1876 representing Lawrence College.
2. S. Frank Prouty, Congressman; address, Des Moines, Iowa; second place in 1877 representing Central University of Iowa.
3. E. A. Bancroft, lawyer, general counsel International Harvester Company; first place in 1878 representing Knox College.
4. Robert M. LaFollette, deceased; United States Senator from Wisconsin; first place in 1879 representing the University of Wisconsin.
6. Charles F. Coffin, lawyer and life insurance official; address, Indianapolis, Indiana; first place in 1881 representing DePauw University.
7. George L. Mackintosh, educator; President of Wabash College, Crawfordsville, Indiana; second place in 1884 representing Wabash College.
8. Albert J. Beveridge, senator, author; United States Senator from Indiana; first place in 1885 representing DePauw University.
9. H. H. Russell, clergyman and reformer; address Westerville, Ohio; second place in 1886 representing Oberlin College.
10. John H. Finley, educator, editor; President, College City of New York, 1903-13; President U. State of New York, 1913-21; Associate editor New York Times; first place in 1887 representing Knox College.
12. Edwin Holt Hughes, bishop; Bishop in Methodist Episcopal Church; first place in 1889 representing Ohio Wesleyan University.
13. J. A. Blaisdell, educator; President Pomona College, Claremont, Cal.; second place in 1890 representing Beloit College.
14. S. W. Naylor, educator; Dean, Lawrence College; first place in 1890 representing Washburn College.
15. F. A. Fetter, educator; Professor of Economics, Cornell University; first place in 1891 representing Indiana University.
17. Mrs. E. Jean Nelson Penfield, lawyer and parliamentarian; address, 34 Pine Street, New York City; first place in 1892 representing DePauw University.
18. C. F. Wishart, educator; President Wooster College; first place in 1894 representing Monmouth College.
19. Perl D. Decker, Congressman; U. S. Congressman from 15th Missouri district; first place in 1897 representing Park College.
20. Oscar Edward Maurer, clergyman; Pastor Central Church, New Haven, Conn.; first place in 1902 representing Beloit College.

THE INTERCOLLEGIATE PEACE ASSOCIATION

The Intercollegiate Peace Association through the donors, Mary and Helen Seabury, of 414 County Street, New Bedford, Mass., inform us that there are many former winners of these contests from whom they never hear. They state there is one former winner who is now a college president, a strong peace worker and lecturer; another is a professor in the Harvard Law School, who a short time ago came to the city of New Bedford, Mass., to lecture on the
World Court; another who also reported recently as owning two newspapers and running for the legislature on a peace platform, losing by only a small vote. Others are teaching forensics, one of these not long since having trained a new winner of the Peace Contest. One winner has gained a Rhodes Scholarship on the strength of his International Peace oratorical success. Several have become ministers, one a strong social worker, another a writer of Peace articles for a prominent magazine.

A Japanese who won the National Contest of this association in 1910 wrote the donors at the time: “It is my purpose in life to enter the field of practical diplomacy and to devote my life to the advancement of International Peace.” In 1925 this Japanese was the manager of “Toya Kisen Kaisha” in California. At that time he was giving peace addresses before San Francisco audiences.

Word from another prize winner to the donors is as follows: “I am pursuing a Master’s Degree in Speech. The subject of my thesis is “The Development of Intercollegiate Oratory in the United States.” The donors inform us concerning another winner of the National contest—a South African who won the contest after being in this country only one year. He wrote his oration first in his own language and then translated it into English. On his return to South Africa he expected to go into government employ.

The Misses Seabury whose generosity has made possible the prizes for the International Peace Association Contests, which contests were begun in 1904, related interesting personal experiences given them by former contestants. They close their letter with this statement: “We hope our prize winners are standing as sentinels across our fair land, ready and able to recede the approach of wicked war.”

NORTHERN ORATORICAL LEAGUE

The only available information we have regarding winners of this organization is that one year President Glenn Frank of the University of Wisconsin won first place and during the same year Professor Louis Ecke of the Department of Speech, University of Michigan was the second place winner. We shall be interested in investigating further the question “What becomes of our college orators?”

In view of the experience and very inadequate information regarding the winners of the various oratorical contests, would it not be advisable for Pi Kappa Delta to guard the records of its own national winners in justice to them and for the history of our organization? Some organizations publish the list of their winners from year to year as a part of their national constitution. Can’t we do the same?
Baylor U. on Long Debate Tour

Baylor University, Texas Iota chapter of Pi Kappa Delta, and one of the newest chapters in the Lower Mississippi Province, has just closed one of the most successful seasons in its forensic history. Installed in December, 1928, the Baylor chapter initiated fourteen charter members, six of whom have received the degree of special distinction.

Under the supervision of Dr. L. W. Courtney, forensic director, the Texas school has just returned from a debate tour which carried them through ten states and into two foreign countries. Of the twenty debates held in these states, only five were lost by the Baylor squad, composed of Phil Teeling, Frank Guittard, and Frank Wilson. Three of the contests were no decision, and the remaining twelve resulted in decisions for the Texas school.

Among the institutions met by the Baylor representatives in their 7,000-mile journey were state colleges in Arizona, California, Oregon, Washington, Montana, Wyoming, Colorado, and Oklahoma.

Contests were judged by radio audience, by critic judge, by committees of judges, and by audience decisions. The entire season comprised 28 debates by the Baylor chapter of Pi Kappa Delta, in which only seven were lost by the Texas school. Last year, Baylor had the distinction of having its representative, Harold Knop, win first place in the Texas State Oratorical contest. This year, the school will be represented in both the state and national contests. Plans are being made by Dr. L. W. Courtney, forensic director, to send a delegation to the National Convention in Wichita next year.

BAYLOR UNIVERSITY DEBATE SQUAD

Reading left to right: Dr. L. W. Courtney, forensic director; Phil Teeling, Frank Guittard, Frank Wilson
AMONG FORENSIC FOLK

If this section of The Forensic contains no news of your chapter, let us hear from you.—The Editor.

ALABAMA
Alpha (No report)

ARKANSAS
Alpha (No report)
Beta (No report)

CALIFORNIA
Alpha Closing the conference season with a victory, Redlands varsity debaters were awarded the decision over Hastings College.—University of Redlands Campus.
Beta (No report)

Gamma The most outstanding debates of the season were those with Stanford and with the Washington State co-eds. In the former contest, Tech won by a unanimous decision over the Northern university on the subject of temporary insanity. The latter debate, with the co-eds, was upon the subject of co-education, and the girls seemed to have no difficulty in walking off with all the honors.—The California Tech.

Delta (No report)

Epsilon We understand that Professor Charles A. Marsh of the University of California, Southern Branch, has recently had come from the press a new text on Speech. We have not, however, had the opportunity to see the book nor to have a more detailed statement concerning it.

COLORADO
Alpha (No report)

Beta Walter E. Baker, a Teachers College student, offered the keenest competition this year by the debaters from Hastings College, Hastings, Nebraska, winners of the Pi Kappa Delta province meet, according to a statement made here recently by the champions.—Teachers College Mirror.

Gamma (No report)

CONNECTICUT
Alpha (No report)

IDAHO
Alpha Second place in the Pi Kappa Delta conference at Pullman, was awarded to the College of Idaho team.—College Coyote.

ILLINOIS
Alpha Monmouth College captured four of the awards given at the convention of the Wisconsin-Illinois province of Pi Kappa Delta. Their four debate teams won first and second in both men's and women's divisions of the debate tournament.—The Argus.

Beta (No report)

Gamma (No report)

Delta (No report)
Epsilon  
(No report)

Zeta  
The women’s debates this year have been highly successful both from the standpoint of decisions won and in the high quality of debating done by each of the teams. Five of the six debates resulted in victories for Monmouth.—The Oracle.

Eta  
Blanche Davis, I. S. N. U. junior, won first place in the women’s oratory event of the Pi Kappa Delta first biennial convention of the Wisconsin-Illinois province. Her subject was “The Impress of Materialism.” — The Vidette.

Theta  
McKendree’s debate team, entered in the Pi Kappa Delta convention at Des Moines, Iowa, made a very creditable showing, although they were eliminated in the semi-finals. — The McKendree Review.

Iota  
With Herman Brockhaus winning first place in the Men’s Extempore contest and Pearl Mehlihouse placing second in the Women’s Oratorical contest and with the rest of North Central’s delegation of ten having honorable mention in all that they entered, North Central was successfully represented at the Pi Kappa Delta Illinois-Wisconsin Regional Convention.—The College Chronicle.

Kappa  
(No report)

Lambda  
(No report)

INDIANA  
(No report)

IOWA  
(No report)

BETA  
(No report)

Gamma  
(No report)

Delta  
(No report)

Epsilon  
Simpson College ranked highest in the final rating of contests sponsored by the Pi Kappa Delta Province convention in which colleges of three states were entered, namely, Missouri, Illinois, and Iowa. Simpson’s women debaters were awarded first place. Simpson’s woman extempro speaker, Helen Hunt, was awarded second place, and Marion Jensen, orator, was awarded second place.—The Simpsonian.

Zeta  
The most successful group of delegates to ever represent Parsons College in a Pi Kappa Delta province convention returned home, having won first in women’s oratory and second place in the men’s debate tournament.—The Portfolio.

Eta  
(No report)

Theta  
(No report)

Iota  
(No report)

Kappa  
(No report)

Lambda  
(No report)

Mu  
(No report)

KANSAS  
(No report)

Alpha  
(No report)

Beta  
Miss Gertrude Gwinn won first place in the women’s extemporaneous speech contest at the Pi Kappa Delta tournament at Wichita. Miss Helen
Louise Spellman and Miss Thelma Call tied for first place in women's debate and drew the number giving them the right to the cup.

Gamma  
(No report)

Delta  
A total of fifty-two debates, only fifteen defeats, and no losses on the home floor is the record of the Southwestern debate teams for the past season.—*The Southwestern Collegian.*

Epsilon  
(No report)

Zeta  
(No report)

Eta  
(No report)

Theta  
Mike Johneddes won the Pi Kappa Delta oratorical contest at the convention at Oklahoma City. Mr. Johneddes' home is in Palestine, and he has been in America only four years. He is a senior at Kansas State Teachers College at Pittsburg.—*The Collegio.*

Iota  
The College of Emporia forensic representatives captured three second places at the Oklahoma and Kansas regional tournaments in Oklahoma City and Wichita.—*College Life.*

Kappa  
(No report)

Lambda  
(No report)

Mu  
Winning thirteen debates out of nineteen and placing high in men's and women's extemporaneous speaking and men's oratory contests, Bethany College established itself as the outstanding Kansas school entered in the Pi Kappa Delta Regional debate tournament held at Wichita. Bethany was but three points behind the winners, Oklahoma City University, whose contestants won the sweepstakes trophy.—*The Bethany Messenger.*

Nu  
(No report)

Kentucky  
Alpha  
Georgetown had two teams at the convention at Transylvania College. Both went to the semi-finals, and one team went to the finals.—*The Georgetonian.*

Beta  
(No report)

Gamma  
Kentucky Wesleyan College was placed in the limelight as a result of the Thirteenth Provincial Contests of PI Kappa Delta. The Wesleyan girls' debate teams won the girls' division of the tournament, Miss Ruby Davis tied for second place in the girls' oratorical contest, and the boys' team went to the semi-finals.—*The Kentucky Wesleyan Undercurrent.*

Delta  
The PI Kappa Delta convention was most satisfactory to Transylvania, and although we came out second in the whole convention we were very proud of the honors awarded to our school. Thelma Pollett, representing Transylvania, tied with Maryville, Tennessee for first place in oratory and Duff Gordon secured highest honors in oratory. Two of our teams were eliminated, but another went to the sixth round of debate and tied with Georgetown for second place.—*The Crimson Rambler.*

Louisiana  
Alpha  
(No report)

Beta  
A debate team from Centenary College returned from a debating trip into Mississippi with three victories
and one defeat, a most creditable showing for a team debating away from home.—The Conglomerate.

**MAINE**

Alpha
(No report)

**MICHIGAN**

Alpha
(No report)

Beta
(No report)

Gamma
(No report)

**Delta**
The Michigan State College co-ed debating team won first place in the province convention tournament held at Ypsilanti, competing with seventeen colleges from the Province of the Midwest.—Michigan State News.

**Epsilon**
(No report)

**Zeta**
The Detroit Collegian of the College of the City of Detroit finds space also for comment editorially on forensics.

**MINNESOTA**

Alpha
(No report)

Beta
Willard Stolen of the class of 1930, with his oration, “Young America,” took first place in the all-college oratorical contest held at St. Olaf. By this victory he is entitled to a scholarship at the Chicago School of Expression during the summer session. —The Manitou Messenger.

Gamma
Herbert N. Johnson won second place in the finals of the Interstate Oratorical held at Northwestern University, April 26.

**Delta**
The men’s debate team of Hamline University tied the St. Thomas debate team for first place in the Men’s Intercollegiate Debating League of Minnesota. The Hamline men won three and lost one conference debate.—The Hamline Oracle.

**Epsilon**
(No report)

**MISSOURI**

Alpha
(No report)

Beta
Three men and two women represented Park College in the province convention held at Des Moines, Iowa.—The Park Stylus.

Gamma
(No report)

**Delta**
William-Jewell College was represented in the province convention by six men who participated in all events.—The William-Jewell Student.

**Epsilon**
At Missouri Wesleyan College, Arthur West, Oral Fox, Eleanor Ward and Lucille Thompson have been elected to membership in Pi Kappa Delta.—The Criterion.

**Zeta**
Culver-Stockton College, competing with leading colleges in this section and with three state universities during the season, has closed one of its most successful forensic years.—The Megaphone.

**Eta**
Central Missouri State Teachers College recently staged a debate with the State University on the Pi Kappa Delta question.—The Student.

**MONTANA**

Alpha
The Eagle brothers and Coach Stone were the representatives of Montana State College at the convention of the Northwest Province. —The Weekly Exponent.
NEBRASKA

Alpha
Representatives of Nebraska Wesleyan, in their province tournament, won all contests except debate, in which they won second. They won first in each of the four contests held in extempro speaking and oratory the last day of the meet. Nebraska Wesleyan doubled the points of her nearest competitor for the grand prize. The final scores were: Wesleyan 30, Hastings 15, Doane 16, Colorado State Teachers College of Greeley 6, Grand Island 3, and Cotner 1.—The Wesleyan.

Beta

(No report)

NORTH DAKOTA

Alpha
North Dakota Alpha during the season has taken part in a total of 24 debates, 15 of which have been men’s debates, 7 women’s and 2 mixed. Ten of the debates were held on the campus or downtown, the rest out of town. The team has won half of its decision contests. — The Jamestown Collegian.

Beta

(No report)

OHIO

Alpha
The affirmative team of the Baldwin-Wallace debate squad, composed of Donald MacEwan, Norman Hagen, and George Smith, won an audience decision over Wayneburg University. This winning was gratifying to Baldwin-Wallace in view of Waynesburg’s having debated some of the largest eastern universities, and having won a victory over the English debaters from Oxford University.—The Exponent.

Beta

(No report)

NORTH CAROLINA

Alpha
North Carolina State College has used a somewhat different statement of the jury question in their contest with Mercer University. They debated the proposition: “Resolved, That a committee of expert jurists, three or five in number, should be substituted for the jury in every trial.” — The Technician.

Gamma

(No report)

Delta

(No report)

Epsilon

Grand Island College met Shurtleff College in a no-decision debate on April 1.—The Volante.

Zeta

(No report)

OKLAHOMA

Alpha

(No report)
Beta
Debaters for the University of Tulsa, in a two-day debate trip, competed with Oklahoma City University and Southwestern College of Winfield, Kansas.—The Tulsa Collegian.

Gamma
(No report)

Delta
(No report)

Epsilon
Approximately fifty participants and fifteen coaches in debate and oratory were in Oklahoma City for the province convention contests. —The Campus.

Zeta
(No report)

OREGON
Alpha
The last of nine debates in which Linfield College participated during the tour of California was won from Whittier College by a 3-1 judge decision.—The Linfield Review.

PENNSYLVANIA
Alpha
(No report)

SOUTH CAROLINA
Alpha
(No report)

Beta
(No report)

Gamma
(No report)

SOUTH DAKOTA
Alpha
Dakota Wesleyan University was the only school of the province that placed in every division entered. They competed with teams from Iowa, North Dakota and South Dakota. —The Phrenos Cosmian.

Beta
The Beta chapter of South Dakota as host to the Sioux Province Convention, entertained eighty delegates from North and South Dakota and Iowa.—The Huron Alphomega.

Gamma
(No report)

Delta
Aaron Meckel, as winner of the state contest of the National Intercollegiate Oratorical contest on the Constitution, will represent the state in the regional contest to be held this month. The place as yet, is unannounced.

Epsilon
Kenneth Sollitt and Ethel Fortune of Sioux Falls College won honors for the Epsilon chapter in oratory and extempore speaking, respectively. —The Stylus.

Zeta
Northern Normal and Industrial School tied Dakota Wesleyan University for first honors in the Province of the Sioux, each school winning a first, a second, and two thirds.—The Exponent.

Eta
Marie Sletvold, a sophomore at Augustana, was winner of first place in women’s oratory in the Province of the Sioux.—The Augustana Mirror.

TENNESSEE
Alpha
Of those listed for honors in the winning of the province convention by Maryville College, Professor Queener, coach in debate and extemporaneous speaking, and Dr. Hunter, coach in oratory, are named.

Beta
(No report)

TEXAS
Alpha
(No report)
Beta
(No report)

Gamma
East Texas State Normal College lists the winning of three debates as part of their forensic success during one week recently.—*The East Texan.*

Delta
(No report)

Epsilon
(No report)

Zeta
The T. C. U. debate team, composed of Hugh Buck and Lloyd Armstrong, defeated a team from the A. and M. College in a contest held there recently. They debated the parliamentary form of government question.—*The Skiff.*

Eta
(No report)

Theta
For the first time in six years of forensic contests between Simmons and Baylor College, representatives of Simmons defeated the Belton women.—*The Simmons Brand.*

Iota
Baylor University debaters, on a 7,000-mile debate tour covering five and one-half weeks, in which time they met twenty debate teams of the western and Pacific coast states, won 70% of the decision contests. They were accompanied on the trip by Dr. L. W. Courtney, forensic director, and Mrs. Courtney.

VIRGINIA

Alpha
(No report)

WASHINGTON

Alpha
(No report)

WEST VIRGINIA

Alpha
(No report)

WISCONSIN

Beta
Carroll College was represented in all events at the Illinois-Wisconsin province convention. —*The Carroll College Echo.*

Gamma
(No report)

McCarty Speaks In Milwaukee

George McCarty, Editor of The Forensic, traveled to Milwaukee on May 1 to address the Kiwanis club there.