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I HAVEN'T GOT A CHANCE

"The same fellows seem to win all the medals around this school," a student remarked to us when the result of the recent oratorical contest was announced. "They seem to have a monopoly of debating and oratorical honors," he said. Well—this is about what we told him. Maybe you would be interested in hearing it, too.

It is true that a few men are outstanding in these particular fields of activity at Creighton. Their ability is evidenced by their consistency in winning contests. The winner of this year's oratorical contest also won the extemporaneous speech contest last year, and most of the contestants were prominent in similar contests last year. Why is this? They have ability it is true, but it is chiefly because they compete in these contests. They don't sit back and say, "Oh, well, I haven't got a chance, this fellow or that fellow will win."

There are always outstanding men in every activity. That is no reason, however, why they should be conceded victory by the rest of the student body. Extra curricular activities are for everyone. Victories should never be conceded. Just because one or two contestants have marked ability, is no reason why the fellow who would like to try for the prize should think he hasn't got a chance. If a basketball team has an outstanding forward or a football team has an all-American halfback—is that any reason why those places should go without any other candidates?

The debate team or oratorical contests are not restricted to law students or pre-law students, journalistic activity is not confined to students of journalism, nor is dramatics for would-be actors alone. All these activities have room for anyone who has a desire to compete in them. A sense of the other fellow's superior abilities should not hold anyone back. If you think you haven't got a chance against those who have won their spurs in these various activities, ask one of them how he felt when he first started out. The only way a monopoly of honors may occur is through that old inferiority complex on the part of those who say, "I haven't got a chance."—From the Creightonian, of Creighton University.
O evaluate the province conventions of this year is a difficult matter but to say that it was the most successful of any series is but to state the obvious as the reports came in with their tale of strenuous competition, splendid achievement and inspiring fellowship. Pi Kappa Delta has advanced materially as a result of the thirteen conventions held at approximately the same season of the year. The big “family” is even more closely united than before because hundreds of students attended their first gathering of the clan and learned to know really what Pi Kappa Delta means. Think of it! Nine hundred twenty-three students and teachers interested in forensics representing 113 chapters of the organization at regional meetings held at Redlands, California; McMinnville, Oregon; Farmville, Virginia; Waco, Texas, and nine other places scattered in between, north, south, and middle west. One thousand Pi Kappa Deltans sat down with fellow key wearers in brotherhood and friendship around the banquet table. It seems almost unbelievable but the statistics cannot be denied. Only seventeen chapters lost out on the inspiration and the training; some had legitimate reasons but others seemingly were not interested. Theirs is the loss.

Outstanding among comments on the various conventions was the repeated statement that the chief feature of the meeting was the splendid spirit of cooperation and good sportsmanship exhibited by contestants and coaches. To my way of thinking, that is justification for the work and expense of getting together, for if members of Pi Kappa Delta cannot rise above the petty disputes that often mar our forensic relations, we had bet-
Hubert Dunham, senior academic and law student, and Caso March, sophomore and pre-law, debating for Baylor University of Waco won first in the men's tournament of the Province of the Lower Mississippi, thus repeating their provincial debate record of 1929. Dr. L. W. Courtney, governor of the province, is forensic director.
ter disband. And I am not so sure but that the evidence would show that what “crabbing” was done came more from the coaches than from the students.

Another gratifying report that was almost universal was the mark of high approval placed upon the speaking done in the various contests. Several governors stated “the best debating I have heard” or “the extempore contest was especially fine” or “the oratory was way above average.” What a splendid judgment! Our convention tournaments should bear fruitage in improved work; they seem to be doing that. The national and province meets are proving a stimulus to renewed effort and a reward for accomplishment. The general consensus was that the competition was getting stronger and better. So may it ever be.

Our province meetings were not all work. The detailed reports on each section follow but a few high spots may be mentioned here. Out at Linfield in Oregon where hospitality seemed to be their first consideration, special concerts by the conservatory and an evening of plays by the national dramatic honorary, Alpha Psi Omega, featured the sessions. That is cooperation between departments and shows what can be done when groups unite to entertain. Two other provinces had programs of plays. Down in Oklahoma the Kiwanis Club of Alva gave a dinner for the coaches and special guests. At Fort Collins, the Platte convention made a morning picnic trip into the mountains with lunch there. They mixed receptions by Dr. and Mrs. Westfall with dances at fraternity houses. Governor Moore says “everybody had a good time.” If the supervisor may comment—“it was their own fault if they didn’t.” In Virginia, the Pi Kappas journeyed to the old home of Joseph E. Johnston, where they held their banquet before “the roaring wood fire while a thunderstorm raged outside.” In Waco they apparently went swimming in Waco Lake. The Sioux province delegates attended the installation of the M. G. Clark chapter of the National Forensic League, high school society, at the East High School, Sioux City. Well, those are just a few of the high spots; read each report for others. I know one member of the national council who wishes he could have been at every province convention and after this issue of the Forensic comes out “ivery mither’s son av us” will wish the same thing.

It is quite impossible to present a grand sweepstakes prize for success in tournament events because of the different ways
in which the tournaments were carried on. Most of the conventions carried out a full program of debate, oratory, and extempore. Several Kansas colleges went to two conventions and won honors at both of them. In making comparisons and summarizing the results I have omitted the Kansas winners in the Oklahoma province and considered just their record in their home convention since obviously they had twice the opportunity open to the rest of the chapters in the country.

Outstanding in a general way and worthy of honorable mention are Centre College with four firsts in the Kentucky meet; Colorado Teachers with three firsts in the Platte convention; Baylor University with three firsts in the big Lower Mississippi tournament with twelve chapters entered; Linfield College, host to the Northwest meeting, three firsts and a second; Southwestern of Winfield, Kansas, Wichita U, Puget Sound, Bowling Green, Maryville College, and Yankton, all with two firsts and two seconds out of twelve possible places; Redlands, which took two firsts and a second in a tournament with fewer contests scheduled; Baylor College with the same record, and Hastings, which did not quite get to the top but caused plenty of trouble as runner-up in four different events. We shall have to call these the members of the “roll of honor” for the 1931 Province conventions. They all have records any college would be proud to own.

**HERE ARE THE CHAMPIONS!**

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Simpson College, represented by Mary Williams and Geraldine Roberts winning 6 of the 7 contests entered, claimed first honors in the women's debate tournament of the Missouri Province.

EDNA IRWIN OF BAYLOR

Edna Irwin of Baylor College has completed an enviable record in forensics, which places her among the best debaters of the Southwest.

Miss Irwin made the college team as a freshman, and in her first year debated six times, winning four decisions. In her second year, she was one of the contestants at the national convention in Wichita. Her record last year was seven decisions out of eight. This year she has debated twelve times, winning nine and losing two contests. Paired with Ellen Easley, she won the girls' debate cup at the provincial tournament in Waco, with five straight victories.

Miss Irwin's record for the three years is twenty wins out of twenty-five decision debates. She also won first place in the women's extempore at Waco. To round out the year, she is to represent the college in oratory at the state meet in May. She will thus be the first ever to represent Baylor in all three fields of forensic endeavour in the same year.

Miss Irwin is finishing her course in three years. She is president of the local chapter of Pi Kappa Delta, and one of the outstanding students.
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RESULTS OF CONTEST ANNOUNCED IN JANUARY FORENSIC

1. Which provinces will have 100% attendance of chapters at the convention?
   
   Kansas—thirteen chapters
   Oklahoma—seven chapters
   Northwest—five chapters—but a long way to go for some of them.
   Pacific—four chapters

2. Which province will have the largest gathering at its banquet?
   The Lakes—130 in attendance. Well, look at the attractions—who could resist the drawing power of three national officers at the speakers’ table?

   Illinois and Kansas ran a close second with 115 healthy eaters each. Missouri right behind with 111.
3 Which province will have the most novel or interesting feature at its convention?

Really, this part of the contest ought to be a non-decision affair but having announced it and having been subject to the misfortunes of a critic-judge before, here goes:

- The Sioux Province for its feature of the installation of the M. G. Clark chapter of the National Forensic League at the East High School of Sioux City because it was different from anything attempted by any other province and because it had significance—a fine gesture of friendship and support from the colleges to their high school understudies in speech work.

4. Which chapter had the greatest person-mileage at province conventions?

Millsaps College—five delegates from Jackson, Mississippi to Farmville, Virginia.

5. Which chapters will have the best records in tournament competition among the various provinces?

See general writeup of conventions. Centre College appears to lead the field with victories in men's debate, men's oratory, and both men's and women's extempore speaking. The Prayin' Colonels were too much for their fellow Kentuckians.

MILDRED CRAWFORD TENNESSEE ALPHA

Mildred Crawford is president of Pi Kappa Delta at Maryville College. She holds the Degree of Special Distinction. She has been prominently connected with forensics at that institution for four years. As a senior, this year, she was a member of the undefeated girls' team winning first place at the recent Province Convention held at Danville, Kentucky, and in her own college was winner of the T. T. Alexander Oratorical Prize of one hundred dollars in gold.

In addition to her forensic activities, Miss Crawford is well known on the Maryville campus for her work in expression and dramatics, this year, being a graduate in expression and a member of the College Players. Her list of activities further includes the editorship of the College Yearbook, and other prominent positions. The Tennessee Alpha chapter is proud of her.
EXCERPTS FROM Gubernatorial Reports

We will attempt here to avoid useless repetition. There is necessarily some overlapping with Mr. Toussaint’s report and with the reports of the various governors. Lack of space together with late arrival of some of the information makes necessary much elimination and prevents our giving merited or perhaps, even proportionate share of Chapter and Province publicity.—The Editor.

PROVINCE 1—KANSAS
GOVERNOR—PROF. A. E. LEACH, Baker University

The national conclave in Wichita in 1930 must have had a real effect on the Kansas chapters because they hold the record for registration among all provinces—115 students and faculty members from thirteen chapters. Every chapter was represented. It was the largest convention in the history of the province organization. McPherson and Friends University attended by invitation of the Pi Kappa Delta colleges.

Twenty-two men’s debate teams, seventeen women’s teams, thirteen men orators, twelve women orators, twenty men extemporaneous speakers, and sixteen women comprised the grand total of competition. When the three days had rolled by Baker University was on top in men’s debate. Southwestern sent its national champions, Miss Burgess and Miss Moore, into the tournament and they emerged victors again.

Loving cups were awarded for first place winners in debate and oratory and gold keys to championship speakers in each event.

All of the time was not spent in work, however. The Pittsburg chapters proved excellent hosts under the direction of Professor Pelsma. The local dramatic group presented the play “Skidding” following a cafeteria banquet—without speeches. One hundred and fifteen attended the banquet and enjoyed themselves as only PKDs can.

New officers elected by the province are: Governor, J. R. Start, Hays Teachers College; lieutenant-governor, J. H. Lawrence.

EDITOR’S NOTE—Of course Miss Burgess and Miss Moore, winners of first in debate for Southwestern, deserve to be featured pictorially again. We are omitting their pictures because they were featured in the May 1930 Forensic as first place winners in the National debate tournament, and being juniors, may win in another national. If they do we promise double publicity next May.
College of Emporia; secretary-treasurer, R. H. Ritchie, Ottawa University.

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PROVINCE 2—MISSOURI
GOVERNOR—DR. F. L. McCCLUER, Westminster College

Missouri took high rank among the province conventions with a meeting having the largest chapter representation in the country—fourteen chapters responding to the call to gather at Fulton—and the second highest registration, 101. Carthage was the only college not represented at the convention.

Apart from the excellent contests of the convention, entertainment was provided by the “Jabberwocky,” local dramatic club of Westminster students, in the presentation of “Ten Nights in a Bar Room,” and by the banquet program. Dr. J. B. Reeves of Westminster presided as toastmaster at the banquet.

Three guest speakers addressed the banquet group. Dr. E. R. Cockrell, President of William Woods College, National Secretary G. W. Finley, and George McCarty, Editor of the Forensic. Mr. McCarty also spoke at the chapel exercises, which were attended by the convention delegates. His address was an unusually impressive and eloquent one. It was a pleasure and inspiration to all of us to have two of our national officers present. They did much to make our meeting a success. A splendid spirit of comradship prevailed throughout the convention.

We believe we have had an excellent convention. The contests were of a high order throughout. The winners are listed elsewhere. I believe you will hear from them at Tulsa and that Missouri Province will maintain the high standards of Pi Kappa Delta at the National Convention.

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PROVINCE 3—THE PLATTE
GOVERNOR—PROF. WILBUR MOORE, Colorado Agricultural College

Graced with the presence of a former National President, Dr. Alfred Westfall, and the present National Secretary-Treasurer, G. W. Finley, the Platte convention was a lively combination of work and fun. Fifty-one delegates from seven chapters met at Fort Collins for the two-and-one-half day session.

The banquet program the opening evening was presided over by Dr. Westfall. Professor Moore gave the address of welcome and was responded to by Professor Finley, National Secretary. The convention banquet address was delivered by Mr. Mortimer Stone, who used the subject, “The Spoken Word.”

Mr. Toussaint’s summary under “1931 Province Conventions,” page 1, enumerates other interesting features of the Platte Province.

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PROVINCE 4—ILLINOIS-WISCONSIN
GOVERNOR—PROF. S. R. TOUSSAINT, Monmouth College

With ninety-four delegates registered from ten chapters, the second convention of the Illinois province was a success in every way. Only one chapter, the Illinois Alpha at Wesleyan, was not represented. The program was not too crowded to prevent fellowship and with some sixty or seventy of the delegates housed in the Hotel Rault, everybody had a time akin to the national at Wichita.

Departing from the ordinary conduct of tournaments, colleges entered two teams each—an affirmative and a negative. Final results were determined on the basis of squad strength, the decisions of both teams being added, and the colleges with the best records selected for semi-finals and finals. The men debated unemployment insurance, the women discussing the establishment of state medicine, both Mid-West conference questions for the year.

The convention spirit was excellent; students mingled together and many friendships were formed to be renewed at Tulsa in 1932. Every college entering the tournament under the rules won either a first or second trophy in some event. Plaques were given for first in oratory and extempore and cups in debate. Small cups were given to second place winners.

The first night of the convention guests were entertained at an informal dance in the Teachers College gymnasium. The second evening all delegates had dinner together at the college
cafeteria while the third evening the convention banquet was held at the Hotel Raulf. Acting-president E. A. Clemens and Professor N. S. James welcomed the visitors and spoke briefly. The address was given by Prof. H. L. Ewbank of the department of speech, University of Wisconsin, speaking on the subject, "Debate as an Educational Technique." In his entertaining way, Professor Ewbank kept the group interested and gave a splendid message.

The student members of the Oshkosh chapter, handicapped by the absence of their coach, were ceaseless in their efforts to
keep the convention moving smoothly and deserve the greatest credit for the splendid manner in which they handled the arrangements. It was a tribute to the efficiency of PKD people.

Miss Floy Fetherston, Monmouth College

With the graduation in June of Miss Floy Fetherston, Monmouth College will lose the second of a family of girls who have written forensic history for the institution. Doris Fetherston, who graduated in 1928, was the captain of the Monmouth team which took the national title at Tiffin with an unspotted record of nine victories, the only championship winner to accomplish the feat thus far in national conventions.

Floy has had a brilliant debate career. In four years of competition she has taken part in twenty-nine debates, one of which was a non-decision, five losses, and twenty-three victories. As a sophomore and as a senior she captained the teams which brought two province championships to Monmouth. This year she was one of the chief reasons why her college won the Illinois league title. She not only led the affirmative team but assisted with the coaching. Miss Fetherston has never lost a debate to an Illinois college in four years, and has never been defeated in a Wisconsin-Illinois province tournament, altho she has been in eleven such debates.

An “A” student, possessing a splendid analytical mind, her chief asset is a winning personality which has won the love and respect of every opponent. No debater in Illinois is more highly thought of as an individual. She is president of her sorority, Pi Beta Phi, and of the college Y. W. C. A. Miss Fetherston plans to study at Northwestern University in preparation for work as a Girl Reserve secretary of the Y. W. C. A.

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PROVINCE 5—PACIFIC

GOVERNOR—PROF. DWAYNE ORTON, College of the Pacific

The big moment in the tournament of the Pacific Province came when at the end of the third round of debates the judges’ decisions were opened and posted in the presence of the entire group. There were a few gasps here and there to break the tension and the suppressed excitement. When the last decision was down the re-check disclosed the fact that the U. C. L. A. women debaters and the Redlands men debaters had emerged undefeated. An exciting and hard fought contest followed and was
awarded three to nothing to the Redlands affirmative men, giving them the sweepstakes prize.

The Province brought in outside judges for the Redlands contests and used Redlands professors and town judges for the out-of-town teams. One judge to each debate was the rule in the first rounds, but the final debate had three judges.

Among the women contestants Miss Ruth Leslie of U. C. L. A. made the best record, and doubtless will be heard from at the next National.

The Province awarded cups to the winning institutions for each of the four events and Redlands received the sweepstakes award as highest point winner.

The social features of the occasion were upheld by the regular convention dinner and by the Saturday noon luncheon. At the business meeting it was determined that the province would sponsor an invitation tournament next year previous to the trip to the national convention. This event will probably be held in Los Angeles or Pasadena.

A committee consisting of Professors Untereiner, Marsh and Nichols was appointed to investigate the feasibility of inviting the National Convention to California in 1934 or 1936. The committee was given power to act. Four places were suggested: University of Redlands, California Institute of Technology, Catalina Island, and a Los Angeles hotel. The committee will decide upon the one to be supported by the Province.

The matter of re-aligning the Pacific Province to include Oregon and Washington was deferred to later action and until the possibilities could be more definitely ascertained.

It was recommended to the National Council that a sweepstakes trophy should be awarded at National Conventions to the chapter making the highest number of points in the national contests.

It was also recommended that the constructive speeches in the national debate tournament at the convention be extended to twelve minutes.

The Province Governor, Prof. Dwayne Orton of College of The Pacific, was ill and unable to attend the convention. His place was taken by Professor E. R. Nichols of Redlands, who with Professor Joseph Baccus, also of Redlands, and Clarence Oswald, President of the Redlands chapter, formed the committee on arrangements.
The 1931 convention was the best held yet, both for strong contests and for the generation of enthusiasm. Look out for us at Tulsa.

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PROVINCE 6—THE SIOUX
GOVERNOR—PROF. P. J. HARKNESS,
Northern Teachers College, Aberdeen, S. D.

The Sioux tournament officially opened with a short informal talk by George (the Editor) on the occasion of the Morning-side student assembly. The delegates here caught the spirit of congeniality which carried throughout the convention. The third floor of Main Hall with its three large Society halls, Y. W. C. A. and dramatic room was given over to the convention. Never before, I daresay, have debate coaches and judges had the opportunity to use easy chairs to such an advantage.

The official register carried eighty-three names which was an increase over previous conventions, and representation in the various events was almost one hundred percent. According to the reports of judges and from unofficial sources, the contests were all first-class. Of especial interest, because of their good quality, were the men’s oratory and women’s extempore contests.

The debates were judged individually and the extem and oratory collectively by Prof. Ray Ehrensberger of Doane, Prof. Leroy Laase of Hastings, and Prof. Abner Haugen of St. Olaf. Prof. C. C. Carrothers of Drake was imported for the final contests on the last day of the tournament.

Our banquet program was slightly different. Instead of the ordinary program of speeches and toasts, we had the unusual opportunity and pleasure of witnessing the installation of the M. G. Clark Chapter of the National Forensic League (East High School, Sioux City.) Prof. Karl Mundt of Eastern Normal, Vice President of the National Forensic League, Vofficiated at the installation ceremony.

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PROVINCE 7—LOWER MISSISSIPPI
GOVERNOR—PROF. L. W. COURTNEY, Baylor University, Waco, Texas

Twelve chapters and three visiting colleges sent eighty-four delegates to Waco for the biennial convention of the Lower Mississippi province. Spirited contests and good fellowship prevailed.

Social events included a drive through the city parks of Waco, a trip to Waco Lake, and the convention dinner served by
the courtesy of Baylor University. There was no dinner program
other than something to eat—four courses of something good.
Baylor College for women was awarded the Governor’s Cup for
general excellence.

In my judgment the convention was a success in every way.
There was a fine spirit of cooperation with the management, the
students did excellent debating, took the subject seriously, made
no complaints when the announcements were published, offered
congratulations to the winners, and generally conducted them-
selves in the highest manner. All expressed the opinion that
the meeting was a worthy one. The attendance was about dou-
ble the attendance two years ago. Several letters have come to
me from the schools that visited here expressing appreciation of
the courtesies shown and speaking hopefully of the future of Pi
Kappa Delta.

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PROVINCE 8—OKLAHOMA
GOVERNOR—PROF. C. W. PATTON, Oklahoma Baptist College, Shawnee

Spurred on by the knowledge that they were the host prov-
ince to the national convention at Tulsa in 1932 and by the pres-
ence of Vice President Hopkins of Heidelberg, chairman of the
convention committee, Oklahoma chapters turned out 100 per-
cent and had the help of three Kansas chapters to make their
1931 gathering a banner one.

Two special items of business were passed, both referring
to the 1932 national meet. The Oklahoma province officially is-
issues a cordial invitation to the rest of the country to be her
guests in 1932 at Tulsa, and to that end, the group voted that
each chapter in the province vote fifty dollars from its forensic
budget to aid in the expense of holding the convention.
(Supervisor’s Note—That is the proper spirit and the sort of
thing that promises to make next year a marked one in Pi Kappa
Delta annals.)

A very high type of debating was done by both men and
women. Oratory and extempore contests were held for men and
women. I heard some of the best extempore work I have ever
listened to. The convention planned to do more extempore work
in the future, that is, have more dual contests during the season.

The convention was one of the smoothest I have ever at-
 tended. There was perfect harmony among all parties. To
Prof. Hardy and Prof. Rush the honors should be given. We
were fortunate to have these men to put on the convention. If
any of the Provinces need help, just call on these two men and you can feel assured of a good program.

The convention had one object in view—the National Convention. Our banquet and business meeting was devoted entirely to that end. We were fortunate to have Prof. H. D. Hopkins, second vice president of the National Council and Chairman of the National Convention, with us. Mr. Hopkins was the chief speaker at the banquet and outlined plans for the National Convention. The Province plans to put over the best National in P. K. D. history. The Tulsa chapter, under the leadership of Prof. England, will be host to the National Convention in 1932.

**PROVINCE 9—THE LAKES**

**GOVERNOR—PROF. KENNETH G. HANCE, Albion College**

The 1931 convention of the Province of the Lakes was the most successful in history, from the standpoint of number of chapters in attendance and also number of delegates present. Twelve of the sixteen chapters of the Province were at Bowling Green. These twelve chapters entered ninety-five delegates, not including thirty Bowling Green people who served as committee-men.

A full set of contests was carried on at the convention. In the men’s debate tournament nineteen teams were entered, eleven of the chapters participating. In the women’s debate tournament eleven teams were entered, seven of the chapters participating. The oratorical and extempore contests were likewise popular, and the type of work done in these activities was of a high order.

The feature of the convention two years ago was the banquet, and it proved to be so again this time. Every chapter had a hundred per cent representation of its delegation at the banquet, and in addition a number of other people were present, swelling the total to one hundred thirty. In preparing the banquet program, we were mindful of the fact that three national officers were in the province this year; and we consequently urged President Pflaum, First Vice-President Menchhofer, and Second Vice-President Hopkins to take part. These men, together with Dr. C. C. Kohl, of the faculty of Bowling Green State College, enabled us to present a program of varied interests and high standard. The assembly was especially indebted to Dr. Kohl for his stimulating address on “The Social Contributions of Public Speaking.”
PI KAPPA DELTA PROVINCE OF THE LAKES CONVENTION
Bowling Green State College, April 16, 17, 1931

There are several familiar faces shown here. Note at the extreme right Prof. Pflaum, National President of Pi Kappa Delta, also Vice Presidents Menchhofer and Hopkins.
In looking forward to another convention the province will seek to raise its standard in several ways: First, by working for a hundred percent representation of chapters; second, by urging participation by each chapter in each activity; third, by urging each delegation to provide one or two faculty members to serve as judges, thereby removing the serious problem of finding an adequate number of persons able to act in this capacity.

PROVINCE 10—UPPER MISSISSIPPI
GOVERNOR—PROF. ABNER HAUGEN, St. Olaf College

The Upper Mississippi Province Convention of Pi Kappa Delta which was held at St. Olaf, April 10, was not a large convention as far as numbers go. Five of the eight schools which belong to this province sent delegates. Three of the schools were not represented. Thirty members came from the five chapters.

The convention consisted of two events—men's and women's extempore speaking contests. No debates were held as each school had previously met the other schools of the province two or three times during the debate season. But it was a good convention. The extempore speaking contests were excellent. The consensus of opinion among coaches and delegates seemed to favor this kind of forensic contests in the future. Prof. Frank M. Rarig, head of the department of speech, University of Minnesota, was the critic judge.

PROVINCE 11—SOUTH ATLANTIC
GOVERNOR—PROF. JAMES E. WALMSLEY, Farmville Teachers College, Va.

Six chapters and one visiting college, Asheville Normal of Asheville, N. C. sent forty delegates to Farmville for the biennial convention of the South Atlantic Province, perhaps the most scattered PKD area in the organization. Presbyterian College and Newberry College, both of South Carolina, were not present for the meeting.

Two business sessions were held, the chief matters acted upon being the election of officers and the unanimous endorsement of Asheville's application for a charter of Pi Kappa Delta. Dr. James E. Walmsley was reelected governor of the province and Miss Maria Warren of Farmville, secretary.

Two social occasions topped off the convention program. The first evening featured a reception and dance to which all members of the Farmville debate club were invited. All delegates
report an excellent time. New members of Virginia Alpha were initiated during the convention session.

After the awarding of medals by the Governor, Dr. Walmsley, to contestants in oratory, extempore and debate, the whole convention left in cars for "Longwood," the old home of General Joseph E. Johnston, now the property of the Farmville State Teachers College. With a roaring wood fire in the old fashioned fire-place and a wild thunderstorm on the outside, the convention banquet was held. Red and white PKD carnations added to the beauty of the dining room and emphasized the spirit of comradeship and festivity. The Governor, acting as toastmaster, allowed only two formal speeches to interrupt the conversation, alma mater songs, and words of praise for the local president, Martha Faris, who as one delegate has since written, "always said the right thing at the right time in the right spirit." And thus ended what many said was the most successful convention of Province No. 11.

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PROVINCE 12—THE NORTHWEST.
GOVERNOR—PROF. R. D. MAHAFFEY, Linfield College, McMinnville, Ore.

The biggest little province convention in the country was held on the Linfield College campus, McMinnville, Ore., March 27 and 28, with the Oregon Alpha chapter as host. All of the chapters in the Province were represented. As the guests arrived on Thursday they were met by Pi Kappa Delta members and given badges and shown to their rooms. The first round of debate started on time and due to the posted time schedule and the fact that chairman and judges were always right on hand four rounds of debates were held the first day without any delay. All judges for the debates and speaking contests were outside men, connected in no way with the colleges judged. It was quite a task to secure outside judges, but I believe that the effort was worth-while, as the coaches were able to spend their time with the participants and to listen to their debates and thus make suggestions. We found the men of the community and neighboring schools very willing to cooperate in this matter.

A point system of marking was used and all schools represented scored, with Linfield College getting 31 points, closely followed by the College of Puget Sound with 30 points. A silver loving cup was awarded the winning school. Gold and silver Pi Kappa Delta medals were awarded to first and second place winners. In addition to the regular contests in debate, oratory and
extempore speaking, there were mixed team debates which proved interesting.

We wish to call your attention to the fact that we had one hundred percent representation and in a province in which the shortest distance traveled by any visiting delegation was 202 miles. The distance traveled averaged 533.4 miles for each visiting delegate. We were just getting in shape for Tulsa next year—WATCH OUT THEN!

The convention as a whole favored the bringing of the national convention of 1934 to the west coast. We have been running back to the dried-out, sun-baked middle west far too long. We would like to have you come out and see the United States, incidentally getting some of that far-famed “western hospitality.”

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**PROVINCE 13—KENTUCKY**

GOVERNOR—VERTON M. QUEENER, Maryville College, Tenn.

In almost every respect our convention was probably the most successful in the history of the province, which is to say that everything went smoothly as planned, with none of the troublesome matters such as securing judges that sometimes characterize provincial conventions. In no small degree this was due to the helpful hospitality of the Kentucky Beta chapter at Centre College, on whose campus the convention was held and whose members cooperated loyalty in every way.

The banquet was a most enjoyable affair for all and the main speaker was one that every delegate will long remember as an excellent cure for the blues. At this time also a report was heard from each member of each college delegation present and the banquet then broke up with everyone feeling rather closely drawn together as members of one great organization.

On the last day of the convention all the delegates and the judges were the guests of Centre College at a luncheon, which was also a business meeting. At this time a number of resolutions were passed to be sent to national headquarters and reports were given by the Province Governor and the Secretary-Treasurer.

Five of Kentucky’s eight resolutions we believe will be of general interest:

We recommend that Pi Kappa Delta select a national question only in the year of the National Convention, and that in provincial years, each province select its own question.
We recommend that the future expansion policy of Pi Kappa Delta be one of rounding out the weaker provinces rather than one of merely adding chapters.

We recommend that an effort be made to shorten the time of National Conventions. It seems unnecessary that a week should be spent in convention in order that dinners and dances may be held and that poor debate teams may get in at least five debates.

We recommend that the next National Convention, following the one at Tulsa, Oklahoma, be held at the national capital, Washington, D. C.

We recommend that Pi Kappa Delta, through the national organization, and especially through the Forensic, condemn individuals, schools and firms, proposing to get material or furnish speeches to college and high school debaters, at so much per speech. This deplorable practice has already gone too far. Pi Kappa Delta being the outstanding speech organization of the country, should take a stand against such a practice in no unqualified terms.

M. B. Amos, senior of North Carolina State College won first in oratory in the Province of the South Atlantic held at Farmville Teachers College. His oration “October” will be entered representing Province No. 11 in the National Essay-Orotorical contest, results of which will appear in the October Forensic.

In addition to his excellence in oratory Mr. Amos has had a very prominent part in N. C. State’s long list of winning debates this season.

KANSAS CARRIES ON

“The debates, particularly were outstanding at our province meeting, at least outside disinterested judges so affirmed . . .

“All Pi Kappa Delta schools were present and took part. There was a fine spirit in it all. Dr. Baker of Southwestern College had charge of arrangements and handled everything in an excellent manner.”

GEORGE LEACH.
OUT OF THE PROVINCE CONVENTIONS

That a real interest in the future welfare of Pi Kappa Delta exists in our various provinces is evident from the resolutions, suggestions and comments which have come to our desk from the province governors and others in attendance. The action of these groups as set forth by the resolutions and so forth, below, coming as it does out of the immediate experience of these groups should be of real service to province governors and others who shall have charge of arrangements in later gatherings of Pi Kappa Delta. May we suggest that you file this valuable information for future reference?

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THE PROVINCE OF THE LAKES

A resolution adopted at the Bowling Green convention reads:

That the National Council be urged to consider the adoption of a rule to the effect that at least one faculty member accompany each chapter delegation to the Province and National conventions and to remain throughout the entire convention.

The few faculty members present at the convention, which made it necessary to secure judges outside the convention, and the fact that a number of those present left before the convention was over, making the judge problem still more acute, gave rise to this resolution. Resolutions Committee: Prof. D. T. Burns, Baldwin-Wallace College, and Prof Donald Hayworth, University of Akron.

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OKLAHOMA O. K.'s TULSA FOR NATIONAL

Among others the following motions and resolutions of general interest to all provinces were adopted:

1. That Oklahoma Province cordially invites all chapters of Pi Kappa Delta to be her guests in 1932.

2. That each chapter to the Oklahoma Province adopt as a portion of its budget for the coming year an item of $50.00 to aid in the expenses of the National Convention to be held in Tulsa in 1932.
3. That a vote of fullest cooperation in planning and conducting the 1932 Convention be extended the Tulsa chapter by the other chapters of the Oklahoma Province.

4. That Governor Patton appoint a committee to prepare for the 1932 Convention a guide booklet similar to that of the Kansas Province for the 1930 convention.

5. Professor H. Dana Hopkins of Heidleberg College, Tiffin, Ohio, Chairman of the Convention Committee for 1932, outlined plans for the National Convention.

E. B. L. HARDY, Secretary.

Homer Neikirk is a senior of Centre College, Danville, Kentucky. Mr. Neikirk has debated four years.

Enos Swain is also a senior and four year debater.

These men with William E. Clark, first place winner in oratory, and Lucy Puryear, winner in extempore were the main contributors to Centre’s total of 50 points which won for them highest honors in the Thirteenth Province.

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PRUITT AND SMITH OF BAKER UNIVERSITY

Paul V. Smith and Robert B. Pruitt, representing Baker University, won the men’s debate tournament of the Kansas Province. Both are seniors and will be graduated in June. This is Smith’s fourth year of college debating and his seventh tournament; Pruitt’s third year in debate and his sixth tournament.
BOWLING GREEN WINS BOTH MEN'S AND WOMEN'S DEBATE TOURNAMENTS

The Bowling Green State College "A" and "B" men's debate teams tied for first place. A team won all debates entered; B team lost one debate.

The A team was composed of Robert Christy, junior in the art college, and Howard A. George, senior in the college of education. Mr.

ALBERT B. JENKINS

George debated at Wichita last year, going into the eighth round. He is a special distinction member of Ohio Eta chapter.

MARGUERITE COVRETTE

The B team was composed of Albert G. Jenkins, senior, who will be a special distinction member, and Leonard R. Linsenmayer, junior. Mr. Linsenmayer gave the oration at Wichita. He holds the degree of special distinction. He won second in this year's province extempore.

The women of Bowling Green State College also won in the finals. This team did not lose a single de-
bate in the tournament. Helen Clingaman, sophomore, and Mar-guerite Coverette, junior, made up the team.

Bowling Green teams engaged in 70 intercollegiate debates with 47 different colleges and universities this year. Of these the men’s teams had 50 debates, winning 23, losing 8, and holding 23 non-decision debates. The women’s teams engaged in 17 debates, winning 9, losing 4, and holding 3 non-decision debates.

ACRES OF DIAMONDS?
THE SIOUX PROVINCE GOES ON RECORD

By Exec.-Secy. JOHN PARLETTE, Iowa Delta

A stockman decided to go into the Chicago market where he could get a select herd of cattle. When the live stock was del-vered a neighbor was surprised to see the cattle he had placed on the market the preceding week. Thus was the informal dis-cussion at the Sioux Province Convention progressing when Governor Harkness awoke to the situation and exclaimed in his deep calm voice:

“Ah, my friends! That’s the trouble with the National Pi Kappa Delta conventions; too often do we go long distances for those things which should be ours at home.”

For most schools the trip to the National Convention is a long one. For many schools the trip is possible only after care-ful manipulation of limited funds. Such schools are forced to build their debate programs about the home platform and the schools of their immediate locality. Hence, they have ample opportunity to meet the schools in their own province. It is true that teams develop new ideas and arguments as the season progresses, but the fundamental approach to the subject and debate technique tend to remain the same throughout the sea-son. Debaters will profit in meeting teams they have already met, but, other things being equal, they will profit far more in meeting different teams, different approaches and different techniques. On the other hand, any coach who has arranged a debate schedule must realize that students and some administra-tors look with favor upon the program which includes schools from distant points.
These and other reasons have prompted “Province of the Sioux” to go on record favoring “Inter” province rather “Intra” province debates at the National convention. It was revealed that it was neither impossible nor uncommon for schools to meet at the National that had met in dual men’s, dual women’s, or both, earlier in the season. We believe it would not be advisable to “stack up” the schools of one province against those of any other province, but that it should be against various provinces. No doubt this would create additional problems for those who arrange the “slate but not enough to outweigh the benefits derived from added interest with the assurance that we were to debate schools representing the various sections of the country.

Joyce Gregory, a senior at Eastern State Teachers College, South Dakota, won first place in oratory at the Sioux Province meet, and will therefore be privileged to compete in the “National” essay-oratorical contest of Pi Kappa Delta.

In the finals of the women’s oratory at Wichita Miss Gregory won fifth honors. Besides her excellent work in oratory Miss Gregory has done outstanding work in debate. Her team lost in the semi-finals of the Sioux Province. She holds the degree of special distinction.
William Lang, senior at Yankton College, was the big point-getter for the South Dakota Gamma chapter, winners of the Sioux Province. Not only was he a member of the undefeated men's debate team, but winner also of second place in men's oratory. Mr. Lang has had a broad experience in forensics, having participated in debating throughout his high school and college life. He has won first place in every local oratory and debate contest entered in the past two years. In the state contest recently he won second place in oratory.

Lang is president of the South Dakota Gamma Chapter of Pi Kappa Delta, and president of Yankton College student body.

PROVINCE OF THE LAKES FLAUNTS CELEBRITIES

We are not sure that "flaunts" is the correct word. In fact we think it is not, for we have no evidence of intentional "high-hatting." The celebrities were there, and that is all there is to it. National Secretary Finley and the editor of The Forensic attended the Missouri Province. In spite of this the Missouri Province had a good convention and took a good picture. We promised to feature the "best" (?) group however, hence the Province of the Lakes group (see page 20). And here is their banquet program. Some of the provinces boasted of their "Little National" conventions. This program looks quite like nothing less than. Please don't question our English. Examine your program.

BANQUET PROGRAM

Toastmaster—Professor J. W. Carmichael, Bowling Green State College
Toast by Representatives of Each Chapter
The Provincial President---------------------Professor Kenneth G. Hance
The National President---------------------Professor George R. R. Pfauam
The National First Vice President----------Professor J. D. Menchhofer
The National Second Vice President--------Professor H. D. Hopkins
Address-----------------------------Dr. C. C. Kohl, Professor of Social Science
Bowling Green State College
John L. King, Clarence Oswald and Marion Dean composed the team which won the decision in the men vs. women debate at the Pacific Province convention. King also won first in oratory and men's debate.

Carl A. Carlson, Jr. of the Colorado Teachers College was first place winner of the Men's Extempore Speaking Contest in the Province of the Platte at the Fort Collins meeting.

After defeating West Virginia Wesleyan for the right to enter the semi-finals, and after a decision over their opponents in the semi-finals, Maryville Teachers College represented by Margaret Hix and Carrie DeShazo won in the women's debate tournament at the South Atlantic Province convention.
THE FORENSIC OF

PROVINCE OF OKLAHOMA

It was a case of church vs. state. After the final check at the Oklahoma convention, the records showed that the church schools had won five first places and the state institutions won eight. In the final round of debate two denominational schools met two state schools. The Oklahoma Baptist University women met the East Central State Teachers College of Ada, Oklahoma, and tied for first place. The men of Tulsa University, a Presbyterian school, were defeated by Wichita University, Wichita, Kansas, which is a municipal institution.

The Kansas province was the guest of the Oklahoma organization at the tournament held March 13-14, at Alva, Oklahoma with the Northwestern State Teachers College. Oklahoma and Kansas tied for high honors at the meet, each winning three first places. The Kansas schools won first in men's debate, women's oratory and women's extemproe.

The question often arises after meets of this nature as to the balance of the question. Is it one sided or fairly equal? At the Oklahoma convention "this utopian idea which our friends of the affirmative are presenting" was the better of the two arguments, for there were twenty-two affirmative decisions awarded to ten negative.

The ten schools which attended the Alva meet entered sixty-six contestants. The men's extemproe had twelve participants; the women's extemproe, eleven; the men's oratory, six; the women's oratory, three; and the other thirty-four were debaters.

At the close of the business session eighteen candidates were received in convocation into the membership of Pi Kappa Delta.

Hopkins stated that, "This is one of the best tournaments I have ever attended anywhere. I have attended meets all over the United States and this is among the very best. The sportsmanship is excellent and the fellowship is unsurpassable."

The Oklahoma convention will meet with the Oklahoma College for Women, Chickasha, Oklahoma in 1938.

BLACK vs. WHITE

Lawrence Klein and Horace Robinson, representing Oklahoma City University, met a team from Wiley College of Marshall, Texas, on March 24th at Oklahoma City, in what is reported to be the first negro vs. white debate ever held in the south. The Pi Kappa Delta question, "Resolved, that the nations of the world should adopt a policy of free trade," was the issue. A capacity house greeted the inter-racial debaters.