1942 Convention In Minneapolis

The National Council of Pi Kappa Delta met in Minneapolis April 11-12. Those present were President W. V. O'Connell; Vice-President Leroy T. Laase; Council Members Martin Holcomb, Edward Betz, and Glenn Capp; and Past President Forrest H. Rose. Professor Owen P. McElmeel, College of St. Thomas, and Orville Dahl, Macalester, met with the Council.

After careful consideration of the accommodations available, Minneapolis was officially selected as the site of the 1942 national convention. Hotel Radisson was selected as the convention hotel. The facilities available made it necessary to plan a unicameral legislative assembly. The rules for the assembly will be presented later.

Convention contests were discussed and the rules revised. The revisions will appear in an early number of The Forensic. The debate tournament will be concluded by a panel discussion if the convention time permits, with students from the high ranking teams composing the panel. It is hoped that this discussion can be broadcast.

Forrest H. Rose, Temporary Secretary.
I have just returned from a meeting of the National Council held in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Two days were spent in discussing some of the pertinent problems facing the organization. Results of our deliberations will be reflected not only in future articles in THE FORENSIC, but also in future activities of our national committees, and, of course, in recommendations which will be made during the next National Convention.

Minneapolis will be the site of the National Pi Kappa Delta Convention, which will meet April 5-10, inclusive, 1942. We expect to hold a unicameral student assembly. We are happy to announce that our entire delegation will be housed under the roof of one hotel, namely, the Radisson; that all of our contests will be held in one building, the Vocational High School; and that the student assembly will be adequately equipped.

As we near the end of another year, may I express the hope that you have found the forensic season a successful one. I wish for each and everyone of you a pleasant vacation and a safe return to campus life in September. Again, I urge forensic directors to begin making all necessary plans for a full attendance at the Convention in Minneapolis next April.

May I close this message by saying that in a world that seems to have lost all sense of law and order, we, in America, must look forward to what lies ahead with an abiding faith and a deep sense of gratitude. We are grateful for the liberty and justice that characterizes this great land of ours, grateful that Europe’s turmoil has not touched our shores.

We, in Pi Kappa Delta, are grateful for the privilege of being members of this great organization—for the privilege of serving our fellow men—for the privilege of making our campus just a little better place in which to live.

May the philosophy expressed in the poem, “Prayer of Steel,” by Carl Sandburg, ever be our ideal.

Lay me on an anvil, O God!
Beat me and hammer me into a crowbar.
Let me pry loose old walls;
Let me lift and loosen old foundations.
Lay me on an anvil, O God!
Beat me and hammer me into a steel spike.
Drive me into the girders that hold a skyscraper together.
Take red-hot rivets and fasten me into the central girders.
Let me be the great nail holding a skyscraper through blue nights into white stars.

W. V. O’CONNELL.
Why Oklahoma's Success In Forensics?

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Every year at National Conventions directors of speech from all parts of the United States ask the question: "What is the explanation of Oklahoma's tremendous success in forensic work?" Having been connected with the forensic program in Oklahoma in high school and college for eleven years, I have observed the operations of this program with a great deal of interest. I have come to the conclusion that the answer is simply this—Ted Beaird.

I began my work as a director of high school forensics in 1930. It was during this year that I had my first intimate contact with the operations of the Oklahoma High School Public Speaking League and with Ted Beaird.

I have seen the Oklahoma High School Public Speaking League and the Oklahoma Junior College Forensic Association become increasingly significant in the speech education program of Oklahoma. The organization represents the ultimate in cooperation. There are ten senior colleges in the State of Oklahoma co-operating with the Oklahoma High School Public Speaking League. Each of these colleges holds an annual tournament sponsoring contests in all events sponsored by the League. Winners of these contests become eligible for the state tournament. In addition to this, there are many intact conferences, that is, six or more schools organized into a unit which hold contests and qualify contestants for the state tournament.

In the state finals, which are held on the campus of the University of Oklahoma at Norman, and the Oklahoma A. & M. College at Stillwater, winners are qualified for the national tournament.

That the system has worked successfully is attested by the fact
that Oklahoma high schools have won six of ten national championships in debate. Individual contestants from Oklahoma have won a vast array of honors in national tournaments almost equalling the success in debate.

This is no accident, nor is it due to the fact that the directors of forensics in Oklahoma are superior to directors in other states. In my opinion it is due largely to the fact that Ted Beaird has formulated an organization which provides maximum training and educational benefits. His enthusiasm and tireless work have been contagious. His philosophy is sound and he has kept the machinery moving which provides the utmost in speech training.

My second position in a high school happened to be in a school with a National Forensic League chapter. I acquainted myself completely with the workings of the national organization and consulted with Ted Beaird on the advisability of organizing an Oklahoma District of N. F. L. With his guidance and cooperation, such an organization was formulated and has been functioning for the past seven years.

In many states we find N. F. L. and State Leagues conflicting. This situation does not exist in Oklahoma. As district chairman of the Oklahoma district during this time, Ted Beaird has been my most enthusiastic supporter.

Ted Beaird is interested in one thing—the student. The whole organization of forensic work in Oklahoma is built with one concept in mind and that is to provide maximum benefits for the student.

The past four years I have been a director of forensics in college. During this period I have witnessed an added result of this high school program. Debaters come to our colleges trained in debate. A thorough foundation has been laid in their high school training. As a result, the college forensic program in Oklahoma and neighboring states has been able to find a vast group of well-trained students. These students who have participated in the program in Oklahoma have not only been successful in college forensics, but they have also found greater success in leadership on college campuses and in life.

Each year this program becomes increasingly significant, because the man behind it has a vision of ever greater achievements. The success story of forensics in Oklahoma might well be written in a story of the vision, tireless work, and enthusiasm of Ted Beaird.
An Orator Who Sneaked In

Harry A. Robinson, whose account of his experiences with a sound truck begins on page 118, is a lawyer in Yankton, South Dakota. Of the biography which follows, he says, "It struck me that my misfortunes—and they are all true—might help some poor devil over similar difficulties."

"I remember my first words in public debate. You have even used them yourself, 'Mr. Chairman, Honorable Judges, Ladies and Gentlemen.' Then long silence. I forgot all about capital punishment and ignominously took my seat. Yet always in the back of my mind I knew that I must learn to speak. I admired the son of the local Methodist preacher who actually extemporized, 'Don't let my opponent (meaning me) pull the wool over your eyes.' I was a nervous stutterer who repeated ten thousand times 'If Theophilis Thistle, the successful thistle sifter,' etc., until I learned to enunciate.

"Through high school I lay awake nights believing I could never graduate, for a prerequisite those days was a graduating oration. I was most grateful to the Pierre school board for removing that bar in 1907.

"At Yankton College I was the most faithful member of the Adelphian Literary Society, everlastingly winning last place in contest after contest. However, in my junior year, I was the sixth man on a six man debate squad. I was a member of the first Yankton team to lose a debate in a decade. So I crept into Pi Kappa Delta.

"At the University of South Dakota Law School I orated and debated with undiminished fervor to the dismay of the judges and instructors. I again finally became the sixth man of six chosen to discuss the Panama Canal tolls. We lost to Drake University. So I slipped into Tau Kappa Alpha.

"In the twenty-six years since graduation, I have never refused a speaking invitation. It is surprising how many will come your way if you will speak for nothing and your traveling expenses.

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The Sound Truck—God Bless It
HARRY A. ROBINSON

"I resent," said the Irish Democratic county chairman at the Audubon, Iowa, County fair, five minutes before I went on, "that the Republicans tell you that the Democrats are going to smash your sound truck and beat you up if you show again, because it is only going to be the hoodlums."

So, unbluffed, bringing the mike out in front of the replaceable radiator, windshield and myself, I started in. Instantly—there happened that of which you have not thought. Another loudspeaker at my elbow scrambled my words, while the hoodlums, instead of attacking me, "turkey-fought" my would-be listeners, till in a half hour's battle, each group which stopped to listen was knocked off its pins before it could jell as an audience.

This was but one of the 298 minor dramas in as many talks for Landon and Knox, and 107 crowds for Willkie and McNary, with a Grand Old Party National Committee sound truck. We tried to get close to the unconverted.

As the Salvation Army officer with drum and cornet seeks the unsaved on the curb in front of the saloons, so did we, with the loud speaker amplifying campaign songs for our music, seek out the politically unsaved. We found them, in average audiences of 75, on the street side benches in the shade on a hot day, in the sun on a cold day. And we did find the fellow who could never be dragged into a political meeting. "You have talked to more New Dealers, this morning only," complimented a Spink County, South Dakota, candidate, "than we have had in all our audiences all campaign."

Sometimes we traveled with the county chairman and the candidates, oftener we ran on our own power, reaching each new stand, unheralded and unknown. The speaker was his own advance agent, running ahead of the slower truck, seeking out local chairmen—both men and women—lest love spurned be mighty in wrath. With this local help we would gather a nucleus of from five to ten and begin. As we spoke the crowd increased, averaging 75 by the time we closed.

As humor is mostly pain—for somebody—we directed our barbs at the speaker—then broke seriously into the theme which was ever different, ever the same. Jobs, agriculture, debt, the Constitution, with their myriad of angles furnished the chief meat. A candidate who had bravely listened to fourteen consecutive talks one day near Council Bluffs, sincerely complimented me with the statement that no two
were the same. We killed or cured in fifteen minutes, meanwhile pouring forth the gospel with all our soul and power. At the end, I was ever bathed in perspiration. Then wrapping myself warmly against the cold, we went our way, to find a new audience with a different song and dance—maybe fifteen miles off—generally on the one talk an hour basis. And then, after dinner, we were often expected to spell bind a county seat audience for an hour indoors. Then up at 5:00 A.M., to meet a fresh group of candidates, and more unconverted politically hopeless souls, beginning as the kids arrived at school. Mostly we opened with the children—who made delightful audiences, eager, intelligent and well-informed, ever willing to answer questions.

Each crowd was different. One never knew whether friendship, hostility, or apathy was to be expected. In the same morning, an intensely partisan Republican group would cheer us to the skies; and the next crowd, in the next town, hostile and mean would greet us with henfruit and tomatoes. Strangely, no man or child ever heaved a vegetable at me while I was looking. It was always a cowardly attack from behind. Yet neither was as difficult as the dumbbell audience which "stood there like dumb oxen waiting for the butcher's knife." Mostly there was little applause. We were carrying the fight to the enemy who cared nothing for us, often less for our cause.

The actively hostile audience was exhilarating. In 1936, on Genesee Street, Saginaw, Michigan, mass defiances shook me like sudden heavy gusts of wind. But the heckler, God bless him, was ever a joy. He was never very ingenious. His soul shaking questions, designed to drive the speaker off the mound, had been asked a score of times before. Every crowd I had was sportsmanlike. It undoubtedly would have loved to have me squelched by its champion heckler—but it always loved better an instant logical repartee. I was loaded for bear, for I regularly wrote down, analyzed and wrote out a prospective answer, after every ensuing new heckler's question. Questions and answers would wake up the most apathetic group. We could well have paid a right mean heckler to have trailed us about.

Sound trucking is devastatingly hard work. This is not in the sense of the college debater (and I have been one) who trembles in his best suit before taking the rostrum. It is rather in the cumulative nervous drain of taming as many as fifteen audiences—day after day. You may try to make the mike carry the load, endeavoring to whisper—but who ever whispered an audience into submission? Though you talk with tongue and lips and have a silver throat—still—finally you hoarsen, and the sympathetic ask you how you can continue.

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Speech-Making In Miniature
BY EDWARD PALZER

Over 60,000 discussion groups meet regularly in this country. Each of these must have a leader, qualified by virtue of his interest in the opinions of others.

At each of these meetings, one hears many speeches—*in miniature*—since the cooperative member does not speak longer than *one minute*, the time necessary to present a single point. Nor does he rise, for a speaker "upon his feet" is sorely tempted to swim the whole channel himself, once he has taken a few strokes; "standing up" for him may be the prelude to a full-fledged oration.

And the leader,—what "tricks of the trade" shall be passed on to him from our departments of speech and the various extension services now available to both rural and city groups? Most fundamental perhaps is a healthy outlook on discussion itself. The time is ideal: problems of immediate significance are knocking at every door. People are puzzled and bewildered. They seek in their own minds an explanation, possibly a solution, at least one temporarily satisfactory, so that clarity of direction and purpose may supplant confusion.

"But," implies the bystander, "your discussion accomplishes little, and few problems are solved." That may be so, and yet the man who has aired his views, and expressed his feelings in words, has gone much further along the path than his silent critic. He has "cleared the air," enlarged his outlook, and has done more thinking, for discussion always provokes genuine thought. Granted that the solution is a nebulous one, he has gone far, in these days of social stress, to orient himself once again to conditions as they actually are, not as they were a year ago, or even a few months ago.

Once "sold" on discussion values, the leader applies fundamental techniques to his own group at home. If no group is organized in his locality, he invites a few friends over for a discussion on "democra-
ey," or some vital issue. He asks his friends to read the Declaration of Independence or the Constitution before they come.

He does not talk any more than is necessary to get ideas coming. In no case does his group exceed twenty-five in number. They are seated in a circle or a square, not in rows like an audience. Each member introduces himself at the beginning of the meeting, and, having thus heard the sound of his own voice, he will be less timid about going on later to utter more sounds. The topic is preferably one that admits of differences, not one upon which everyone agrees. The ventilation is good, for no one can think in a stuffy room. The hardest job of the discussion leader will be to keep some ambitious member of the group from making a speech, that is, anything but a miniature speech.

Even with this small set of techniques in the promotion and guidance of miniature speeches, he is ready to conduct an acceptable discussion in his home locality.

Later, as discussion "takes hold," variations may be tried, such as the discussion technique devised by Dr. Stolz of the University of California. The group is broken up into three or four units, each unit privately discussing a particular aspect of the problem, and returning later to report to the whole group and rediscussing the large problem. Or the method devised by Dr. Overstreet may be used: here a group of well informed persons discuss a topic informally from their chairs, the rest of the discussion group listening to their opinions, and later joining the "panel" with questions, objections, and suggestions. Both of these methods may be alternated with the usual Round Table Method, in which the leader himself starts the discussion, and stimulates contributions from the group.

Whatever the method, the discussion leader is a great sympathizer. LeRoy C. Bowman defined him best when he said, "The leader's job is to start discussion; to keep them going; to be ready to repeat main points of the issues as discussed; to turn the discussion one way or another. He starts things, keeps them going, and winds them up, but does not do them."2

When can the leader tell if the discussion is going well? "If things are moving slowly the conversational ball is apt to pass back and forth from the leader to a member of the group and back to the leader again. If, on the other hand, things are going well and the members are eager to take part, the ball is apt to pass around from one member to another, coming back to the leader only occasionally."3

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2"How To Lead Discussion," p. 10.
3U. S. Depart. of Ag., "What Is The Discussion Leader's Job?" p. 16.
During the past ten years I have participated in, coached, judged, and just plain listened to scores of debates. During the last half of this period I have sensed a growing recognition of the fact that the time has come for us to analyze the purpose of debate, once more to survey the road over which we are traveling and the destination we hope to reach. If, after the analysis, we find we are on the wrong road to reach the proper goal, we must retrace our steps and change our procedures, arduous though the task may be. A complete analysis of the problem would be entirely too lengthy and somewhat complicated for an article of this length. One problem is of sufficient import that it warrants unveiling. It is this problem which constitutes the main thesis of the present article.

For many years one of the chief purposes of debate training has been to develop within the debater an ability to speak effectively and to present, defend, and attack issues based upon clear analytical thought processes. Such issues were to be based upon facts (evidence) and conclusions reached through deductive and inductive reasoning. To accomplish these goals it was necessary to train the debater to think on his feet and in this manner to ferret out the fallacies of his opponent’s reasoning. Chief emphasis was on the thought processes. The good debater was one who could first, think clearly, and secondly, could convince his listeners that his was the logical way of thinking.

Recently the picture seems to have changed. Rather than putting emphasis upon clear thinking as the primary consideration, we are more and more weighting the presentation. We now think not of what is said but how it is said. In deciding debates too often are we overcome by spurious “gas attacks.” In many cases the audience as well as the judges lack the protection of adequate gas masks. As is the case with carbon monoxide and others of the deadly gases, the gas thrown out by so many debaters creeps upon us and poisons us before we are aware of its noxious presence. By then the damage is done.

The finger of this accusation must be pointed at all who are tempted by the thirst for victories to encourage such procedure. In all fairness it must be pointed out that the scholastic debaters are not the only ones so involved. A mere glance at everyday life with the numerous individuals who spend their time trying to convince their fellow man of the comparative advantages of numerous isms, is sufficient to see the prevalence of this type of debate.
The social implications of the question are apparent everywhere. Why has Hitler been able to lead the German people to war? Why are we ourselves rushing headlong to the precipice of war? One of the chief answers to both of these questions is the ability of the Hitlers of this world to cloud the issues and to poison the minds of their listeners by means of a copious quantity of gas. Who should be able best to withstand such attacks and to lead the peoples of the earth toward the goal of peace? It should be those who are trained in debate. But if we continue to put such undue emphasis upon delivery, we are then encouraging such procedures. We must be alert and go back once more to the primary reasoning processes ere all is lost.

THE SOUND TRUCK—GOD BLESS IT
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After one nerve wracking day, at dinner time the state chairman ordered the truck off thirty miles for an unexpected evening meeting. I was told to talk until the district committee woman came—it being promised that she would arrive early in the evening. The crowd gathered at 7:30. The local chairman advised action. I was done at 7:45, began weather-eyeing for the lady visitor at 8:00, swept on with lessening crescendo through 8:15, 8:30, 8:45, and by 9:00 with “thumb in dike” lolled against the truck for support. At 9:15 the lady came. I quit. She took me into local headquarters and began: “Now, Mr. Robinson, I have had a terribly hard job wished on me. We are going to have Watermelon day at Akron next Wednesday, 10,000 people present, a great opportunity. I have searched the nation for a BIG NAME to speak, but haven’t been able to find any, so guess we will have to take you.” I retorted: “You flatteress.”

AN ORATOR WHO SNEAKED IN
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“For long I have honored and revered the humorous speaker who could make his audience roll in the aisles. I noticed that too many of my listeners did not laugh. I bought a joke book and concentrated my attention on how to evoke laughter, other than at my own expense. Perhaps these secrets are worth nothing:

1. Know your story.
2. Use the fewest possible words in telling it.
3. Tell it on yourself if possible.
4. Carry your climax to the end, where, with but a word or two, it breaks like a sky rocket.
5. Don’t laugh at your own story in advance. Wait until the other fellow’s sides begin to shake.”
The Provincial Conventions

1. PROVINCE OF THE PLAINS

The new Province of the Plains, now embracing Kansas, Nebraska, and Colorado, met at Bethel College, North Newton, Kansas, March 21-22, with nineteen of the twenty-two chapters represented by 160 students and faculty members. McPherson College, a petitioning institution, by vote of the Province, met with the chapters. As sickness kept the Provincial Governor, Professor E. L. Harshbarger, from attending, Dr. Albert H. Burrows, the Vice-Governor, presided.

The first business of the meeting was the adopting of a new constitution. Dr. S. R. Toussaint of Colorado State Teachers, former national president, had served as chairman of the constitution committee and presented the report which was unanimously adopted after a few amendments.

Twenty teams entered the men’s debate tournament. Richard Nichols and James Tipton of Nebraska Wesleyan were ranked first, with James Harding and David Huffstutter of Kearney Teachers second. Barthena Grigsby and Ethel Parsons of Bethany, and Doris Kellenbarger and Ada Mae Gressinger of Bethel ranked first and second among eighteen women’s teams.

In the B Division, McPherson finished first with Hastings second in the men’s tournament of seventeen teams. In the women’s tournament McPherson was again first of eight teams with Pittsburg Teachers second.

All debates were on the Pi Kappa Delta question. There were 55 affirmative decisions and 49 negative.

There were seven orators in the men’s contest. Results: “Black Stars” by James Tipton, Nebraska Wesleyan, first; “My Brother, Doug,” by Don Marsh, Hastings, second; and “The Voice of Ameri-
can Youth," by Mack Hencey of Pittsburg Teachers, third. Janice Shuler of Hastings ranked first among the eight women orators. She spoke on "War Weddings." "A Generation of Cripples," Jacqueline Wilken, Colorado State, was second. Vera Harvey of Nebraska Wesleyan won third with "Young Mr. Lipstick."

Both extempo contests centered around the topic "Bill of Rights: Bulwark of Democracy." The first three of the fifteen in the men's contest in order of rank were: Ernest Peterson, McPherson; James Tipton, Nebraska Wesleyan; and John Woelk, Fort Hays Teachers. The women's contest, with fourteen entered, was won by Clara Jo Hopkins, Nebraska Wesleyan; with Wynnona Newcome of Pittsburg Teachers second, and Margarette Smithberg of Hastings third.

"Solidarity of the Western Hemisphere" was the subject for both the men's and women's public discussion contests. In the men's contest, with fifteen competing, Richard Nicholas of Nebraska Wesleyan finished first; Bob Briley, Pittsburg Teachers, second; and Bruce Kendall, Hastings, third. Fourteen entered the women's contest with Marion Burrows of Chadron Teachers first. Barthena Grigsby of Bethany and Janice Shuler of Hastings tied for second.

The newly elected officers are: Governor, Albert Burrows, Chadron Teachers; Vice-Governor, William Hamilton, Sterling; Secretary-Treasurer, Frank Davis, Colorado State.

JAMES L. TIPTON
First in Oratory
Province of the Plains

2. PROVINCE OF MISSOURI

Ordinarily, the biennial provincial tournament is passed around to the schools in the province in rotation, but the 1939 tournament at Excelsior Springs in the Elms Hotel was such an enjoyable one, William Jewell College was made the host school for the second consecutive biennial convention.

The 1941 gathering was so enjoyable to everyone that the Committee on Nominations and Place simply announced that the province
would return to the Elms in 1943 and the statement was received with a cheer.

In women’s oratory, gold medals, carrying a superior rating, were awarded to Dorothy Schrader, Park; Audrey Adams, William Jewell; and Carolyn Edler, Simpson. An excellent rating and a silver medal was awarded Virginia Van Gorp, Central College, Iowa.

Dorothy Schrader, Park; and Lorraine Rawlings, Coe, won superior ratings in extempore. Silver medals were given Ruth Williams, Kirksville Teachers; and Audrey Adams, William Jewell.

Superior orators were: Bob Ray, Coe; Robert Newman, Kirksville; and Rex Scott, Park. K. Shank, Simpson; Jeffrey Fleece, Central, Missouri; and Dick Brown, Iowa Wesleyan won ratings of excellent.

The superior extempore speakers among the men were Clifton Cornwell, Kirksville; and Walter Burks, Maryville. Excellent were Richard Heilbron, William Jewell; Rex Scott, Park; Charles McManaman, Coe; and James Angell, Simpson.

There were four superior readers of poetry: Ruth Williams, Kirksville; Dorothy Schrader, Park; Virginia Van Gorp, Central of Iowa; and Audrey Adams, William Jewell. The excellent readers were: Gale Jordan, Missouri Valley; Jeffrey Fleece, Central of Missouri; and Helen Mary Knox, Coe.

Park and Kirksville furnished the superior men’s debate teams. The excellent ones represented Simpson, Coe; Central of Iowa and Central of Missouri. The three superior women’s teams represented Coe, Central of Iowa, and Simpson. Park, Central of Missouri, and Kirkville furnished excellent teams.

The sweepstakes winners were Park, Kirksville Teachers, and Coe.

Everything in Friday’s activities at the Elms was pointed toward the biennial governor’s banquet and dance that evening when notebooks, brief cases and all the trappings of forensic contests were laid aside for the formal dresses, stiff shirts and gracious manners of ladies and gentlemen at leisure.

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3. PROVINCE OF ILLINOIS

"... furthermore, it would be well if more of you sent in contributions to The Forensic," said National President O’Connell in his address at the formal banquet of the Illinois-Wisconsin Provincial Tournament held at North Central College in Naperville, Illinois.

No sooner had these thoughts been aired, when cameras flashed and pictures of the words being spoken were on the way to Fort Collins, Colorado, with a story of the tournament.

The tournament at Naperville was unique in several respects. Although North Central College (Illinois Iota) was the host, the tournament was not held on the campus. Two large churches, located very close together, provided adequate room for all the contests.

Wheaton College was acclaimed the winner of the tournament with a first in men’s debate; tie for third in women’s debate; second in men’s oratory; second in men’s extempore; and a third in women’s extempore.

The winners of the various departments were:

4. Women’s Extempore: Margaret Baum, DeKalb Teachers; Effie Lou Crane, Illinois Normal; Betty Cornelius, Wheaton.
5. Men’s Oratory: Harold Lee Hayes, Charleston; Donald Hoke, Wheaton; Mike Milich, Illinois Wesleyan.

Beautiful gold trophies were awarded the schools represented by these speakers and medals were provided for the individual awards. Fourteen colleges were represented with 152 participants.

This province was fortunate in having the National President W. V. O’Connell at the tournament. Prof. O’Connell spoke to the group at the formal banquet on Friday evening, March 21, 1941. In his...
address he stressed a number of items that should be discussed in the provincial meeting that they might be brought up later in the national meeting. He emphasized the fact that the National Council did not make the laws for Pi Kappa Delta, but carried out the orders made by the members. Resolutions should be made in the province, then carried on to the national.

He encouraged the students to secure keys and then to wear them because the foundations of the fraternity might be shaken in case of war and freedom of speech lost. He issued a friendly warning that the weak chapters were being scrutinized and unless improvement was made the weak chapters might be eliminated in order that stronger schools might be taken into the fraternity. A sign of weakness was manifest in the Illinois-Wisconsin Province by several chapters which sent no delegates and by others who participated in the contests but did not join the fraternity at meals where announcements and general business was transacted.

President O’Connell suggested in his speech that perhaps it would be well to give a consistency trophy to the school making the best general showing in the various contests. This suggestion was later acted upon in the business meeting and referred to next year’s committee with favorable comment.

The national president aroused the interest of the group by suggesting such questions as: Should students who are not members of Pi Kappa Delta be allowed to participate in this tournament; should teams debate both sides of the question in the provincial as is done in the national; what should be the scope of Pi Kappa Delta? Also, should provision be made for verse reading, after dinner speaking, radio work, or should we confine ourselves to debate, oratory and extempore speaking?

He also suggested that it would be well to attempt to provide audiences for the contests in the provincial tournaments. This was done in several contests at this tournament. One debate was held before a professional men’s club in the city of Naperville. College classes were dismissed to attend the debates and contests. The finals in oratory and extempore speaking were held on Friday evening at two churches open to the public.

President O’Connell concluded his remarks with an announcement about the National Pi Kappa Delta tournament for next year. All chapters of this province were strongly urged to attend.

The fraternal side of Pi Kappa Delta was emphasized at this tournament. The provincial committee made arrangements for the entire group to be together for meals, thus providing a splendid opportunity to get acquainted.
The first dinner on Thursday evening was under the toastmastering of Guy Oliver, Jr., the president of the Iota Illinois chapter. John Shaffer of North Central College directed the merriment with songs and stunts. The spontaneous singing and joviality carried over from meal to meal and a very friendly spirit developed which was fostered ably by the Province Governor, Dr. Nystrom, Wheaton, and the genial host of the tournament, Prof. Oliver, North Central.

On Friday evening the formal banquet served as a climax to the entire tournament. Guy Oliver and Paul Hunsinger, winners of the Stunt Nite Trophy at Knoxville last year, conducted the program. A very interesting story with sound effects was told by Mr. Hunsinger. Favors for the banquet were made in the form of gavels. These were used to create the illusion of alarm clocks, horses’ hoofs, Indian drums, and bells. Under the influence of a psuedo-hypnotist various assortments of talent were made to perform, initiating another practice—that of making all possible use of visiting talent, otherwise hidden. Roy Marx, Carroll College, became a fascinating pianist skillfully impersonating well-known maestros. Margaret Dadds, DeKalb, composed poetry of spring time and Harold Lee Hayes, Charleston, presented the rustic’s play from “Midsummer Night’s Dream.”

Governor of the Province, Dr. Nystrom, Wheaton, presided at the presentation of the trophies at the victory dinner on Saturday. The new Governor, F. W. Holmes, Illinois Normal, and Miss Jean Liedman, Monmouth, the secretary, were introduced.

An interesting experiment was tried at this tournament and was endorsed by the students as helpful. Critiques for individual speakers and debate teams were given the judges; these were checked and returned to the students as a record of the judges’ evaluation of the ability of the speaker.

These critiques, originated by Prof. Oliver of North Central, were first used in the North Central Extempore and Oratorical Invitational Tournament. A study is being made of the student’s reaction to these critiques and of the judges’ evaluations. This is an attempt to give the student a calculated judgment of his ability, and on this basis was first used here.

(If you are interested in this experiment and want a copy of these critiques please write to Prof. Oliver, North Central College, Naperville, Illinois. Your suggestions and comments would be appreciated.)
4. PROVINCE OF THE PACIFIC

As was fitting, the Province of the Pacific held its meeting at the College of the Pacific, March 27-29, with 83 delegates from 9 colleges attending.

The debate tournaments were characterized by the excessively large number of negative decisions. Either the Pacific coast negative teams have discovered some thunder the opposition in other provinces has not found or the difficulty the affirmative has in winning reflects a local prejudice against a permanent union of the nations of the western hemisphere on the part of western judges. The negative won 30 to 12 as far as tournament decisions were reported.

Frank Wolf and Bill Sanders of University of California in Los Angeles won the men’s tournament. There was a three way tie for second between Allen Breed and Bill Biddick of College of the Pacific; T. Holdorson and R. Campbell of Redlands; and James Dickson and Dan Cox of Montana State. Eight teams competed. Elsie Somerton and Phoebe Peterson of the new Seattle Pacific chapter won the women’s tournament from Norma Justin and June Vincent of Linfield. There were 6 teams in this tournament.

"John Brown," delivered by Wayne Kuykendal, Linfield, was awarded first among the ten orations. Bill Biddick of College of the Pacific won second with "Those Gentile Dead End Kids." Reba June Long, Redlands, won the women’s contest from a field of nine with the oration "Where They Belong." "Awake, Mr. America" by Iola Whitlock of the College of the Pacific, was second.

"The Problem of the Orient" was the topic for the extempore contest. Bill Biddick, College of the Pacific; and Frank Wolf, University of California in Los Angeles, came in ahead of 23 other speakers. Norma Justin, Linfield, and Margaret Stimmann, College of the Pacific, were declared the winners of the fifteen in the women’s contest.

The men’s impromptu attracted seventeen contestants, with Lunce-
5. PROVINCE OF THE SIOUX

Sixty-four delegates representing ten chapters of the Province of the Sioux met at Morningside College, Sioux City, Iowa, March 27-29. Claude Pearson and Alvin Anderson, Jamestown, won the men’s debate tournament. Edward Greenough and Russell Greenfield of Sioux Falls were second. Third place went to Lowell Miller and Robert Roseberry of Western Union. There were ten teams in the tournament. The women’s tournament ended in a tie between Faythe Mantel and Ann Rita Dresselbuys, Northern Normal, and Jean Park and Ruth Arnold of Sioux Falls. Next came Hazel Johnson, Avis Bekke, and Evelyn Driver of Augustana. Nine teams started in this contest. The tournaments produced 17 affirmative and 37 negative decisions.

Roger Fredrickson won the oratorical contest for Sioux Falls with “On Sale Cheap—78 cents.” In second place came “It’s the Set of the Soul,” by Jules Jorgenson of the same city but representing Augustana. Claude Pearson’s “A Challenge to Leadership” won third for Jamestown. Jamestown also won first in the women’s contest—“The Shadow of the Africans,” by June Balmeier. Yankton’s Clarice Evers won second with “The Light That Shines.” Ruth Arnold of Sioux Falls pushed “Intolerance and Democracy” into third. There were eight speakers in each tournament.

In the men’s extempore—nine entered—the winners were: Kenneth Raschke, Augustana; Fred Davenport, Morningside; and Gordon Carlson, South Dakota State. Jean Park, Sioux Falls, was the winner of the girl’s contest, which attracted eight contestants. Virginia Ford, South Dakota State; and Stella Lillio, Jamestown, followed her. William C. Lang, Yankton, was elected governor.

MENDAL B. MILLER.
6. PROVINCE OF THE LOWER MISSISSIPPI

The Province of the Lower Mississippi met March 27-29 with Hardin-Simmons University, Abilene, Texas. Eighteen chapters were represented by 71 contestants and the coaches.

The men’s debate tournament was won by Arthur Norred and W. R. Rucker, Texas Christian University. Baylor, represented by Calvin Mansell and Jack Shackleford, ranked second. Barbara Roberts and Byrdie Whitehead, Baylor, again won the women’s contest. Bruce Johnston and Mary Helen Holloway, East Central Teachers of Oklahoma, were second.

Louisiana, Oklahoma, and Arkansas won the men’s oratorical, represented by James Prothro, Louisiana College; Paul Swinford, East Central Teachers; and Frank Forth, College of the Ozarks. Texas held all the places in the women’s contest when Louise Blackwell, Mary Hardin-Baylor, was awarded first; Barbara Roberts, Baylor, second; and Betty Jane Timblin, North Texas Teachers, third.

Arthur Norred crowded Texas Christian into first in the extempor. James White, Southeastern Oklahoma Teachers, ranked second. Calvin Mansell, Baylor, won third. Mary Jane Duckworth, Central Oklahoma State Teachers, was first among the women. Byrdie Whitehead, Baylor; and Betty Jane Timblin, North Texas Teachers, were second and third.

Carroll Ellis was the best poetry reader. He represented North Texas Teachers. James Prothro, Louisiana College, was next. Third was Wayne Bogue, Central Oklahoma State Teachers. Nelma Williams, North Texas Teachers, won the women’s contest. Wanda Mae Clements, Hardin-Simmons, was second. June Hauser, East Texas Teachers, won third.

Mary Helen Holloway, East Central Oklahoma Teachers, was the best after-dinner speaker. Jack Robbins, North Texas, and James Prothro, Louisiana College, were second and third.

Jack Robbins, Carroll Ellis, and Nelma Williams, North Texas

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7. PROVINCE OF THE LAKES

The Province of the Lakes met March 31 to April 1 with Michigan State College, East Lansing, with ninety delegates representing fourteen chapters.

Kermit Sayre, Warren Helfeker, and Nible Kime, of Heidelberg, won the men’s debate tournament. Milton Snyder and Albert Lockhart, Akron, were second. Third place resulted in a tie between Bowling Green and Central State Teachers.

In the women’s tournament Geraldine Bertovick and Ann Teel, of Michigan Central State Teachers were first. Juanita Chauncey and Betty Sinks won second for Akron. Jewell Hardman, Marjorie Jacot, and Carol Sayers of Kent were third. There were six teams in the women’s tournament and fourteen in the men’s.

John Haines, Hope, was first in oratory; Gilbert Thomas, Akron, second; and Edward Freeman, Central State Teachers, third. Mary Elaine Childs, Michigan State College, won the women’s contest. She spoke on “Sky Phobia.” Julia Sweedenburg, Akron, placed second. Barbara Chandler, Baldwin-Wallace, was third. Seven spoke in the men’s contest and five in the women’s.

Lawrence Kuhl, Bowling Green, was the best extempore speaker, out of a field of eleven. Walter Slowinski, St. Vincent, came in second, with M. Silverman, Heidelberg, third. The judges ranked Carol Sayers, Kent, first among the four women extemp speakers. Juanita Chauncey, Akron, was second, with Jean Binkley, Michigan State third.

The radio contest was won by M. D’Asare, Bowling Green; with F. VanVoorhees, Grove City, second; and Milton Snyder, Akron, third.

The new officers are: Dr. Wilbur Moore, Central State Teachers, governor; Prof. Upton Palmer, Bowling Green, vice-governor; and Prof. Paul D. Bagwell, Michigan State College, secretary.

PAUL D. BAGWELL.

4. PROVINCE OF THE PACIFIC

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ford, Redlands, first, and Bill Biddick, College of the Pacific, second. Reba June Long, Redlands, won the women’s contest from a field of thirteen. Jacqueline Judge, College of the Pacific, ranked second.

The new governor is Prof. Roy D. Mahaffey, Linfield, Oregon, Alpha.

E. S. BETZ.
8. PROVINCE OF THE UPPER MISSISSIPPI

The Province of the Upper Mississippi met with River Falls State Teachers, Wisconsin Delta, April 5, with eight chapters represented.

The province studied plans for the 1942 National Convention which will be held in Minneapolis. A convention committee was organized, consisting of Prof. Owen P. McElmeel, St. Thomas, chairman; Orville Dahl, St. Olaf; R. L. Johanson, Macalester; and Patrick Henry, Hamline. The province also offered the suggestion that next year's question deal with the national debt or with a banking problem.

The outcome of the forensic events was as follows:

Men’s Discussion: 1, Skogstad, St. Olaf; 2, R. J. Johnson, St. Thomas; 3, Kroon, Gustavus Adolphus.

Women’s Discussion: 1, Kramschuster, River Falls; 2, McPhetres, Macalester; 3, Roberts, Luther.

Women’s Poetry Reading: 1, Possehl, Concordia; 2, Froiland, St. Olaf; 3, Snyder, Macalester.

Women’s After-Dinner Speaking: 1, Webb, River Falls; 2, Streich, St. Olaf; 3, Raddatz, Macalester.
Men’s Extempore Speaking: 1, Kilpatrick, St. Thomas; 2, Ditmanson, St. Olaf; 3, Henry, Hamline.
Women’s Extempore Speaking: 1, Fulton, Macalester; 2, Raawe, River Falls; 3, Streich, St. Olaf.
Women’s Oratory: 1, Possehl, Concordia; 2, Lynch, River Falls; 3, Westegard, St. Olaf.
Men’s Oratory: 1, Hopeman, Concordia; 2, Anderson, St. Olaf; 3, Burns, Gustavus Adolphus.
Women’s Newscasting: 1, Froiland, St. Olaf; 2, Kramschuster, River Falls; 3, McPheatres, Macalester.
Men’s Broadcasting: 1, Swanson, St. Olaf; 2, Peterson, Luther; 3, Russell Johnson, Hamline.
Men’s After-Dinner Speaking: 1, Schelander, Macalester; 2, Treanor, St. Thomas; 3, Skogstad, St. Olaf.
Prof. Helen Loeb, forensic director at River Falls, was elected governor.

W. F. Schmidt, Governor.

6. PROVINCE OF THE LOWER MISSISSIPPI
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Teachers’ three seniors, closed their college forensic careers with two firsts and a second. James Prothro competed in debate and won a first, second, and third in the other contests.

The province will be ruled for the next two years by Prof. T. Bulloch Hyder, North Texas Teachers; and Prof. T. T. Brackin, Mississippi State College, Governor and Vice-Governor. The province will meet in 1943 with East Texas State Teachers.

E. O. Wood, Governor.

2. PROVINCE OF MISSOURI
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Appearing upon the banquet program along with Governor Cunera Van Emmerik of Iowa Central College at Pella, was Kingsley W. Given, Head of the Speech Department and Director of Public Relations at Park College, and the four top ranking readers in Thursday night’s poetry reading contest, Miss Ruth Williams, Kirksville Teachers; Dorothy Schrader, Park; Virginia Van Gorp, Coe; and Audrey Adams, William Jewell.

Announcement was made of all awards in poetry reading, extempore speaking and oratory and the new provincial officers for the next biennium were presented: Governor, P. Caspar Harvey; Vice-Governor, Mary Towne, Coe College; and Secretary-Treasurer, John Randolph; Vice-Governor, Larry Wright of Simpson College.
9. PROVINCE OF THE SOUTHEAST

The Province of the Southeast met with Alabama College, at Montevallo, April 2-5.

Winners:

Men’s Debate: 1st, Wake Forest (Ralph Brumet, Bob Golberg); 2nd, Tennessee State, (Earl Hunt), Kent Herrin).

Women’s Debate: 1st, Lenoir Rhyne, (Mary Beth Kuhn, Alda Gregory); 2nd, Maryville, (Janet Lindsay, Lucille Lynch).


Women’s Oratory: 1st, Dorothy Joan Steinbeck, Transylvania; 2nd, Alda Gregory, Lenoir Rhyne.


Women’s Extemp: 1st, Esther Bailey, Winthrop; 2nd, Mary Beth Kuhn, Lenoir Rhyne.

Men’s Impromptu: 1st, Henry Wick, Maryville; 2nd, Kent Herrin, Tennessee State.

Women’s Impromptu: 1st, Alda Gregory, Lenoir Rhyne; 2nd, Dorothy Steinbeck, Transylvania.

Miss Gregory has a disconcerting habit of ending up in first place in almost every contest she enters. We do not have room to list all her honors. She is a junior, an honor student, and plans to study law.

Dr. Warren Cox, State Teachers College, Johnson City, Tennessee, was elected governor. Prof. H. Henning, Alabama College, was elected secretary.

WARREN G. KEITH, Governor.
Jean Park, Sioux Falls, South Dakota Epsilon, climaxed a brilliant forensic year by winning the Old Line Oratorical contest in Chicago, April 25. Gudrun Anderson, St. Olaf, Minnesota Beta, won second place. A third Pi Kappa Delta speaker among the six finalists was Caroline Edler of Simpson, Iowa Epsilon.

Miss Park is one of the nation’s outstanding college speakers. She has won ten firsts in competition this year, displaying versatility as well as quality. Here is an incomplete list of her honors. First in extempore in the Red River Valley and in the provincial tournaments; first in debate in both of these tournaments, and rated superior in Iowa City and excellent in the Rocky Mountain contests; first in radio at the University of South Dakota; first in poetry reading in the Red River Valley; first in women’s discussion at Iowa City.

The Baylor University Chapter has had a very active year. Thirty-eight students entered ten tournaments on three different debate questions. The same debaters put on over thirty demonstration debates before high school assemblies, civic clubs, and study clubs. Three radio discussions were also held.

The Baylor University High School Tournament was held February 7-8 and was attended by over 1000 Texas high school students. This is reported to be the largest tournament ever held in Texas. Scholarships were awarded winners of first place in debate.

The longest trip of the year was to Birmingham, Alabama, to the Southern Association of Teachers of Speech Tournament. Professor Capp was elected as director of the tournament for the fifth straight year. This association uses a different question from those used by any other organization.

Baylor’s women’s teams won 1st place in all but one tournament entered during the year. Baylor men won first in debate in three tournaments. In addition Baylor speakers won over 30 trophies in individual contests. The women won first and the men second in the Province of Lower Mississippi Tournament.
"Would you rise in the world? You must work while others amuse themselves. Are you desirous of a reputation for courage? You must risk your life. Would you be strong morally and physically? You must resist temptations. All this is paying in advance; that is prospective finance. Observe the other side of the picture; the bad things are paid for afterwards."

"The truth is that I am not a good speaker and I only learned to speak, somehow or other with exceptional difficulty and enormous practice."—Winston Churchill.

Speech is power; to persuade, to convert, to compel.—Emerson.

"It seems to me that you are sponsoring my cause of the establishment of a simple American language beautifully spoken and easily understood."—Elizabeth von Hesse.

"All that I say in public has usually been written in one form or another, although not necessarily for a particular occasion."—Harry Emerson Fosdick.

Eloquence grows best in a soil of freedom. Discussion and debate flourish under democratic institutions. One of the first acts of tyranny is to limit and deny the right of free speech.

He must have attended Fordham or Notre Dame.
"I never suffered even a single day to escape me without some exercise of the oratorical kind. I constantly declaimed in private with Marcus Piso, Quintus Pompeius, or some other of my acquaintances."—Cicero.

It has taken civilization years of patient fumbling to teach men that life, their own and that of others, is something sacred.—Jules Romains in Verdun.
FORENSICS IN A WARRING WORLD

Although we are not officially involved, the war now raging has already altered our pattern for living and may alter it much more by the time another forensic season opens next fall. Many college students have been called to the colors. The colleges are offering courses in aviation, military training, and skilled trades important in our preparedness program. The uncertainty of the future and of our ability to stay out of direct conflict makes it difficult for the youth of college age to keep his attention centered on education. Courses of study will undoubtedly respond more to war pressure next year than they have this.

What place will forensics have in a college world darkened by war clouds? Should debating and oratory be curtailed if not canceled? What should Pi Kappa Delta look forward to next year?

Our first obligation is to try to maintain college life as much like it is as possible. There is danger that the courses and activities not directly related to military preparedness will be stampeded. While every step necessary to protect our national life should be taken, we must also look forward to another day of peace and a return to our more normal way of living. We must prepare our youth for the struggle on the battle field, if necessary, but also for the task of constructing a better world after the battle flags are furled. There must be men prepared to lead in peace as well as in war. Even today, while its fate is uncertain, England is planning its own reconstruction.

Forensics may be used as a direct means towards carrying out our military program, whether or not we enter the war. It is neces-
sary that our citizenry be made to see and understand the issues involved. The discussion by thousands of high school and college students of defense, preparation, alliances, and public expenditures will bring to the people of the United States information which they would not receive in any other way. Discussion and debate are the essential processes of a democracy. They make common use of the knowledge and intelligence of every citizen. The result is the feeling of mutual responsibility characteristic of the family relationship. Forensics can help to develop and preserve this feeling in America.

The days ahead are going to be serious ones fraught with tragic consequences. Unless we can give forensics a significant part in these days of trials, we cannot justify the time and effort they will require. It is the responsibility of each one of us to make forensics worthy of a place in our democratic life. We must devote our energies to the serious questions of the hour. We must be careful and trustworthy in our study of them. Our judgments must be sound. Withal, we must train those qualities which will help to make America safe and secure in war or peace, the land of the free and the home of the brave.

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One miniature speech follows another until three definite phases of thought-sequence are followed through: (1) facing the situation, (2) identifying the problem, and (3) testing proposals for a solution. 4 Finally, as Sheffield remarks, the speaking need not always deal with arguments, but with reasons as well: "A man's arguments are the reasons that recite well. They do his heart credit, and his logical head. They are objective and intellectualistic, and invite either assent or rebuttal. His reasons are things that lie deeper. They are the meaning to him of his own experience, and they invite first of all a real understanding. The 'man convinced against his will' is one whose arguments have been touched. Where discussion dwells on reasons, in a spirit of mutual inquiry, it smokes out into the open various divisive assumptions and attitudes, and gets further towards clearing up a situation than where it dwells on arguments—which are pretty much the window-dressing of men's minds.'"

Today, more than ever before there is a place for that kind of discussion.

There is a place for speech-making in miniature.

4A. D. Sheffield, "Training Speakers For Conference."
The Varsity, a monthly publication of East Texas State Teachers, featured Prof. Maude Webster in its February issue. A large picture of her appeared on the cover. The featured article, "Seventeen Years in Texas," was a story of her work in the speech department.

Besides presenting over sixty long plays, Miss Webster has maintained East Texas forensics at a high level. She has served as governor of the Province of the Lower Mississippi and on the women's debate committee at national conventions. She has been a member of the executive committee of the National Speech Association and active in other speech and educational organizations. She is also a past president of the Third District of Women's Clubs. In addition Miss Webster is a poet and writer in the field of dramatics.

But her chief work has been in teaching. Her former students hold important positions in many parts of the country. They include lawyers, educators, radio specialists, and ministers. They are active all over the state of Texas. They are constantly writing or coming back to Commerce to show their appreciation and pay their respects to an inspiring friend and great teacher.

Florida Beta sponsored an intramural humorous debate tournament. The men discussed putting a light in Chaudoin Quadrangle, although up to date late couples had not complained about the lack of one. The women discussed the advisability of requiring at least one fraternity pin for all women registering for Sy417, Marriage and the Family.—Stetson Reporter.

Polytechnic-Intermountain, Montana Alpha, won the state debate tournament at Havre, defeating the six other state institutions of higher learning.
News and Notes From the Chapters

Of the Plains

Nebraska Alpha at Nebraska Wesleyan University, Lincoln, entertained thirty-five Nebraska high schools in the annual High School Debate Tournament, January 31-February 1.

Representatives of the chapter have participated in tournaments at William Jewell, University of Omaha, Iowa State Teachers, University of South Dakota, at the Midsouth, Conway, Arkansas, Wesleyan Practice "B", at the Northwest, St. Thomas, Nebraska State Tournament and the province meet at Newton, Kansas.

On the campus, Alpha debated teams from Western Reserve, Maryville, Missouri Teachers, Midland College, and St. Thomas.

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Of the Missouri

Westminster College was host to the Missouri State Junior College Debate Tournament held on the 28th of February in Fulton. The four schools that participated were: Wentworth Military Academy; Kemper Military School; Moberly Junior College and St. Paul's College. The highest ranking team of the tournament was Wentworth, with Kemper and St. Paul's tying for second place.

The Westminster College debate teams recently completed a 2500 mile trip through Minnesota and then east to Ohio. The teams were composed of members of the Missouri Alpha Chapter, Ronald Somerville, Bill Bellamy, Bob Traff and John Stone. The teams went first to St. Paul for the St. Thomas tournament and then to the Great Lakes Tournament at Berea, Ohio. Somerville and Bellamy won 10 out of 13, Stone and Traff 6.

Missouri Alpha chapter was host to the district high school tournament on the 18th of February. There were five schools participating.

Iowa Wesleyan’s Alpha Chapter began the year with an informal dinner, followed by the initiation of three new members, including the new coach, Mr. Harold E. Nelson. On November 16 two teams participated in the Iowa City Junior College Debate Tournament, with the women’s team returning undefeated and the men’s team winning two out of four. On December 4 four teams engaged in two rounds of practice debating at the University of Iowa. Wesleyan
was represented at the Midwest Speech Tournament at Kirksville in poetry reading and all three divisions of debate.

On February 1, Iowa Alpha was host to debate squads from five other colleges at an invitational practice tournament. No decisions were given, but each debate was attended by a critic judge. Four rounds were held, with a half-hour period after each for discussion of the cases presented. A tea in Hershey Hall climaxed the day’s activities. Colleges represented were Cornell, Iowa Central, Parsons, John Fletcher and Burlington Junior College.

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Of the Illinois

Illinois Zeta of Monmouth College won the men’s division of the Stevens Point, Wisconsin, tournament. Phyllis Stephens, Zeta’s representative in the Illinois Intercollegiate Oratorical Contest at Lake Forest, brought home another first place.

Illinois Iota at North Central College, Naperville, tied for second place in the Whitewater Teachers Tournament and Al Burek was rated the best individual speaker.

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Of the Sioux

Morningside debaters Fred Davenport and Robert Hornel recently joined Drake debaters Robert Kraft and Ray Restione in a series of debates before six Iowa high school assemblies. These proved very profitable to all.

P. J. Harkness at the helm at Northern State Teachers, Aberdeen, South Dakota, and six students judged the high school declam contests in and about Aberdeen the latter part of the winter.

Northern State debaters finished first in the Dakota Wesleyan Tournament at Mitchell.

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Of the Pacific

The Oregon Alpha Chapter of Linfield College has had an extremely busy year. The first activity was the sponsorship of the squad tournament in which over fifty students took part. Twenty-eight teams competed in six rounds of debate. The high ranking students in the tournament were taken to Los Angeles for the Western Association Tournament.
Next was the sponsorship of the Ninth Annual Linfield Interscholastic Tournament the first week in February. Two weeks later the chapter again sponsored the Northwestern Invitational Intercollegiate Tournament. This is the oldest tournament on the coast and this year was its eleventh running.

Director R. D. Mahaffey offers a plaque for extemp and a cup for debate every spring in the college novice tournament at Linfield. The meet is open to all students in school who have not had intercollegiate debate experience. All judging and scheduling is done by Pi Kappa Delta members.

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Of the Lower Mississippi

Four members of the Texas Christian University debate squad, together with their faculty sponsor, Dr. C. A. True, left Saturday, March 29, on a 5500 mile spring tour, which lasted three weeks.

Arthur Norred and W. R. Rucker, of the Texas Zeta Chapter, accompanied by Dr. True, attended the provincial meet of Pi Kappa Delta, the province of the Lower Mississippi, sponsored by Hardin-Simmons College, in Abilene, March 26. Norred and Rucker entered in debate there, with Norred also entered in extemporaneous speaking and Rucker in oratory. They were joined there by Ernest Finney and Rufus Garrett, who accompanied them on the tour. On their tour the debaters met 13 schools in 19 contests, including two radio debates. They debated such colleges as West Texas State Teachers College, University of New Mexico, University of Arizona, San Diego State College, University of Redlands, California Institute of Technology, University of Southern California, University of California at Los Angeles, College of the Pacific, Stanford University, University of California, and St. Mary’s College.

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Of the Lakes

Michigan State men won seven out of eight debates to take first in the Annual State Tournament in February. Sixty-two teams were entered from 18 colleges. Paul D. Bagwell and Robert G. Turner managed the meet.

A speech rally held the last week of October at Hope College, Holland, Michigan, aroused a great deal of interest and enthusiasm in all the coming speech activities of Michigan Gamma Chapter. About twelve men and eighteen women reported to the debate coach, Professor Schrier, and the following week began work on the subject of a Pan American union. From November to the last of February the debate squads carried on a strenuous but very successful program.
Both the men and women’s teams participated in Kalamazoo, Calvin, and Albion College Invitational Tournaments. At the state contests in East Lansing and Detroit the men won three out of four debates and the women broke even with two out of four. The Manchester, Indiana, Tournament, March 1, culminated the debate season for the majority of the squad with twenty-one victories out of thirty-four debates.

Again Professor Schrier’s innovation of audience debates was expanded this year and various teams argued the Pan American Union question before the local Lions and Rotary Clubs as well as the Grand Rapids Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

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Of the Upper Mississippi

Betty Fulton, a junior from Virginia, Minnesota, won the $30 Stringer Oratorical prize at Macalester College and the right to represent Alpha Chapter in the Minnesota State Oratorical contest, February 14. In the state contest she placed second, speaking on “Our Heritage.”

Seven speakers represented Macalester at the Red River Valley tournament at Moorhead, February 6, 7, and 8. Gene Halverson, senior debater, placed first in the extempore contest, which dealt with the “Rehabilitation of Agriculture.” Betty Fulton placed third in extemopore speaking and in oratory. John Bryan, sophomore debater, was third in oratory. The Macalester women’s debate team of Lois Raddatz and Harriet McPhetres came through the tournament with four wins and one loss.

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Of the Southeast

The North Carolina Gamma chapter of Asheville College in cooperation with the Forensics Council of Mars Hill College is sponsoring “The Skyland Forensic Meet” on April 12 at Asheville College. Besides the usual rounds of debate, extemp, and impromptu speeches, the day will be terminated with a panel discussion and open forum. Asheville College is pioneering in the more liberal types of speech with the organization of a Discussion Club of about forty members.

The Gamma Chapter recently received an award for distinction in direct clash debating from the director on national awards. Asheville was the third college in America to use Direct Clash Debating in March, 1932.

North Carolina Delta Chapter of Pi Kappa Delta at Lenoir Rhyne College has organized an Alumni Chapter. Each year they will hold a forensic breakfast and meeting at Lenoir Rhyne in connection with Commencement.
The Tennessee Delta Chapter has been instrumental in conducting two tournaments during the season—the State Intercollegiate Forensic Association tournament and the Tennessee Interscholastic Literary League tournament. Fourteen colleges participated in the intercollegiate meet and more than one hundred high school students took part in the T. I. L. L. meet. In addition to debates on the campus and in nearby colleges Tech students have participated in the following tournaments: Murray Invitation tournament, Murray State College, Murray, Kentucky; Smoky Mountain tournament, Lincoln Memorial University, Harrogate, Tennessee; the Southeastern Provincial, Alabama College, Montevallo, Alabama; and the Grand Eastern, Winthrop College, Rock Hill, South Carolina. Eight pledges will be taken into the Tennessee Delta Chapter early in May when the annual banquet will be held and officers elected for another year.

Heidelberg, Ohio Beta, won most of the honors in the Ohio tournament March 14-15. Two teams won ten straight debates, defeating every other team entered. Glenn Everett and Warren Hilfiker were named the two best debaters of the tournament.—The Kilikilik.

Four Central States, Michigan Theta, debaters presented the permanent union of the nations of the western hemisphere question before a meeting of the American Association of University Women in Mount Pleasant, February 27.—Central State Life.

Eighteen colleges participated in the Illinois Intercollegiate Debate League tournament March 14-15. Honors were won by Illinois Wesleyan, Normal University, and Northern State Teachers, among the Pi Kappa Delta schools.—The Northern Illinois.

Sioux Falls, South Dakota Epsilon, has just completed its most successful year, with twenty-two firsts in individual competition and three sweepstakes. The first place honors are supported by an imposing array of seconds and thirds.

James Mayo and James Scoggin, Mississippi State, went undefeated through the Louisiana State Normal tournament, March 14-15. This gave them a string of eleven consecutive wins.—The Reflector.

Bob Turner, president of the new Nebraska Theta chapter at the University of Omaha, won first in after-dinner and extemporaneous speaking in the state forensic contest March 14-15.—The Gateway.
Wesleyan, West Virginia Alpha, closed its season with a debate with the University of Vermont April 3. Andrew Pavlina, Ronald Sleeth, Jack Burner, Rachel Cosgrove, and Jean Hedden qualified for membership in Pi Kappa Delta.—The Wesleyan Pharos.

John Felible, sophomore at Kansas Nu, Fort Hays Teachers, won the state Peace oratorical with the oration "It Must Be Peace."—State College Leader.

Dwayne Orton, president of Stockton Junior College and long a member of Pi Kappa Delta, has been invited to become a member of the state advisory committee of the National Youth Administration for the state of California.—Pacific Weekly.

Northern Illinois Teachers, Illinois Pi, bases its forensic program on a broad foundation of intramural competition. Over forty students participated in over one hundred intramural debates. Twenty-four took part in extempore contests, seven in oratory, and twenty-five in discussion. The year's program gave twenty-two students participation in more than one hundred twenty-five intercollegiate debates. All students appeared in eight or more contests.—The Northern Illinois.

Warren Hilfiker, Heidelberg, Ohio Beta, finished the debate season with twenty-six victories and only four losses for one of the nation's best records. Heidelberg finished its season with a run of seventeen straight debate victories. The Heidelberg squad finished first in two tournaments, second in one, and third in the other two it entered.—The Kilikilik.

The College of Idaho sent four speakers to the provincial meeting at Stockton, California, March 28-29.—The College Coyote.
Prof. Leroy Lewis, formerly coach at the University of Wichita, is now debate coach at Duke University. As a member of the Duke University Council for National Defense, he has been making many speeches throughout the state. He writes that he is frequently homesick for another P. K. D. national. “I can honestly say that my training in P. K. D. prepared me not only for the teaching of speech, but for the job of audience-persuasion, which falls to the lot of most public speakers.”

Carroll, Wisconsin Beta, has engaged in 130 debates during the year. While many of them were tournament contests, about forty were held before real audiences, such as service clubs, high schools, women’s clubs, and college groups. Beta plans to hold a joint initiation with Ripon and Oshkosh Teachers. It expects to take in seven new members.—V. A. Utzinger.

During the last week in March Farmville Teachers, Virginia Alpha, defeated Westminster of Pennsylvania, in an Oregon plan debate, and also participated in a no-decision contest with the same college. Farmville also won from Westhampton, Shippensburg Teachers, and Wofford, but lost to Randolph-Macon.—The Rotunda.

Iowa Xi at Luther College initiated the following new members at the banquet which closed its season April 1: Thomas Lynch, Jack Aaker, Marvin Wrolstad, Lyman Peterson, Marjorie Larsen, Grant Sorenson, Evelyn Steele, Mary Margaret Roberts, and Isadore Meyer.—College Chips.

George Clelland, Pittsburg, Kansas Teachers, won the extempore title at the Grand Eastern tournament at Winthrop College, South Carolina Delta, April 10-12. Forty-nine colleges participated. Bob Briley and Jack Schofield won one of the debate tournaments.—The Collegio.

John Roger Walker and Perry Jones, Georgetown, Texas Alpha, were the only team composed of freshmen competing at the provincial March 27-29.—The Megaphone.

River Falls, Wisconsin Delta, met the LeMoyne debaters February 27. The River Falls teams won second in the Stevens Point tournament.—Student Voice.

Central, Iowa Beta, placed second in the state tournament March 13-15, and fourth in the provincial March 27-29.—The Central Ray.
James Shannon, vice-president of Minnesota Epsilon at St. Thomas, was elected "Mr. Tommy," an honor bestowed on the most representative senior in the college. Shannon received the largest vote ever accorded a candidate. — The Aquin.

Jacquelyn Judge and Iola Whitlock, College of the Pacific, California Delta, were voted the outstanding women speakers at the Province of the Pacific tournament March 28-29. — Pacific Weekly.

Mary Jane Duckworth, Central State Teachers, Oklahoma Iota, won first in the provincial extempore contest.—The Vista.

Mississippi State was host April 11-12 to the eighth annual Mississippi Inter-forensic tournament, which attracted representatives from six Mississippi colleges.—The Reflector.

Glenn Kelley and Dick Noll, Aberdeen, South Dakota Zeta, went undefeated through the Dakota Wesleyan tournament February 28-March 1.—The Exponent.

Richard Baxter, Iowa Wesleyan freshman, won superior ratings in both extemporaneous speaking and poetry reading in the state meet March 13-15.—Tiger.

Upper Iowa, the Eta chapter, won the state forensic tournament at Cedar Rapids, March 13-15. Thirteen schools participated.—The Collegian.

Dr. Albert Burrows, Nebraska Teachers of Chadron, was elected governor of the Province of the Plains.—The Eagle.

St. Thomas met the LeMoyne debaters in two inter-racial debates before Minnesota audiences.—The Aquin.
Lenoir Rhyne, North Carolina Delta, won nine firsts in the South Atlantic and Southeastern forensic tournaments at Hickory, North Carolina, March 6-8. The women won the debate tournament, followed by Winthrop and Maryville. In the men’s tournament, John-son City, Tennessee, Teachers were first. Lenoir Rhyne and Wake Forest tied for second. Alda Gregory won first in problem solving and radio extempore, as well as being a member of the winning debate team. She also placed second in stimulating group discussion and after dinner speaking. Wake Forest won the state Peace oratory contest, with Marshall Mauney of Lenoir Rhyne second. He was the third in the family of Rev. John D. Mauney to win first or second in the Peace contest. Dr. Albert Keiser was reelected director of the tournament.—The Lenoir Rhynean.

Bake Young, College of Idaho, who served as speaker of the student assembly at the last national convention, placed fourth in extempore speaking at the Linfield tournament February 20-22. Morgan Beck and Bill Lewis, also of Idaho Alpha, tied for third in the senior debate tournament.—The College Coyote.

Harold Jenkins, Sam Houston State Teachers, Texas Kappa, closed a four year forensic career with his appearance in the provincial tournament March 27-29. With his team mate Louis Gibson he won fifth in debate. He holds the degree of Special Distinction.—The Houstonian.

The activities of the speech department at Central State Teachers, Oklahoma Iota, under the direction of Miss Lueile McGuire, are divided into four fields: public speaking instruction; forensics; dramatics, including writing and directing; and radio production.—The Vista.

Prof. J. H. Henning took four of his Alabama College girls on a debate trip through Virginia, Ohio, Indiana, Kentucky, and Tennessee March 10-21. Those making the trip were Peggy Kirk, Doris Payne, Sara Rumbley, and Sarah Peck Weaver.—The Alabamian.

Millsaps, Alpha, won the ninth annual Mississippi Inter-Forensic Association tournament April 10-12. Mississippi College was second, with Mississippi State, Beta, third.—The Reflector.

Mike Milich and Dick Rebetsamer, Illinois Wesleyan negative team in the state intercollegiate meet, won six straight victories.—The Argus.
The Principia, Illinois Rho, held its third annual Public Affairs Conference May 2-3, with twenty-five colleges sending delegates. Almost all members of the debating group at The Principia held important posts in conducting the conference, acting as round-table leaders and summing up the discussions, positions which called for forensic ability. Many members of Pi Kappa Delta were among the delegates attending the conference as representatives from other institutions. Among Pi Kappa Delta colleges represented were Bradley Polytechnic, Monmouth, McKendree, Eureka, Westminster, Central, and Culver-Stockton.—Clayton D. Ford, Chairman, School of Government Committee.

Ruby Amory and Irma French represented John B. Stetson, Florida Beta, in the tournaments of the Southern Association of Teachers of Speech at Birmingham, Alabama, April 1-5. Miss Amory placed second in extemporaneous speaking and both girls reached the finals in impromptu. The debate question of the tournament was "Resolved that the United States should enter the war immediately on the side of Great Britain."—Stetson Reporter.

The Twelfth Savage Forensic Tournament at Southeastern State Teachers, Oklahoma Theta, February 27-March 1, brought together 115 teams representing 45 colleges. There was a direct clash debate tournament and contests in various other forms of forensics. North Texas Teachers won the sweepstakes. East Central, Oklahoma, was second, followed by Northeastern Oklahoma, and Baylor.

Charleston, S. C., April 18. (AP). Frank Church, Jr., a 16-year-old high school junior of Boise, Idaho, tonight won a $4,000 scholarship to a college of his choice by taking first prize in the American Legion’s national Americanism oratorical contest.

Prof. George McCarty, former National President and debate coach at South Dakota State, will speak on the program of the convention of Kiwanis International at Atlanta, Georgia, June 16.

Eureka, Illinois Beta, pledged the following students: Francesmary White, Tom Tear, Don Littlejohn, Gar Braun, Herb Kohler, and Helen Hoffman.—The Eureka College Pegasus.

Robert Vessey, South Dakota State, won first in discussion, and Gordon Carlson, first in after-dinner speaking at the University of Iowa invitational tournament in March.
Book Reviews


This is a revision of *The Spoken Word* which appeared in 1927. It is a text on the content of speeches and not on their delivery. From the beginning "Seven Lamps of Speech Development," it moves toward the goal of interesting speech material. Illustrations and examples are abundant and helpful. The chapter on the use of words is very effective. There are fifty pages of speech projects which offer helpful exercises and assignments.


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Dr. Nichols has directed teams in more than 1,300 debates and coached students in more than 500 other forms of intercollegiate forensics. He brings practical experience and solid scholarship to the writing of this new text. It is based on the theory that discussion and debate complement each other and that a text should make use of this common background. There are three parts: The Scholar: A Manual of Discussion; The Advocate: A Manual of Debate; Fundamental Backgrounds. In the second there is the usual material found in a debate text. The third presents the logic and theory of argumentation. It is the first which provides the new approach.

This is a text book students would enjoy working with. It is rich in content, practical in application, and interesting to read.