

copies of all material for a uniform loan period. Because of the possibility of N.Y.A. assistance the department will plan this year to send one overdue notice on material borrowed. Four days will be allowed for response to the overdue card. It will be impossible to send additional notifications. In justice to all schools, additional material will be sent only to those schools that return material at the expiration of the loan period as indicated or clear their record within the four days allowed after the mailing of the overdue notification card. A fine of 2¢ per day per pamphlet will be charged only when the material is not returned or record cleared at the expiration of the four additional days as indicated in the overdue notification card. Any school deprived of the use of loan material for two successive years because of delinquencies will again be eligible to the loan package library upon receipt, by the Department of Debating and Public Discussion, of the report blank for this year signed by the coach. A librarian to have charge of debate material is suggested. The Department will mimeograph articles for which orders for a total of twenty-five copies are received. Those starred in the mimeographed list enclosed are especially recommended by Professor Aly. Please return the list checking those of which you wish copies. Stamps are acceptable.

Debating Bulletins. Because of the crowded condition at the Department, "Principles of Effective Debating and How to Judge a Debate" and "Debating Societies, Organization and Procedure" are available to Wisconsin residents at 50% of the list price, at 18¢ and 13¢, respectively, with an added discount of 10% on purchase of six or more copies.

Article on Ranking and Re-ranking. Because of the questions that have arisen in regard to the plan of ranking and re-ranking used in the speech contests, the secretary was authorized to mimeograph the article from the News Letter explaining the plan. Copies will be sent on request to any teacher or coach interested.

Classified List of Publications on Various Phases of Speech, Recommended by the Faculty of the Department of Speech of the University, (1938) will be sent upon request to any member school. Copies are available to individuals and non-member schools at ten cents each. If it is deemed advisable a supplementary list will be published.

Contests with Non-member Schools. Attention is called to the rule in the Constitution, "All member schools shall confine their contests to members of the Association." - does not apply to schools not eligible to membership.

Selections cannot be supplied except by special action at the annual meeting because of the unanticipated expense for state contests due to the change in rules to permit all district participants ranking "A" to enter the state program and awarding of medals to all state program participants. Professor Gladys L. Borchers of the Speech Department of the University, has very generously prepared an article on "How to Make Cuttings" for this issue of the News Letter. The Department will cooperate in every possible way in supplying sources from which cuttings might be made.

Publicity is essential to the desirable growth of any project. Your local paper is interested. Appoint a committee. Arrange for space regularly. Tell your community what it is all about - why a Forensic Association - what its activities are - who is working in each field. Use freely the News Letters, Handbook, and Supplement. Contact former students in forensics, lawyers, doctors, ministers, and successful business men. Plan your publicity in advance.

Amendments to the Constitution. Since the Constitution will probably not be reprinted because of lack of funds, be sure to consult the November, 1937 and November, 1938 News Letters for amendments now in force.

## WISCONSIN HIGH SCHOOL FORENSIC ASSOCIATION NEWS LETTER

"Not to defeat each other, but to pace one another on the road to excellence."

Vol. XI

MADISON, WISCONSIN, SEPTEMBER, 1939

No. 1

Additional copies available to member schools at five cents each.  
Copies available to other than member schools at fifteen cents each.

**DEBATE QUESTION:** Resolved: That the federal government should own and operate the railroads.

### MESSAGE FROM THE STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

I wish to say first, that I am more than ordinarily enthusiastic about the progress of the Wisconsin High School Forensic Association. This is a line of work which gives the pupils taking part in it about as valuable education as they can get out of any work that they take in the high schools. The ability to express themselves before an audience and the ability to study a question that is up for debate and get all of the angles pro and con on it is to say the least very valuable. The work also increases their confidence in themselves and places them where they can go ahead and tackle things that they would hesitate to tackle had they not had training of this kind.

I hope the coming year will be even better than the years in the past, and I shall expect that, for the reason that the work has been improving as the years have gone by.

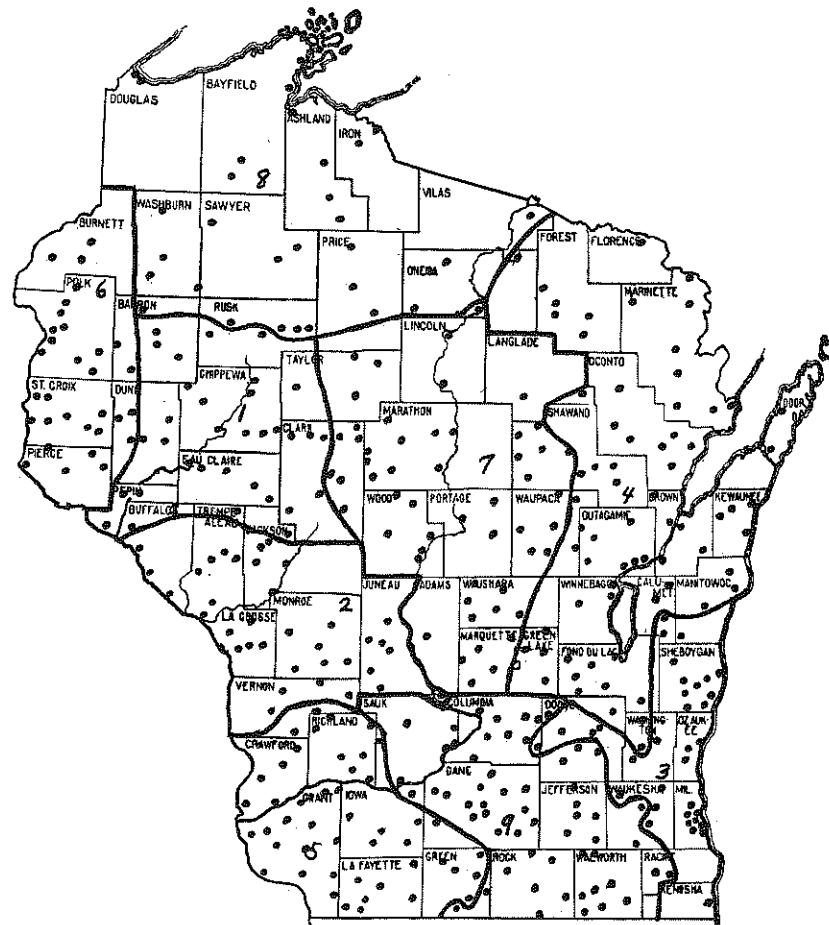
John Callahan  
State Superintendent

### WISCONSIN HIGH SCHOOL FORENSIC ASSOCIATION

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WISCONSIN HIGH SCHOOL FORENSIC ASSOCIATION

Map of the state indicating the boundaries of the nine districts, and locating the member schools, 1938-39.



#### **For General Forensic Contests**

1. Eau Claire District.
  2. La Crosse District.
  3. Milwaukee District.
  4. Oshkosh District.
  5. Platteville District.
  6. River Falls District.
  7. Stevens Point District.
  8. Superior District.
  9. Whitewater District.

### **For Debating and Dramatics:**

**Northern Section:**

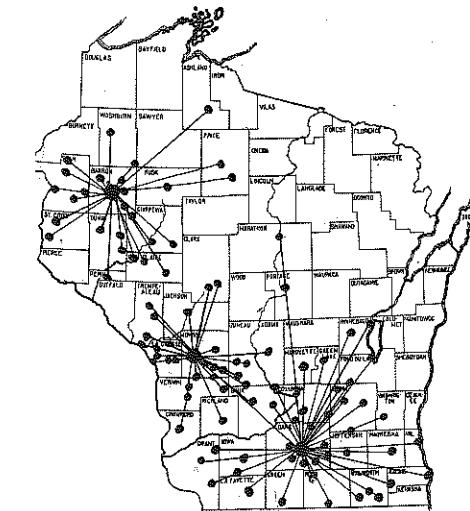
Central Section  
District 8

Districts 2,  
Southam Section:

Southern Section:  
Districts 3, 5, 9

SPEECH INSTITUTES -- 1938

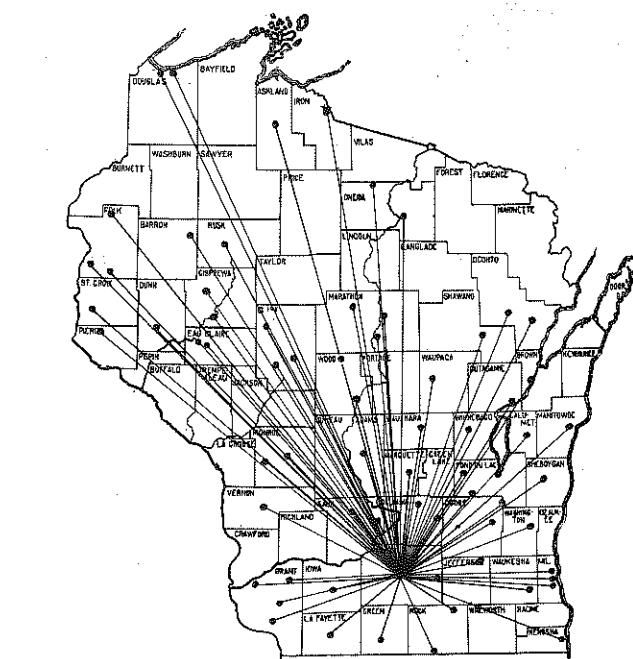
Attendance approximately 1278 from 111 schools



Barron--331 from 28 schools  
Madison--505 from 51 schools  
Sparta--442 from 32 schools

PARTICIPATION AT STATE CONTESTS -- 1939

88 contestants  
73 high schools  
45 counties



State of Wisconsin  
(Jt. Res. No. 35, S.)  
No. \_\_\_\_\_, 1939.

## A JOINT RESOLUTION

Commending the debating teams and coaches of the High Schools of Eau Claire, Kenosha, and Shawano for outstanding performances in the State Debate Contest of the Wisconsin High School Forensic Association.

Whereas, The debating teams of Eau Claire High School and Kenosha High School were declared tied for first place in the annual debating contest of the Wisconsin High School Forensic Association in the State Capitol, March 1, 1939, a circumstance never before recorded in these statewide tests of forensic skill; and

Whereas, The representatives of Shawano High School were but a shade behind in the percentage markings, with all three teams declared winners of one debate each during this contest, an accomplishment strongly attesting to the high standard of student ability and to the excellence of instruction in these schools that represent the best debating talent in every section of the State of Wisconsin; and

Whereas, These tests of skill in the mastery of materials and in public speaking have proved splendid testimonials to the foresight and recognition accorded by the leadership of our local school systems to the large part that debating and public discussion should play in training young people for the tasks of future citizenship; and

Whereas, Under such official local stimulus these young debaters have received the best possible coaching and encouragement in their strivings for debating supremacy in Wisconsin; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, the Assembly concurring, That the debating team of Eau Claire High School and its coach, H. W. Mathison, and the debating team of Kenosha High School and its coach, John D. Davies, and the debating team of Shawano High School and its coach, Donald Olson, be felicitated by the legislature of the state of Wisconsin for their splendid records of forensic achievement during the season recently closed, and that they be tendered the hearty good wishes of this body for further success in whatever other constructive endeavors they may hereafter engage. Be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution duly attested be transmitted to the principals of the Eau Claire High School, the Kenosha High School, and the Shawano High School, and to the coach and the individual members of each such debating team.

*Vernon W. Thomson*  
SPEAKER OF THE ASSEMBLY.

*Walter S. Goodland*  
PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE.

*John J. Shoum*  
CHIEF CLERK OF THE ASSEMBLY.

*Lawrence R. Larsen*  
CHIEF CLERK OF THE SENATE.

## STATE DEBATE - 1939

State Capitol, March 1, 8:00 p.m.

RESOLVED: That the United States should establish an alliance with Great Britain.

Presiding: Assembly Chamber -- Vernon W. Thomson, Speaker of the Assembly.  
Hearing Room -- Justice Edward T. Fairchild  
Senate Chamber -- Walter S. Goodland, Lieutenant Governor

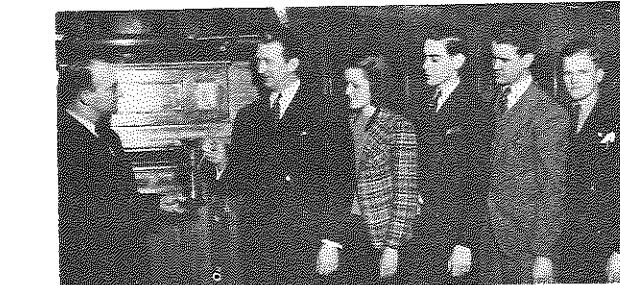
Judges: Professors A. T. Weaver and H. L. Ewbank, Department of Speech,  
University of Wisconsin; and Professor Joseph H. Baccus,  
University of Redlands, Redlands, California.

NORTHERN SECTION -- EAU CLAIRE -- TIED FOR FIRST PLACE



Right to left -- Victor Kimball, State Department of Public Instruction, awarding trophy cup, H. W. Mathison (coach), Omar Gjerness, Joe Lee, Robert Hansen, and John Warden, debaters.

SOUTHERN SECTION -- KENOSHA -- TIED FOR FIRST PLACE



Left to right -- Victor Kimball, State Department of Public Instruction, awarding trophy cup, John D. Davies (coach), Edith Lassen, Robert Newman, Howard Gorsegner, and Russell Chase, debaters.

CENTRAL SECTION -- SHAWANO -- SECOND PLACE

Affirmative:  
Edward Sommers  
Robert Marotz

Negative:  
Donald Rosenberg  
Walter Eberlein

Coach: Donald Olson

## STATE DRAMATIC CONTEST - 1938

Central State Teachers' College Auditorium, Stevens Point, December 9, 8:00 p.m.  
 Presiding: Principal Joseph F. Kraus, Chairman, Stevens Point District  
 Judge: Professor Norman E. Knutzen, Central State Teachers' College, Stevens Point.

MUSCODA -- SOUTHERN SECTION -- FIRST PLACE  
 "The Feast of the Holy Innocents" by Marshall Illsley



Left to right -- (First row bottom): Marcelite Lemke, Elizabeth Huppner, Lois Miller. (Top Row): Helen Hodach, M. Elizabeth McCoy (Director), Maxine Rohovits, L. W. Amborn (Principal).

## CAST OF CHARACTERS

Cornelia Milk . . . . .	Marcelite Lemke
Electra Milk . . . . .	Elizabeth Huppner
Mrs. Oberly . . . . .	Lois Miller
Joan Oberly . . . . .	Maxine Rohovits
Mrs. Oman . . . . .	Helen Hodach

Director: M. Elizabeth McCoy

## COLBY -- CENTRAL SECTION -- SECOND PLACE

"Fiat Lux" by Faith Vilas

## CAST OF CHARACTERS

Azariah, an old embittered man . . . . .	Norman Firnstahl
Nellie, his immortal daughter . . . . .	Carol Franz
David, his immortal son . . . . .	John Frane
Father Ambrose, priest . . . . .	Michael Steiber
Carolers - Lenore Berry, Gertrude Bauer, Julius Schultz, Edward Yelke, Bennie Riplinger, and Elroy Bruss.	

Director: Doloras Flynn

## EAU CLAIRE -- NORTHERN SECTION -- THIRD PLACE

"Sir David Wears a Crown" by Stuart Walker

## CAST OF CHARACTERS

Prologue . . . . .	Florence Henshaw	Page . . . . .	Bonnie Jean Davis
Device-Bearer . . .	Jeanellen Conrad	King . . . . .	Henry Jaasted
You . . . . .	Arlene Conrow	King's Great Aunt . . .	Gerry Fleming
Population . . . . .	Virginia Hoehn	Chancellor . . . . .	John Warden
Soldiery . . . . .	Tom Wahl	Headsman . . . . .	Dick Lewis
Milkmaid . . . . .	Yvonne Ramharter	The Queen . . . . .	Joan Plummer
Mime . . . . .	Betty Lou Ender	Boy . . . . .	Curtis Yule
Blindman . . . . .	Duane Herrick	Mother . . . . .	Marion Holman
Ballad Singer . . .	Roland Henderson	Page . . . . .	Allen Nispel
Page . . . . .	Arlene Larson	Stage Crew . . . . .	Ed Stienke and Virginia Paulsrudi

Director: Earl S. Kjer

## STATE CONTESTS -- 1939

\*Participants with an "A" rank

## ORATION

Group I -- May 8, 10:00 a.m., Agricultural Hall Auditorium  
 Group II -- May 9, 3:30 p.m., Assembly Chamber, State Capitol

<u>Contestant</u>	<u>Selection</u>	<u>High School</u>
<u>Group I:</u>		
*Francis Garrity	Meet Your Friend	Waukesha
Earl Thayer	The Big Parade	Whitewater
Emanuel Lozoff	Progress Towards Peace	Milwaukee (Washington)
Neal Brace	The Monster on the Public Square	Osceola
Robert Hanson	Believe It or Not	Eau Claire
*Clifford Bennett	You, Too, Are a Propagandist	No. Fond du Lac
Thomas Napiecinski	S.O.S. America	Two Rivers
*Roy LeMere	The Sport of Kings and Statesmen	Ladysmith
Glen Benson	Too Much Tunnelvision	Viroqua
<u>Group II:</u>		
Knight Bakke	Home Made Olympics	DeForest
Phyllis Thompson	The Cocktail Hour	Dodgeville
*Ruth Finstad	We Stand Accused	Altoona
Fred Schilt	Too Much Tunnelvision	Juda
*Charlotte Irgens	I Believe in America	Lancaster
Helen Roloff	The Assassin of Youth	Reedsburg
Clarence Angst	The Man in the Alley	Mellen
Ralph Schaaf	Brass Checks	Gillett
*Frances Sischo	The Big Parade	Wausau
*Wayne Jefferson	After Patriotism, What?	Adams-Friendship

JUDGE: H. L. Ebwbank, Department of Speech, University of Wisconsin.

Robert Newman of Kenosha Senior High School qualified for the state contests but was unable to participate.

## EXTEMPORANEOUS READING

Group I -- May 8, 2:30 p.m., Room 314, Agricultural Hall  
 Group II -- May 8, 3:30 p.m., Room 314, Agricultural Hall

<u>Contestant</u>	<u>Selection</u>	<u>High School</u>
<u>Group I:</u>		
Jean Varker	Little America - Byrd	Blue River
Jacqueline Hawdon	Little America - Byrd	Cambridge
Kathryn Ann Metcalf	Adrift on an Ice Pan - Grenfell	Montello
*Ingeborg Fricke	A Vagabond Journey Around the World - Franck	Ripon
*Kenneth Abrahamzon	Forty Years for Labrador - Grenfell	Superior (Central)
*Eleanor Eastvold	A Vagabond Journey Around the World - Franck	Eau Claire
Rachel Eide	Vagabonding in Andes - Franck	Neillsville
Geraldine Borchardt	Little America - Byrd	Athens
Ruth DeWitt	A Vagabond Journey Around the World - Franck	Bloomer

## Wisconsin High School Forensic Association

<u>Contestant</u>	<u>Selection</u>	<u>High School</u>
<u>Group II:</u>		
Marguerite Donovan	Skyward - Byrd	Tomah
*Bernice Kamesar	Adrift On An Ice Pan - Grenfell	Milwaukee (Wash.)
Ivan Randolph	Little America - Byrd	Milton Union
Arlene Rasmussen	A Labrador Doctor - Grenfell	Wauwatosa
*Mary Ruka	Discovery - Byrd	Boscobel
Mary Burr	Sky Roaming Above Two Continents - Franck	Bloomington
Barbara Matteson	Adrift On An Ice Pan - Grenfell	DePere
Violet Smith	A Vagabond Journey Around the World - Franck	River Falls

JUDGE: Eugene Bahn, Department of Speech, Ohio State University.

Edith Lassen of Kenosha Senior High School qualified for the state contest but was unable to participate.

## HUMOROUS DECLAMATION

Group I -- May 8, 1:30 p.m., Agricultural Hall Auditorium  
Group II -- May 9, 7:30 p.m., Assembly Chamber, State Capitol

<u>Contestant</u>	<u>Selection</u>	<u>High School</u>
<u>Group I:</u>		
Betty Larson	Same Old Cards	Winneconne
Mary Katherine O'Connell	Home Talent Rehearsal	Roberts
Mary Lawrence	The Arithmetic Lesson	DeForest
Jean Gillette	Old Junk and New Money	Eau Claire
Jennette Kepke	At the School Program	Dodgeville
Baldwin Lloyd	Can't I, Ma?	Cambria
Dean Gordon	His First Dress Suit	River Falls
*Betsy Rohr	The Twelve Pound Look	Wauwatosa
<u>Group II:</u>		
*Hannah Kaufman	Hun-Car - From My Sister Eileen	Chilton
Mary Jane Garrity	Dress Rehearsal	Kaukauna
Robert Sandberg	At the Fair	Rice Lake
June Ames	The Flea Gang's First Cigars	Potosi
Minnie Holmes	Last Day of School	Wautoma
*Charles Avey	Christmas Carol	Milwaukee (Riverside)
Shirley Collier	The Young in Heart	Marshfield
Lois Lange	In the Art Museum	Superior (Central)

JUDGE: Harriett E. Grim, Department of Speech, University of Wisconsin.

## NON-HUMOROUS DECLAMATION

Group I -- May 9, 8:00 a.m., Agricultural Hall Auditorium  
Group II -- May 9, 1:30 p.m., Assembly Chamber, State Capitol

<u>Contestant</u>	<u>Selection</u>	<u>High School</u>
<u>Group I:</u>		
*Aveva Ottenstein	Mary, Queen of Scotland	Milwaukee (Washington)
Jean Godfrey	The White Hands of Telham	Whitewater
Keith Bennett	Delay of Vengeance	Neillsville
*Marella Holnbach	Four on a Heath	Granton
*Otto Klein	Submerged	Wauwatosa
Kathleen Wentlandt	Elizabeth the Queen	Menomonie

## Wisconsin High School Forensic Association

<u>Contestant</u>	<u>Selection</u>	<u>High School</u>
Betty Webster	Mary, Queen of Scotland	Rice Lake
James Grunke	The Burgomaster	Clear Lake
Catherine Scobie	Micky's Marker	Lomira
<u>Group II:</u>		
Margaret Griffiths	Nocturne	Randolph
Emma Maurina	Witches' Sabbath	Hurley
Rachel Bennett	Danny's Little Tin Soldier	Dodgeville
Dorothy Frantz	The Youngest Thief	Fennimore
*Leatrice Pavlik	A Toast That We Can Drink	Oconto Falls
Gwendolyn Juneman	Gentlemen! The King	Boscobel
Mary Dickinson	A Toast That We Can Drink	Sparta
*Douglas Rodgers	Between the Lines	Beloit
Norma Harroun	I Am a Jew	Mosinee

JUDGE: Joseph H. Baccus, Department of Speech, University of Redlands, California.

## EXTEMPORANEOUS SPEAKING

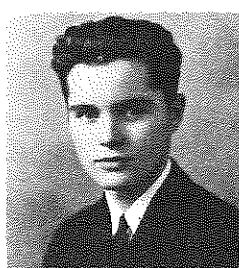
Group I -- May 8, 7:30 p.m., Assembly Chamber, State Capitol  
Group II -- May 8, 8:30 p.m., Assembly Chamber, State Capitol

<u>Contestant</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>High School</u>
<u>Group I:</u>		
Margaret Reichardt	Refugee Problem in Spring of 1939	Watertown
*Harold Steinke	Farm Problem in Spring of 1939	Plymouth
*Virginia Zuern	President Roosevelt's National Defense Program	Mayville
James McClellan	W.P.A. -- President's Plan of Emergency Relief	Chippewa Falls
Robert Capener	Mediterranean Problem	Barraboo
Joe Drane	Health of a Nation	Muscooda
Robert Marotz	Chinese-Japanese Situation in Spring of 1939	Shawano
Lorne Markham	Work of the Dies Committee	Minoqua
Richard Evenson	Hungary in Spring of 1939	Scandinavia
Lois Thalman	Pope Pius XI	Milwaukee (Washington)
<u>Group II:</u>		
Gertrude Ischi	One or More Specific Problems Before the Present Congress	Darlington
Glen Coates	Hull Trade Agreements	Thearp
Bob Voight	National Labor Relations Act	Waupun
*Robert Salter	Our Cities -- Efficient Municipal Government or Boss Ruled?	West Bend
*Lawrence Janssen	Political Prospects of 1940	Tomah
Fritz Puls	Spain in Spring of 1939	Frederic
Doris Ostrom	President's Plea to Dictators	Superior (East)
*Gloria Bocaner	Neutrality in Spring of 1939	Wisconsin Rapids

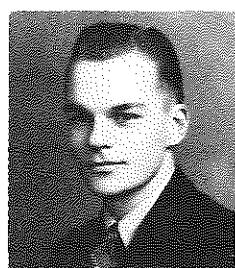
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David Austin of Rhinelander High School qualified for the state contest but was unable to participate.

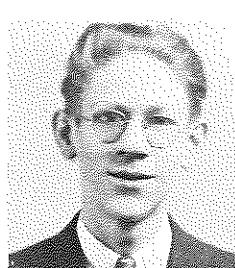
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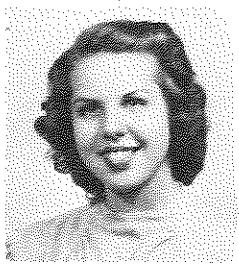
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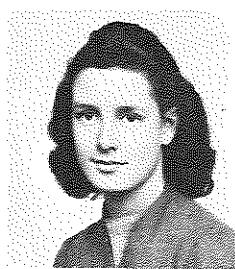
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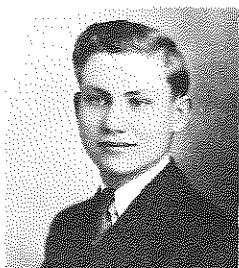
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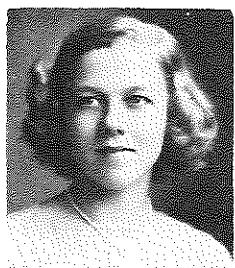
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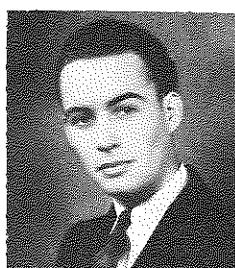
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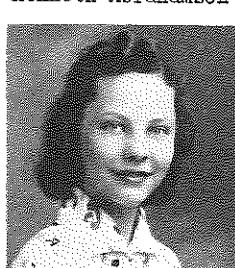
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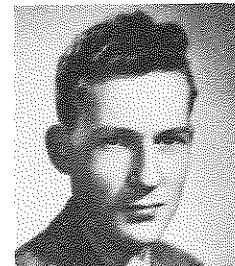
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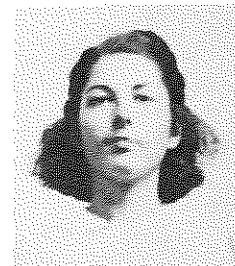
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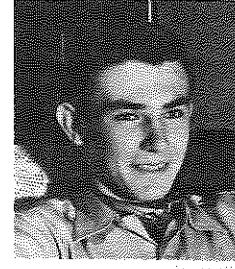
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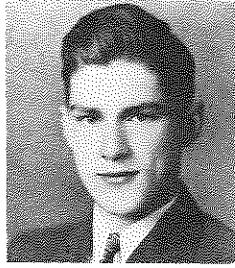
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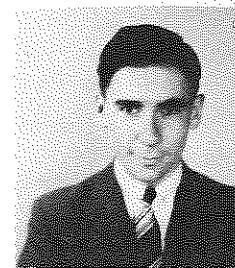
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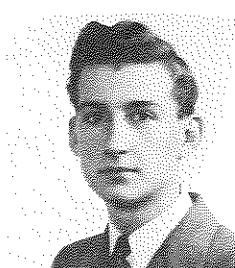


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Robert Salter

Betsy Rohr  
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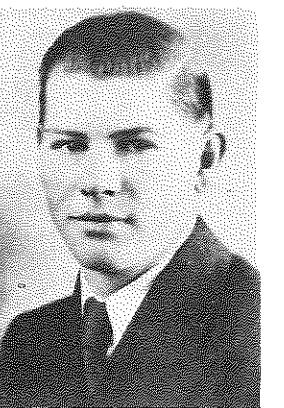


Gloria Bocaner

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## PARTICIPANTS RANKED "A" IN STATE CONTESTS

## FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA



Lloyd Johnson--Osceola Chapter

Contestant	Selection	F.F.A. Chapter	Section
Lloyd Johnson	Farm Management - A Way Out	Osceola	I
Arnie Molting	They Could Help Themselves	Stanley	II
Robert Mattke	The Industrial Utilization of Farm Crops	Baraboo	III
Lavern Larson	Our Last Pioneer Front	Waupaca	IV
Cletus Byrne	Do We Want to be Farmers?	Oregon	V

JUDGES: Professor A. E. Darlow, Animal Husbandry Department, College of Agriculture; Milo Swanton, Secretary, Wisconsin Council of Agriculture; Wm. C. Hansen, Superintendent of Schools, Stoughton.

Future Farmers of America are interested in securing such training as will enable them to take their places as producers of the food supply of the nation and as representatives of a great body of citizens. Training in public speaking helps them in preparation for active participation in the farm organizations and community activities and is therefore increasingly recognized as an important part of their training.

Lloyd Johnson, Osceola, the state winner of the 1939 F. F. A. public speaking contest, holds the Wisconsin Farmer Degree which is the highest degree which the State Association of Future Farmers of America can confer. He has this fall been nominated for the American Farmer degree, which is conferred by the National F. F. A. Organization at Kansas City and his nomination has been approved by the National Executive Committee. This is the highest degree in the national organization. The state association is allowed one candidate for each 1,000 members.

As winner of the state F. F. A. Public Speaking Contest, Lloyd represented the state at the regional contest at Ames, Iowa on August 14. In this contest, he competed with winners from the other eleven states of the north central region and placed second.

SELECTIONS PROHIBITED IN 1940 CONTESTS  
PLAYS PROHIBITED IN 1939 CONTESTS

## (Declamations, Cont.)

Declamations  
An Adventure in Art  
Arithmetic Lesson, The  
At the County Fair  
At the Fair  
At the School Program  
Between the Lines  
Brother Take a Bow  
Brotherly Love  
Brothers in Love  
Burgomaster, The  
Button, The  
Can't I, Ma?  
Cat Came Back, The  
Christmas Carol  
Congo, The  
Coward, The  
Danny's Little Tin Soldier  
David Garrick  
Delay of Vengeance  
Desiree's Baby  
Dress Rehearsal  
Elizabeth the Queen  
Emperor Jones  
Fall of George Bassett, The  
Flea Gang's First Cigars, The  
Flight of the Herons, The  
Four on a Heath  
Gentlemen! the King  
His First Dress Suit  
Home Talent Rehearsal  
Humoresque  
Hun-Gar -- From my Sister Eileen  
I Am a Jew  
In the Art Museum  
It's a Man's World  
Junior's First Date  
Knave of Hearts, The  
Last Day of School  
Mary, Queen of Scotland  
Micky's Marker  
Mirror Scene from L'Aiglon  
Morning Glory, The  
Nearer My God To Thee  
Nocturne  
Old Junk and New Money  
River of Stars  
Same Old Cards, The  
Short Cut, The  
Sky Fodder  
Submerged  
Successful Season  
Thank You Program, The  
Tipping Off Teacher  
Toast That We Can Drink, A  
To Die with a Smile  
Twelve Pound Look  
Valiant, The  
Wenies on Wednesday

White Hands of Telham  
White Lilacs  
Who's Afraid of the Big Bad Giant  
Winterset  
Witches' Sabbath  
Youngest Thief, The  
Young in Heart, The

Orations  
After Patriotism, What?  
An Editorial  
Aristocracy of the Unfit, The  
Assassin of Youth, The  
Believe It or Not  
Big Parade, The  
Brass Checks  
Cocktail Hour, The  
Constitution, The  
Convict, The  
Death Penalty  
Endless War  
Enough of This  
Freedom of the Press  
Hands

Home Made Olympics  
How Much Land Does a Man Need  
I Believe in America  
Man in the Alley, The  
Meet Your Friend  
Mercury Falters, The  
Monster on the Public Square, The  
National Apostasy  
Progress Towards Peace  
Relief for the Farmer  
S.O.S. America  
Sport of Kings and Statesmen, The  
Too Much Tunnelvision  
We Stand Accused  
What Price Peace  
What Price War  
Why Blame Youth  
Willard Wilson  
You, Too, Are a Propagandist  
Youth Aflame

## PLAYS PROHIBITED IN 1939 CONTESTS

Barred -- Calista Clark  
Feast of the Holy Innocents --  
S. M. Ilsley  
Fiat Lux -- Faith Vilas  
Finger of God -- Percival Wilde  
Joint Owners in Spain --  
Alice Brown  
No One Can Say -- Warren Beck  
Sir David Wears a Crown --  
Stuart Walker  
Wheat Fire -- Hermine Duthie

(The use of the same selection or play for more than one year by the same contestant in league, district, sectional, and state contests is prohibited by ruling of the board, March, 1926.)

## SELECTING AND CUTTING MATERIAL FOR FORENSIC CONTESTS

by  
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The empty treasury of the Wisconsin High School Forensic Association which has made it impossible to mimeograph contest cuttings this year may prove a benefit to the high school students of the state. Forced to select and cut original material boys and girls may profit by the experience and at the same time appear in this year's contests with fewer duplications and a higher quality of selections. The reason is clear: much literary material may be selected and read before an audience without penalty even when such material is protected by law against distribution and sale. Thus the main difficulty encountered by the Association is at once absent when each student makes his own cuttings.

Here are five important questions to keep in mind when arranging contest material: Is it good literature? Will it read well aloud? Will it interest the average high school audience? Will it suit the prospective reader? Can it be effectively cut to the proper length?

At the very outset it is well to keep in mind that audiences will be bored by material below standard in literary quality. When there is such limitless opportunity for selecting fine literature it is a shame to waste talents on trashy stuff with no literary merit.

In selecting, see that the plot of the story or drama is plausible. Test the events. Could they have happened and would the characters have behaved in the same way in real life situations? Do the boys and girls act as normal boys and girls would act and not like angels or wild men?

In a well told narrative or play the language expresses the thought precisely. The words say exactly what the author wants them to say. The descriptions are so accurate that there is no mistaking the feelings, situations or events.

Material that is worth repeating is a third and final consideration. In preparing for the forensic contests most students work on a selection for a number of months. It is clear that the person who finds new meanings each time he repeats his reading will have an advantage over that person who is tired of his material after the first performance.

Good sources for declamations and orations are novels, volumes of short stories, and such magazines as Harper's, Atlantic, Forum, American, Readers' Digest, Story, Scholastic, Vital Speeches, Bookman, New Yorker, Ladies' Home Journal, Good Housekeeping, Woman's Home Companion, Saturday Evening Post, Liberty, etc. But always keep in mind that the source alone is not enough to determine whether literature is good or bad -- the above tests of plot, language, and repetition must be applied.

What are the qualities of material that reads well aloud? Briefly they are a clear plot, good climax, vivid descriptions, simple direct euphonious language, and dialogue. If a selection has these characteristics, experience has shown that the listeners get the story readily.

While the average high school audience can understand almost any problem, conflict, or characterization that may be presented, they are most interested in stories and plots that come within their experiences. They are embarrassed at melodramatic material and prefer to look forward to, or back upon, love affairs. They know pretty well how boys and girls behave and they like stories about them. In general, the literary taste of high school students is very high.

A wise boy or girl never attempts to read material which he dislikes. His final product is better when he approaches his work with appreciation and enthusiasm. When a student enjoys material he usually finds that his age, sex, and experiences make him especially fitted to give that story or message to an audience.

While cutting stories, plays, or novels to proper length takes time and pains, it is not uninteresting and difficult if a few simple rules are followed. First try to get a short excerpt that has the elements of a good play or story. That is, see that there is conflict and climax in the part that you choose. In most novels, long stories, or plays, this will mean lifting out one important thread and dropping out many minor plots. Take the novel Silas Marner for example. A cutting might begin with the discovery of Eppie - include some incidents of her life with Silas - and end where she refuses to go with Nancy and Godfrey Cass. Another cutting might consider only some of the characters at the Rainbow, selecting the most humorous, revealing, and interesting conversations. A third might take the life of Nancy at home and with Godfrey and finally her disappointment when Eppie decides to remain with Silas. Each of the foregoing excludes many persons and incidents in the story in order to simplify the plot and to reduce the number of characters the reader will have to portray.

High school students often find dialogue more interesting than narrative, and therefore it might be well to keep the direct conversation between characters wherever possible.

Since the beginning and ending of a speech or story are more important than any other part, it is wise to select them with care. See that the first sentence gets the attention of the audience to the central idea and that the final sentence re-emphasizes what should remain with the listeners.

Sometimes it is absolutely necessary to insert synopses of parts that have been omitted, but it is better to keep the entire cutting in the words of the author. No two persons have the same literary style and the best cuttings are from the beginning to the end in the language of the original creator.

It is my feeling that the benefits of the forensic contests may be materially increased by this lack of money which at first seemed to us to be a calamity. If my impression of Wisconsin high school students is correct, they will grasp this opportunity to do some interesting independent work and appear at every contest with fresh worth while literary material.

SPEECH INSTITUTE  
BARRON, OCTOBER 29, 1938

by Rosemary Dupont

(Reports on the other two Institutes of last year were published in the February, 1939 News Letter.)

On October 29, 1938, a Speech Institute sponsored by the Wisconsin High School Forensic Association was held at Barron. Three hundred and thirty-one students and teachers from twenty-eight schools in the River Falls, Superior, and Eau Claire districts attended.

Throughout the day sectional meetings consisting of student participation and instruction were held on Debate, Dramatics, Declamation, Extemporaneous Speaking, Oratory, and Reading. Professor Gladys L. Borchers, Professor Ethel Rockwell, Miss Ethel Kaump, and Professor Sherman Lawton of the University of Wisconsin acted as instructors and critics. In the evening university debaters discussed the current high school question. On the affirmative team were Leon Epstein and Robert Des Jarlais and on the negative team, Douglas Pledger and John Short. Professor Lawton criticized the debate.

The eagerness and interest with which the students and teachers greeted the instruction, criticism and discussions was ample proof of the value and pleasure derived from the Institute. Our appreciation goes to the Wisconsin High School Forensic Association and to the fine staff of instructors.

## MEMBERSHIP OF THE ASSOCIATION - 1938-39

(A special effort was made to check up and to give as accurate a list as possible. Any error should be reported promptly to the secretary.)

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Abbotsford . . . . .	Stevens Point . . . . .	11
Abrams State Graded . . . . .	Oshkosh . . . . .	2
Adams-Friendship (P. O. Adams) . . . . .	Stevens Point . . . . .	14
Albany . . . . .	Platteville . . . . .	12
Algoma . . . . .	Oshkosh . . . . .	14
Alma . . . . .	LaCrosse . . . . .	14
Alma Center . . . . .	LaCrosse . . . . .	12
Altoona . . . . .	Eau Claire . . . . .	8
Amery . . . . .	River Falls . . . . .	14
Amherst . . . . .	Stevens Point . . . . .	11
Antigo . . . . .	Stevens Point . . . . .	14
Arcadia . . . . .	LaCrosse . . . . .	14
Arena . . . . .	Whitewater . . . . .	14
Argonne . . . . .	Oshkosh . . . . .	14
Arkansaw . . . . .	Eau Claire . . . . .	14
Athens . . . . .	Stevens Point . . . . .	13
Auburndale . . . . .	Stevens Point . . . . .	14
Augusta . . . . .	Eau Claire . . . . .	14
Avoca . . . . .	Platteville . . . . .	5
Bagley . . . . .	Platteville . . . . .	6
Baldwin . . . . .	River Falls . . . . .	14
Balsam Lake . . . . .	River Falls . . . . .	10
Bangor . . . . .	LaCrosse . . . . .	14
Baraboo . . . . .	Whitewater . . . . .	12
Barneveld . . . . .	Platteville . . . . .	10
Barron . . . . .	Eau Claire . . . . .	14
Bayfield . . . . .	Superior . . . . .	9
Bear Creek . . . . .	Oshkosh . . . . .	9
Beaver Dam . . . . .	Milwaukee . . . . .	14
Belmont . . . . .	Platteville . . . . .	10
Beloit . . . . .	Whitewater . . . . .	14
Benton . . . . .	Platteville . . . . .	14
Berlin . . . . .	Oshkosh . . . . .	14
Birchwood . . . . .	Superior . . . . .	11
Birnamwood . . . . .	Stevens Point . . . . .	10
Black Earth . . . . .	Whitewater . . . . .	14
Black River Falls . . . . .	LaCrosse . . . . .	7
Blair . . . . .	LaCrosse . . . . .	14
Blanchardville . . . . .	Platteville . . . . .	12
Bloomer . . . . .	Eau Claire . . . . .	14
Bloomington . . . . .	Platteville . . . . .	10
Blue River . . . . .	Platteville . . . . .	8
Bonduel . . . . .	Oshkosh . . . . .	1
Boscobel . . . . .	Platteville . . . . .	14
Bowler . . . . .	Stevens Point . . . . .	4
Boyceville . . . . .	River Falls . . . . .	14
Boyd . . . . .	Eau Claire . . . . .	9
Brandon . . . . .	Oshkosh . . . . .	6
Brillion . . . . .	Oshkosh . . . . .	12
Brodhead . . . . .	Whitewater . . . . .	14
Brooklyn . . . . .	Platteville . . . . .	5
Bruce . . . . .	Superior . . . . .	14
Butternut . . . . .	Superior . . . . .	9
Cable . . . . .	Superior . . . . .	14
Cadott . . . . .	Eau Claire . . . . .	14
Camibia . . . . .	Whitewater . . . . .	14
Cambridge . . . . .	Whitewater . . . . .	14
Campbellsport . . . . .	Oshkosh . . . . .	12

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Camp Douglas . . . . .	LaCrosse . . . . .	13
Casco . . . . .	Oshkosh . . . . .	13
Cashton . . . . .	LaCrosse . . . . .	14
Cassville . . . . .	Platteville . . . . .	7
Cazenovia . . . . .	Platteville . . . . .	11
Cecil State Graded . . . . .	Oshkosh . . . . .	3
Cedarburg . . . . .	Milwaukee . . . . .	14
Cedar Grove . . . . .	Milwaukee . . . . .	2
Centuria . . . . .	River Falls . . . . .	11
Chetek . . . . .	Eau Claire . . . . .	14
Chilton . . . . .	Milwaukee . . . . .	12
Chippewa Falls (Senior) . . . . .	Eau Claire . . . . .	14
Clayton . . . . .	River Falls . . . . .	14
Clear Lake . . . . .	River Falls . . . . .	14
Clinton . . . . .	Whitewater . . . . .	13
Clintonville . . . . .	Oshkosh . . . . .	14
Cochrane . . . . .	LaCrosse . . . . .	14
Colby . . . . .	Stevens Point . . . . .	14
Coleman . . . . .	Oshkosh . . . . .	14
Colfax . . . . .	Eau Claire . . . . .	14
Coloma . . . . .	Stevens Point . . . . .	9
Columbus . . . . .	Milwaukee . . . . .	14
Cornell . . . . .	Eau Claire . . . . .	13
Crandon . . . . .	Oshkosh . . . . .	12
Crivitz . . . . .	Oshkosh . . . . .	14
Cuba City . . . . .	Platteville . . . . .	14
Cudahy . . . . .	Milwaukee . . . . .	14
Cumberland . . . . .	Superior . . . . .	14
Curtiss State Graded . . . . .	Stevens Point . . . . .	1
Darien . . . . .	Whitewater . . . . .	11
Darlington . . . . .	Platteville . . . . .	14
Deerfield . . . . .	Whitewater . . . . .	14
DeForest . . . . .	Whitewater . . . . .	5
Delavan . . . . .	Whitewater . . . . .	14
Denmark . . . . .	Oshkosh . . . . .	8
DePere . . . . .	Oshkosh . . . . .	14
Dodgeville . . . . .	Platteville . . . . .	14
Dorchester . . . . .	Stevens Point . . . . .	9
Downing . . . . .	River Falls . . . . .	14
Draper (P. O. Loretta) . . . . .	Superior . . . . .	10
Drummond . . . . .	Superior . . . . .	14
Durand . . . . .	Eau Claire . . . . .	14
Eagle River . . . . .	Oshkosh . . . . .	14
Eau Claire (Senior) . . . . .	Eau Claire . . . . .	14
Edgar . . . . .	Stevens Point . . . . .	13
Edgerton . . . . .	Whitewater . . . . .	14
Elkhart Lake . . . . .	Milwaukee . . . . .	13
Elkhorn . . . . .	Whitewater . . . . .	14
Elk Mound . . . . .	Eau Claire . . . . .	14
Ellsworth . . . . .	River Falls . . . . .	14
Elmwood . . . . .	River Falls . . . . .	8
Elroy . . . . .	LaCrosse . . . . .	14
Endeavor State Graded . . . . .	Stevens Point . . . . .	7
Evansville . . . . .	Whitewater . . . . .	14
Fairchild . . . . .	Eau Claire . . . . .	14
Fall Creek . . . . .	Eau Claire . . . . .	5
Fall River . . . . .	Whitewater . . . . .	13
Fennimore . . . . .	Platteville . . . . .	12
Fish Creek . . . . .	Oshkosh . . . . .	7
Florence . . . . .	Oshkosh . . . . .	7
Fort Atkinson . . . . .	Whitewater . . . . .	14
Fountain City . . . . .	LaCrosse . . . . .	14
Fox Lake . . . . .	Whitewater . . . . .	13
Frederic . . . . .	River Falls . . . . .	11
Freedom (P. O. Kaukauna, R. I.) . . . . .	Oshkosh . . . . .	8
Galesville . . . . .	LaCrosse . . . . .	13
Gays Mills . . . . .	Platteville . . . . .	14

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Gillett . . . . .	Oshkosh . . . . .	14
Gilman . . . . .	Eau Claire. . . . .	9
Gilmanton . . . . .	Eau Claire. . . . .	14
Glenwood City . . . . .	River Falls . . . . .	14
Glidden . . . . .	Superior . . . . .	14
Goodman . . . . .	Oshkosh . . . . .	14
Grafton . . . . .	Milwaukee . . . . .	13
Granton . . . . .	Stevens Point . . . . .	14
Grantsburg . . . . .	River Falls . . . . .	14
Green Lake . . . . .	Oshkosh . . . . .	11
Greenwood . . . . .	Stevens Point . . . . .	14
Gresham . . . . .	Stevens Point . . . . .	2
Hammond . . . . .	River Falls . . . . .	14
Hancock . . . . .	Stevens Point . . . . .	9
Hartford . . . . .	Milwaukee . . . . .	14
Hartland . . . . .	Whitewater . . . . .	9
Hawkins . . . . .	Superior . . . . .	7
Hayward . . . . .	Superior . . . . .	14
Highland . . . . .	Platteville . . . . .	8
Hilbert . . . . .	Oshkosh . . . . .	12
Hiles . . . . .	Oshkosh . . . . .	4
Hillsboro . . . . .	LaCrosse . . . . .	14
Hixton . . . . .	LaCrosse . . . . .	13
Holcombe . . . . .	Eau Claire . . . . .	14
Hollandale . . . . .	Platteville . . . . .	14
Holmen . . . . .	LaCrosse . . . . .	12
Horicon . . . . .	Milwaukee . . . . .	14
Hortonville . . . . .	Oshkosh . . . . .	8
Hudson . . . . .	River Falls . . . . .	14
Humbird . . . . .	Eau Claire . . . . .	14
Hurley . . . . .	Superior . . . . .	13
Hustisford . . . . .	Whitewater . . . . .	11
Independence . . . . .	LaCrosse . . . . .	13
Ingram . . . . .	Superior . . . . .	7
Iron Belt . . . . .	Superior . . . . .	8
Ithaca (P. O. Richland Center) . . . . .	Platteville . . . . .	9
Janesville (School for the Blind) . . . . .	Whitewater . . . . .	6
Jefferson . . . . .	Whitewater . . . . .	14
Johnson Creek . . . . .	Whitewater . . . . .	5
Juda . . . . .	Platteville . . . . .	10
Juneau . . . . .	Whitewater . . . . .	14
Kaukauna . . . . .	Oshkosh . . . . .	14
Kendall . . . . .	LaCrosse . . . . .	14
Kenosha (Senior) . . . . .	Milwaukee . . . . .	14
Kewaskum . . . . .	Oshkosh . . . . .	12
Keweenaw . . . . .	Oshkosh . . . . .	14
Kiel . . . . .	Milwaukee . . . . .	14
Kimberly . . . . .	Oshkosh . . . . .	11
Kohler . . . . .	Milwaukee . . . . .	13
Ladysmith . . . . .	Eau Claire . . . . .	14
LaFarge . . . . .	Platteville . . . . .	13
Lake Geneva . . . . .	Whitewater . . . . .	10
Lancaster . . . . .	Platteville . . . . .	14
Laona . . . . .	Oshkosh . . . . .	14
Lena . . . . .	Oshkosh . . . . .	14
Leopolis State Graded . . . . .	Oshkosh . . . . .	1
Lime Ridge . . . . .	Platteville . . . . .	3
Livingston . . . . .	Platteville . . . . .	10
Lodi . . . . .	Whitewater . . . . .	14
Lomira . . . . .	Oshkosh . . . . .	11
Lone Rock . . . . .	Platteville . . . . .	7
Loyal . . . . .	Stevens Point . . . . .	14
Luck . . . . .	River Falls . . . . .	14
Luxemburg . . . . .	Oshkosh . . . . .	14
Madison (East) . . . . .	Whitewater . . . . .	9
Madison (Wisconsin High) . . . . .	Whitewater . . . . .	11

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Manawa . . . . .	. Stevens Point . . . . .	14
Marathon . . . . .	. Stevens Point . . . . .	12
Marinette . . . . .	. Oshkosh . . . . .	10
Marion . . . . .	. Stevens Point . . . . .	12
Markesan . . . . .	. Oshkosh . . . . .	7
Marshall . . . . .	. Whitewater . . . . .	9
Marshfield . . . . .	. Stevens Point . . . . .	14
Mattoon . . . . .	. Stevens Point . . . . .	9
Mauton . . . . .	. LaCrosse . . . . .	14
Mayville . . . . .	. Milwaukee . . . . .	14
Mazomanie . . . . .	. Whitewater . . . . .	13
Medford . . . . .	. Stevens Point . . . . .	14
Mellen . . . . .	. Superior . . . . .	13
Melrose . . . . .	. LaCrosse . . . . .	14
Menasha . . . . .	. Oshkosh . . . . .	14
Menomonie Falls . . . . .	. Milwaukee . . . . .	14
Menomonie . . . . .	. Eau Claire . . . . .	14
Menomonie (Dunn Co. School of Agric.) . . . . .	. River Falls . . . . .	14
Merrill . . . . .	. Stevens Point . . . . .	14
Merrillan . . . . .	. Eau Claire . . . . .	14
Middleton . . . . .	. Whitewater . . . . .	13
Milltown . . . . .	. River Falls . . . . .	14
Milton . . . . .	. Whitewater . . . . .	14
Milwaukee (Bay View) . . . . .	. Milwaukee . . . . .	10
Milwaukee (Riverside) . . . . .	. Milwaukee . . . . .	8
Mindoro . . . . .	. LaCrosse . . . . .	12
Mineral Point . . . . .	. Platteville . . . . .	14
Minocqua . . . . .	. Superior . . . . .	13
Minong . . . . .	. Superior . . . . .	9
Mishicot . . . . .	. Oshkosh . . . . .	5
Mondovi . . . . .	. Eau Claire . . . . .	13
Monros . . . . .	. Whitewater . . . . .	14
Montello . . . . .	. Stevens Point . . . . .	13
Monticello . . . . .	. Platteville . . . . .	9
Mosinee . . . . .	. Stevens Point . . . . .	14
Mountain . . . . .	. Oshkosh . . . . .	12
Mount Hope . . . . .	. Platteville . . . . .	5
Mount Horeb . . . . .	. Platteville . . . . .	13
Mukwonago (Norris Farm School) . . . . .	. Whitewater . . . . .	5
Muscoda . . . . .	. Platteville . . . . .	12
Necedah . . . . .	. LaCrosse . . . . .	12
Neenah . . . . .	. Oshkosh . . . . .	12
Neillsville . . . . .	. Eau Claire . . . . .	13
Nekoosa . . . . .	. Stevens Point . . . . .	14
Nelson . . . . .	. Eau Claire . . . . .	11
Neshkoro . . . . .	. Stevens Point . . . . .	9
New Auburn . . . . .	. Eau Claire . . . . .	14
New Diggings . . . . .	. Platteville . . . . .	10
New Glarus . . . . .	. Platteville . . . . .	14
New Holstein . . . . .	. Milwaukee . . . . .	14
New Lisbon . . . . .	. LaCrosse . . . . .	14
New London . . . . .	. Oshkosh . . . . .	13
New Richmond . . . . .	. River Falls . . . . .	14
Niagara . . . . .	. Oshkosh . . . . .	10
North Fond du Lac . . . . .	. Oshkosh . . . . .	14
Norwalk . . . . .	. LaCrosse . . . . .	13
Oakfield . . . . .	. Oshkosh . . . . .	11
Oconomowoc . . . . .	. Milwaukee . . . . .	9
Oconto . . . . .	. Oshkosh . . . . .	14
Oconto Falls . . . . .	. Oshkosh . . . . .	14
Onalaska . . . . .	. LaCrosse . . . . .	14
Ondossagon (P. O. Ashland, R. 3) . . . . .	. Superior . . . . .	14
Ontario . . . . .	. LaCrosse . . . . .	14
Oostburg . . . . .	. Milwaukee . . . . .	11
Oregon . . . . .	. Whitewater . . . . .	14

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Oxford . . . . .	Stevens Point . . . . .	14
Palmyra . . . . .	Whitewater . . . . .	10
Pardeeville . . . . .	Whitewater . . . . .	14
Park Falls . . . . .	Superior . . . . .	14
Patch Grove . . . . .	Platteville . . . . .	11
Pembine . . . . .	Oshkosh . . . . .	1
Pepin . . . . .	Eau Claire . . . . .	14
Peshtigo . . . . .	Oshkosh . . . . .	12
Pewaukee . . . . .	Milwaukee . . . . .	4
Phelps . . . . .	Superior . . . . .	7
Phillips . . . . .	Superior . . . . .	14
Pittsville . . . . .	Stevens Point . . . . .	14
Plainfield . . . . .	Stevens Point . . . . .	14
Platteville . . . . .	Platteville . . . . .	11
Plymouth . . . . .	Milwaukee . . . . .	14
Portage . . . . .	Whitewater . . . . .	13
Port Edwards . . . . .	Stevens Point . . . . .	8
Port Washington . . . . .	Milwaukee . . . . .	14
Potosi . . . . .	Platteville . . . . .	14
Poynette . . . . .	Whitewater . . . . .	12
Prairie du Chien . . . . .	Platteville . . . . .	14
Prairie du Sac . . . . .	Whitewater . . . . .	14
Prairie Farm . . . . .	River Falls . . . . .	1
Prentice . . . . .	Superior . . . . .	14
Prescott . . . . .	River Falls . . . . .	13
Princeton . . . . .	Oshkosh . . . . .	14
Pulaski . . . . .	Oshkosh . . . . .	10
Randolph . . . . .	Whitewater . . . . .	13
Random Lake . . . . .	Milwaukee . . . . .	14
Readstown . . . . .	Platteville . . . . .	7
Redgranite . . . . .	Stevens Point . . . . .	13
Reedsburg . . . . .	Whitewater . . . . .	14
Reeseville . . . . .	Whitewater . . . . .	14
Rhinelander . . . . .	Stevens Point . . . . .	12
Rib Lake . . . . .	Stevens Point . . . . .	14
Rice Lake . . . . .	Eau Claire . . . . .	14
Richland Center . . . . .	Platteville . . . . .	14
Rio . . . . .	Whitewater . . . . .	13
Ripon . . . . .	Oshkosh . . . . .	14
River Falls . . . . .	River Falls . . . . .	14
Roberts . . . . .	River Falls . . . . .	14
Rochester (Racine Co. Agric. School) . . . . .	Whitewater . . . . .	5
Rosendale . . . . .	Oshkosh . . . . .	12
Rosholt . . . . .	Stevens Point . . . . .	8
St. Croix Falls . . . . .	River Falls . . . . .	14
Sauk City . . . . .	Whitewater . . . . .	14
Scandinavia . . . . .	Stevens Point . . . . .	6
Seneca . . . . .	Platteville . . . . .	12
Sebastopol (Consolidated, R. 2, Sturgeon Bay) . . . . .	Oshkosh . . . . .	9
Sextonville . . . . .	Platteville . . . . .	8
Seymour . . . . .	Oshkosh . . . . .	14
Sharon . . . . .	Whitewater . . . . .	9
Shawano . . . . .	Oshkosh . . . . .	14
Sheboygan (Central) . . . . .	Milwaukee . . . . .	12
Sheboygan Falls . . . . .	Milwaukee . . . . .	14
Shell Lake . . . . .	Superior . . . . .	14
Shiocton . . . . .	Oshkosh . . . . .	13
Shullsburg . . . . .	Platteville . . . . .	14
Siren . . . . .	River Falls . . . . .	2
Slinger . . . . .	Oshkosh . . . . .	11
Soldiers Grove . . . . .	Platteville . . . . .	14

School	District	No. Years Registered
Somerset . . . . .	River Falls . . . . .	13
South Milwaukee . . . . .	Milwaukee . . . . .	13
Platteville . . . . .	Platteville . . . . .	5
South Wayne . . . . .	LaCrosse . . . . .	14
Sparta . . . . .	Stevens Point . . . . .	14
Spencer . . . . .	Superior . . . . .	14
Spooner . . . . .	Whitewater . . . . .	12
Spring Green . . . . .	Spring Valley . . . . .	14
Stanley . . . . .	Stanley . . . . .	14
Stevens Point . . . . .	Stevens Point . . . . .	14
Stoughton . . . . .	Whitewater . . . . .	10
Stratford . . . . .	Stevens Point . . . . .	2
Sullivan State Graded . . . . .	Whitewater . . . . .	14
Sun Prairie . . . . .	Whitewater . . . . .	14
Superior (Central) . . . . .	Superior . . . . .	13
Superior (East) . . . . .	Superior . . . . .	13
Suring . . . . .	Taylor . . . . .	13
Taylor . . . . .	Thorp . . . . .	14
Tigerton . . . . .	Tigerton . . . . .	14
Tomah . . . . .	Tomah . . . . .	14
Tomahawk . . . . .	Tomahawk . . . . .	14
Tony . . . . .	Tony . . . . .	8
Trempealeau . . . . .	Trempealeau . . . . .	14
Tripoli . . . . .	Turtle Lake . . . . .	9
Turtle Lake . . . . .	Two Rivers . . . . .	12
Union Grove . . . . .	Union Grove . . . . .	5
Unity . . . . .	Unity . . . . .	14
Valders . . . . .	Oshkosh . . . . .	13
Verona . . . . .	Valders . . . . .	14
Viola . . . . .	Verona . . . . .	14
Viroqua . . . . .	Whitewater . . . . .	14
Wabeno . . . . .	Platteville . . . . .	14
Waldo . . . . .	LaCrosse . . . . .	14
Walworth . . . . .	Oshkosh . . . . .	6
Washburn . . . . .	Whitewater . . . . .	14
Watertown . . . . .	Superior . . . . .	14
Waukesha . . . . .	Whitewater . . . . .	13
Waunakee . . . . .	Milwaukee . . . . .	12
Waupaca . . . . .	Whitewater . . . . .	14
Waupun . . . . .	Stevens Point . . . . .	14
Wausau . . . . .	Oshkosh . . . . .	14
Wausaukees . . . . .	Stevens Point . . . . .	14
Wautoma . . . . .	Milwaukee . . . . .	14
Wauwatosa (Senior) . . . . .	Whitewater . . . . .	14
Wauzeka . . . . .	Platteville . . . . .	5
Webster . . . . .	River Falls . . . . .	14
West Allis . . . . .	Milwaukee . . . . .	14
West Bend . . . . .	Milwaukee . . . . .	14
Westboro . . . . .	Stevens Point . . . . .	14
Westby . . . . .	LaCrosse . . . . .	14
West DePere . . . . .	Oshkosh . . . . .	14
Westfield . . . . .	Stevens Point . . . . .	14
West Lima . . . . .	Platteville . . . . .	8
West Milwaukee . . . . .	Milwaukee . . . . .	11
West Salem . . . . .	LaCrosse . . . . .	14
Weyauwega . . . . .	Stevens Point . . . . .	12
Weyerhauser . . . . .	Eau Claire . . . . .	3
Whitehall . . . . .	LaCrosse . . . . .	13
White Lake . . . . .	Oshkosh . . . . .	11
Whitewater . . . . .	Whitewater . . . . .	14
Whitewater. (College High School) . . . . .	Whitewater . . . . .	14
Wild Rose . . . . .	Stevens Point . . . . .	14

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lton . . . . .	LaCrosse . . . . .	14
nneconne . . . . .	Oshkosh. . . . .	9
nter . . . . .	Superior . . . . .	11
sconsin Dells. . . . .	LaCrosse . . . . .	5
sconsin Rapids . . . . .	Stevens Point. . . . .	14
thee . . . . .	Eau Claire . . . . .	10
ttenberg . . . . .	Stevens Point. . . . .	14
newoc. . . . .	LaCrosse . . . . .	13
odville. . . . .	River Falls. . . . .	13
ightstown. . . . .	Oshkosh. . . . .	13

MEMBERSHIP

NUMBER OF SCHOOLS		NUMBER OF SCHOOLS	
1925-26	286 schools	In 1932-33	363 schools
1926-27	304 schools	1933-34	379 schools
1927-28	312 schools	1934-35	394 schools
1928-29	338 schools	1935-36	390 schools
1929-30	358 schools	1936-37	384 schools
1930-31	375 schools	1937-38	388 schools
1931-32	382 schools	1938-39	395 schools

Again this year every county is represented in the membership. The number of schools affiliated has exceeded that of any previous year, although we have not yet reached the 400 goal. Will your county be the first to reach 100%? List of schools in any county not registered will be supplied on request. Would you not like to extend an invitation?

The message of Superintendent Callahan as well as the Joint Resolution of the Legislature in this issue express the increasing interest in and appreciation of the value of forensic activities in the preparation for a more complete living, especially in a representative government.

## NEWS ITEMS

Registration in Dramatics should be received not later than November 1. Some schools last year were unable to participate because the registration was received too late. Be sure to report your choice of play promptly since the same play cannot be used by more than one school in a district. Following is the tentative schedule:

November 17-Latest date for first round.

November 24-Latest date for second round.

December 8-Latest date for sectional contest. Arrangements for the sectional contests will be made by Principal Howard M. Lyon, Chippewa Falls-Northern Section; Principal Joseph F. Kraus, Stevens Point-Central Section; Superintendent Chas. A. Jahr, Elkhorn-Southern Section.

December 15-Latest date for state contest.

Debate and Other State Contests registration not later than December 15. Registration Card and Information Blank enclosed. Read carefully. Fill in the card and Information Blank and return them with check (payable to O. H. Plenzke, Treasurer) to the secretary.

Madison - November 17 and 18      Tomah - January

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News Letter. Two copies of each issue are mailed to each member school. One copy should be placed in a permanent file, kept either in the office of the principal or in the high school library. The other copy should be available to teachers. If the News Letters have not been so filed, a new cover and as many issues of the News Letter as are now available will be sent to any member school upon the receipt of 25¢. Information in the News Letters is essential to the coach.

Annual Meeting is scheduled for November 3, 4:15 p.m. in the South Red Room, Pfister Hotel, Milwaukee. All teachers of speech, principals, superintendents, and others interested in speech activities are urged to attend. Important reports will be submitted and constitutional amendments considered. Send to the Secretary, or to your District Chairman, any matters for consideration at the Board Meeting to be held Wednesday, November 1.

Proposed Constitutional Amendments. The following proposed amendments will come up for final action at the 1939 annual meeting:

1. Article VII, Rule 6, last sentence to be amended to read: He may bring printed references to use in the preparation of a four-minute speech on the topic chosen.

Passed at the 1938 annual meeting and approved by referendum vote  
For: 52; Against: 34.

2. Article VII, Rule 8. In the first sentence substitute ten for twelve as amended to read: It shall be the duty of the chairman to appoint official time keepers who shall stop the orators and declaimers at the end of ten minutes.

Passed at the 1938 annual meeting and approved by referendum vote --  
For: 75; Against: 11.

Amendments Suggested for Consideration. Appreciation has been expressed for greater participation in state contests made possible by the change to grading all contestants A, B, and C and admitting to participation in state contests all participants ranked "A" in the district contests. An interest has been expressed in extending participation in state debate to the three teams ranking highest from each section, thus providing state preliminaries during the day with the finals in the evening.

Are you interested in including Radio Broadcasting and Panel Discussion in the program of activities of the Association?

Come prepared to discuss these suggestions and any other developments in which you are especially interested.

Speech Section of W. E. A. Annual Meeting in Milwaukee, Friday, November 3, Pfister Hotel. An interesting program is in preparation. You are urged to attend the meeting. See Wisconsin Journal of Education for detailed program.

attend the meeting. See Wisconsin Journal of Education for detailed program. Debate Question selected this year has been the choice of several schools each year but because of the timeliness this year of Government Ownership and Operation of Railroads, it has been chosen by national vote. It is estimated that hundreds of thousands of high school students in forty states will study this question. Since organized adult groups will be especially interested, an unusual opportunity will be afforded to contribute to the development of an intelligent public opinion. Make your contacts early in order to be included in the regular schedule for speeches in the fall; panel discussion and debates later in the season. Let's plan 100% membership participation even though all schools do not debate in the regular schedule. As a member, if you debate, you are eligible to receive the Handbook, Supplement, and other material and information supplied by the Association to member schools.

Loan Package Libraries of reference material supplementing the local library facilities will be sent to those schools returning the Report Blank signed by the coach. Requests with such reports will be filed in order of receipt. The Department will not be able to secure a sufficient number of