

Participation Blank. Because of the misunderstanding in the interpretation of the blank submitted for a report on participation last year it was decided at the Board meeting to ask for two distinct reports—one for participation in the regular scheduled forensic activities (this, of course, would include the tournaments); and a second for participation in other special programs such as the Parent-Teacher Association, Civic Clubs, exchange programs with other schools, or classroom or assembly programs, that is, one list limited to participation in the regular scheduled programs of the Forensic Association and a second list of all of those who have participated in any special speech program. The Forensic Association Board is very anxious to know the number of students and the percentage of students that do not participate in any forensic program.

Summer Speech Conference at Madison. Fifteen schools have reported a definite interest in such a Speech Conference. It will be impossible to schedule that Conference between Commencement Day and the opening of the regular Summer Session this year. If you are interested in such a Conference at the close of the six weeks' Summer School, will you please notify the secretary very promptly, giving the number of students you think it might be possible for your school to send at an expense of not to exceed \$12.00 per registrant. It would be possible, of course, for nearby schools to attend with just a minimum registration fee. Dr. Bower Aly who has prepared the official Debate Handbook for several years will be in the University Summer School and it is possible that arrangements might be made with him to conduct special classes in debate technique with special reference to the debate question for next year. If at least ten students are interested in any other phase of speech work, an effort would be made to arrange for such classes also.

Dramatic and Speech Institute, June 26-July 8, inclusive, under the auspices of the Bureau of Dramatic Activities, University Extension Division. The purpose of this Institute is to offer training in community and school leadership in the art of play production and all of the other arts that are closely bound up with it. High school students are also eligible. The headquarters will be Rooms 415 and 417, Chemistry Building, 1100 Block University Avenue. For further information, write to Miss Ethel Rockwell, Chief, Bureau of Dramatic Activities, University Extension Division, Madison.

Radio in the Schools. Because of the interest in the development of the radio activity in our schools, you are urged to cooperate in every possible way with Principal Joseph F. Kraus of Stevens Point in the collection of information on any experience in a high school.

"The Radio, An Instructional Aid" by Walter E. Hess in the Civic Leader for April 3, 1939, and "Selecting Radio Programs for Classroom Use," also by Walter E. Hess, in the Civic Leader for April 17, 1939, published by the Civic Education Service, 744 Jackson Place, Washington, D.C., are of special interest at this time because a committee appointed at the last annual meeting is investigating radio broadcasting in our high schools. If you do not have access to these articles, the department will be very happy to lend copies to you for a two week period.

Honor to Former Wisconsin High School Forensic Participants. Among the students who have been especially honored at the University the past year in the field of forensics are Gordon Dupee of Oconomowoc, Ray Ender of Eau Claire, Tom Godfrey of Elkhorn, Aimee Jo Kaumheimer of Two Rivers, and Robert Lampman of Stevens Point. We shall look forward to participation next year by the high school forensic students of this year.

THE BOARD WISHES TO EXPRESS APPRECIATION FOR THE COURTEOUS COOPERATION AND CONSTRUCTIVE CRITICISM OF THOSE WHO ARE WORKING SO FAITHFULLY IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE SPEECH ACTIVITIES IN OUR HIGH SCHOOLS. THE BOARD ALSO INVITES AND URGES SUGGESTIONS ON THE POSSIBILITY OF THE DEVELOPMENT OF RADIO PROGRAM ACTIVITY AND PANEL DISCUSSION ACTIVITY. ARE YOU INTERESTED IN A STUDENT CONGRESS DEMONSTRATING CONGRESSIONAL PROCEDURE?

WISCONSIN HIGH SCHOOL FORENSIC ASSOCIATION NEWS LETTER

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STATE CONTESTS, MAY 8-9

All interested are cordially invited and urged to attend the state programs at Madison. It has been necessary to tentatively plan for two days. Under the new ruling all students graded A are privileged to participate in the state contests. If there are more than ten entrants for any one contest, two programs will be arranged; hence the time involved will depend upon the number of entrants. All district contests should have been completed by April 22, and thus afford time for the planning of the state program. The Legislature is still in session, affording an unusual opportunity for students to visit the Legislature. A program of those ranking A in the state contests will be broadcast over Station WHA.

It is hoped that all will plan to remain for the breakfast conference. The coaches as well as the participants feel that these conferences are especially worth while. It is aimed to make them both interesting and helpful.

A full letter of information will be sent to each school entering the state program, and to others upon request, at the earliest possible date after the district reports are received.

REGISTRATION

The registration this year—394—has reached the registration of any previous year, exceeding last year's by six, although it has not reached our 400 goal.

MESSAGE FROM ROBERT DES JARLAIS, PRESIDENT OF THE FORENSIC BOARD, TO PARTICIPANTS IN THE STATE HIGH SCHOOL FORENSIC CONTESTS.

Once again you are approaching the termination of a year's forensic activities. To those of you who have been victorious, we extend congratulations. We anticipate your presence here in Madison for the final contests.

To all who participated, we congratulate you on your efforts and enthusiastic attitude. We urge you, in the light of the benefits to be derived from forensic activities, to keep up the good work, constantly seeking to improve.

Those of you who will attend the University (and we hope you will be many in number) will be interested to know that it offers a complete program in forensics, including dramatics, oratory, extemporaneous speaking, reading, debate, radio, and speech activities.

May the best of luck be with you in your future forensic events.

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F. F. A. PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTESTS

Following are the results of the district contests which were held in preparation for the sectional and state contests:

District	F.F.A. Chapter	Winning Contestant	Subject
1	Osceola	Lloyd Johnson	Farm Management—A Way Out
2	Amery	Lester Swanson	Cooperation Through Education
3	Baldwin	Glen Snoyenbos	Reciprocal Trade
4	Cumberland	Tom O'Brien	A Challenge to Conserve
5	Tony	Donald Lamoureux	Forces Building Farm Life
6	Dunn Co. Agr.	Fred Damguard	Soil Conservation or Soil Erosion
7	Stanley	Arnie Molling	The Rural Problem
8	Loyal	Bernard Clouse	Save the Farmer
9	Wood Co. Sch. of Agr.	Garit Tenpas	Soil—The Nation's Problem
10	Mondovi	Walter Wright	Future Farmers and Cooperation
11	Galesville	Willard Beirne	Education of Farm Youth
12		(Report not yet received)	
13	Hillsboro	Leslie Haugh	Do We Want to be Farmers?
14	Baraboo	Robert Mattke	The Industrial Utilization of Farm Crops
15	Lancaster	Albert Cummer	Reciprocal Trade Agreements and How They Affect the Farmer
16	Mineral Point	Donald Teasdale	Rural Electrification
17	Pulaski	Robert Lutsey	How Cooperation Benefits the Farmer
18	Luxemburg	Donald Weinfurter	Agricultural Prosperity and the Tariff
19	Plymouth	Wilburt Behrens	Soil and Men
20	Waupaca	Lavern Larson	Our Last Pioneer Front
21	Oregon	Cletus Byrne	Do We Want to be Farmers?
22	Racine Co. Agr. Sch.	Sidney Nichols	We Have a Job to Do
23	Randolph	William Pritchard	The Relation of the Dairy Herd Improvement Association to Dairy Herd Production
24	Princeton	John Wyse	If Mankind Be Willing

The sectional contests under the direction of the state vice presidents must be held before May 1.

The state contest will be held at the College of Agriculture, Madison, at 4:00 P. M. on May 8 and will be broadcast over the state stations WHA and WLBL.

STATE DEBATE AND DRAMATIC CONTESTS

Debate. Eau Claire, Shawano, and Kenosha, participating in the state debate this year, had in previous years been scheduled for state debates. Each school this year won one debate. For the first time in the history of the organization, two schools were tied in percentages for first place; hence Eau Claire and Kenosha were each awarded a trophy cup and the debaters the gold medals. Shawano was ranked second and the debaters were awarded the silver medals. The following schools participating in the sectional contests are given honorable mention.

Northern Section—Frederic and River Falls.

Central Section—Wisconsin Rapids and Wausau.

Southern Section—Portage and West Bend.

Dramatics. The state dramatic contest was scheduled at Stevens Point this year. Muscoda, participating in the state dramatic contest this year, was previously scheduled in a state contest. Muscoda was awarded first place, Colby second place, and Eau Claire third place. The secretary has not received a report on the schools that participated in the sectional contests but an effort will be made to secure this information for the September News Letter.

Many member schools do not participate in the regular schedule because of the expense involved and the difficulty of traveling. From the reports received by the secretary the following schools participated in the regular schedule this year:

DEBATE

EAU CLAIRE DISTRICT: Augusta, Barron, Bloomer, Chetek, Chippewa Falls, Colfax, Cornell, Durand, Eau Claire, Ladysmith, Menomonie, Mondovi, Neillsville, Rice Lake.

LA CROSSE DISTRICT: Arcadia, Sparta, Tomah, Viroqua.

MILWAUKEE DISTRICT: Beaver Dam, Columbus, Horicon, Kenosha (Senior), Mayville, Milwaukee (Washington), Oconomowoc, Port Washington, Waukesha, Wauwatosa, West Allis, West Bend.

OSHKOSH DISTRICT: Berlin, Clintonville, De Pere, Kaukauna, Kewaunee, Kimberly, Luxemburg, Marinette, Menasha, Neenah, New London, Oconto, Oconto Falls, Ripon, Shawano, Two Rivers, Waupun.

PLATTEVILLE DISTRICT: Darlington, Dodgeville, Fennimore, Livingston, Mineral Point, Platteville, Richland Center.

RIVER FALLS DISTRICT: Amery, Baldwin, Boyceville, Frederic, Hudson, New Richmond, River Falls, St. Croix Falls.

STEVENS POINT DISTRICT: Adams-Friendship, Antigo, Colby, Granton, Greenwood, Loyal, Manawa, Marion, Marshfield, Medford, Merrill, Mosinee, Nekoosa, Plainfield, Port Edwards, Red Granite, Rhinelander, Scandinavia, Spencer, Stevens Point, Tigerton, Tomahawk, Waupaca, Wausau, Wisconsin Rapids, Wittenberg.

SUPERIOR DISTRICT: Hayward, Spooner, Superior (Central), Superior (East), Washburn.

WHITEWATER DISTRICT: Baraboo, Beloit, Brodhead, Cambria, Cambridge, Deerfield, Delavan, Edgerton, Elkhorn, Fort Atkinson, Johnson Creek, Lodi, Madison (East), Madison (Wisconsin High), Marshall, Monroe, Oregon, Portage, Poynette, Randolph, Reedsburg, Stoughton, Verona, Watertown, Wisconsin Dells.

DRAMATICS

EAU CLAIRE DISTRICT: Bloomer, Eau Claire, Osseo.

LA CROSSE DISTRICT: Bangor, Cashton, Galesville, Onalaska, Tomah, West Salem.

MILWAUKEE DISTRICT: Columbus, Horicon, Oconomowoc, Pewaukee.

OSHKOSH DISTRICT: Kimberly, Oconto, Oconto Falls, Shawano, Two Rivers.

PLATTEVILLE DISTRICT: Blanchardville, Cuba City, Ithaca, Lime Ridge, Muscoda.

RIVER FALLS DISTRICT: Glenwood City, St. Croix Falls.

STEVENS POINT DISTRICT: Colby, Gresham, Marion, Mattoon, Scandinavia.

WHITEWATER DISTRICT: Delavan, Lake Geneva, Milton.

ATTENDANCE AT STATE CONTESTS AND CONFERENCES

It is regretted that more students and coaches have not found it possible to plan to attend the state contests and remain for the breakfast conferences. All who have been afforded that privilege have reported that the experience has been very much worth while. It is suggested that in the early fall a special committee be appointed from the student body, with an advisory member from the faculty, to plan during the year the ways and means for attendance by a good representation from the school at the various state programs. The following reports on attendance this year should prove an incentive for greater effort next year:

DEBATE

From H. W. Mathison, Eau Claire:

Why Go to Madison?

"I learned more civics today here in Madison than I did all last year in my Civics class." That was the remark made by one of our sophomores during the trip to Madison during the state debate finals.

At Eau Claire, whenever we get the opportunity, we like to load the school bus with youngsters for the trip to Madison. We have done this for

the past seven or eight years and find that it pays good dividends. When it is possible to combine the educational advantages that Madison affords its visitors with the inspiration that comes from attendance upon the state finals in forensic contests we believe we have an ideal set-up. Try it and you will agree that you have an educational enterprise that tends to inspire the students to greater achievements.

From John D. Davies, Kenosha:

From the moment we arrived in Madison, until we left the following morning, our visit was perfect.

The contest was well planned, the competition keen, and hospitality above reproach.

The one thing that impressed me most was the fine sportsmanship shown by students and coaches alike.

The breakfast was not only instructive for the debaters, but entertaining as well.

From Donald Olson, Shawano:

For the second year in a row we came, saw, and were conquered; but in spite of our defeat, we thoroughly enjoyed the state championship debates. The state finals is the incentive for every school in the state to do better work in every activity. Athletes, musicians, forensic students are all interested in participating in the state finals. In some respects that incentive in debate could be increased by allowing more than one school to enter from each section and by having more than one round of debates. In Shawano the state championship debate has proved a real incentive to our speech program.

DRAMATICS

From Deloras Flynn, Colby:

Here are some statements by my students:

"The state contest meant a good time to me and a chance to accomplish something worth while for the school."

"To me, taking part in the state dramatic contest meant that we as a group were capable of successful cooperation. Not as an individual, but as a member of that group, it has given me great satisfaction. I'm sure that the experience and the chance to meet other young people with similar ideas will prove most valuable."

From M. Elizabeth McCoy, Muscoda:

First among the joys of attending the state contest was that of being able to in a measure perfect a charming play like "The Feast of the Holy Innocents." The cast and I never grew tired of living with those two lovable maiden ladies, Cornelia and Electra Milk. The humor of the play was so subtle and refreshing that we always delighted in it.

Professor Jenkins of the Stevens Point State Teachers College who judged the state contest insisted that acting must not be done for benefit but for the natural love of dramatization. Perhaps he'll forgive us if we mention the second delight as being real benefit received. Through participation in a series of play contests, a dramatic group receives benefit of expert criticism from judges. Then comes gradual perfection of the play through this constructive criticism. The young actors and actresses not only compete with other groups but against their own past records, surpassing not only another play but their own past record.

May we mention, too, among the highlights of the season, the forensic breakfast following the state contest. The good fellowship and mutual appreciation of like interests were an enjoyable part of the season.

Best wishes to all Wisconsin high school dramatic units.

COMMUNICATION ON RADIO BROADCASTING

By action of the Board, Principal Joseph F. Kraus, Chairman of the Stevens Point District, was asked to prepare a communication for the News Letter. The following is submitted and you are urged to read carefully and to cooperate to the fullest possible degree:

Dear Fellow Principals and Coaches of the Various Forensic Events:

The February issue of the News Letter invited correspondence on the question of radio as a possibility for further consideration as a forensic event. The Forensic Board is ready and willing to sponsor any speech event that

would give more students an opportunity to participate in forensics. Any new experiments in any forensic event are watched with considerable interest. Radio, even though a permanent fixture in this complex civilization, is comparatively new in the school. Many people feel that the schools should attempt to give training in announcing, in panel discussions, and in dramatics over the radio. It is with this in mind that I write this brief article.

It appears that a number of things could be listed as possible for contests: first, a prepared speech to be delivered over a microphone; second, a dramatization or a radio skit; third, a panel discussion. The difficulty that might be encountered would be the few schools that now have the facilities to participate in radio work. Radio stations are located in a number of centers, however. From information gathered, reports have come only from Milwaukee, Madison, Ashland, Superior, Green Bay, Beaver Dam, and Stevens Point. Of course many other schools have done some interesting work in the field and would be able to contribute much valuable information.

I should like this opportunity to request again that any or all schools having done any work with radio or with radio reception take a few minutes of their crowded time and write their opinions and suggestions. From these data an effort will be made to assemble some constructive suggestions to be taken to the Board for consideration at its next annual meeting. The report would then be given at the meeting of the Forensic Association. May I have your comments immediately?

Yours very truly,

JOSEPH F. KRAUS, CHAIRMAN
STEVENS POINT DISTRICT

ON TO THE CAPITAL CITY FOR THE FORENSIC PROGRAMS MAY 8-9

(See page 1 for further information)

Reduced Rates for Round Trip Railroad Tickets. Reduced rate coach round trip railroad tickets are available. Consult your local ticket agent for the price of round trip fares.

Lodging Rates. Belmont Hotel: \$1.00 per person two to a room, double bed, without bath but with running water and private toilet; \$1.25 per person two to a room, double bed, with bath; \$1.75 per person two to a room, twin beds, with bath. Park Hotel: \$1.00 per person two to a room, double bed, without bath; \$2.00 per person two to a room, twin beds, with bath. Y.M.C.A.: A very limited number of accommodations might be available from the Y.M.C.A. at 75c or \$1.00 per night. Early reservation is suggested. Write to Loran B. Cockrell, Y.M.C.A., 207 West Washington Avenue, Madison.

NEWS ITEMS

Speech Institutes. A Speech Institute will be scheduled at Ladysmith in October, at Madison at the time of the Intercollegiate Debate, and at Tomah in January. No formal application has been received from the Northeast. The Board is ready to cooperate whenever the schools in this region request such an Institute.

Debate Question for 1939-40. The ballot on the selection of the debate question for next year has resulted in the choice of "Resolved: That the Federal Government Should Own and Operate the Railroads." This is especially timely and it is hoped that debaters will begin during the summer to read and plan the debates for next year. Bower Aly has again been selected to prepare the Debate Handbook and Supplement. During the summer the Department of Debating and Public Discussion will make a special effort to supply material to students interested upon the receipt of a report on material available through the local public libraries. To communities with no public library facilities, a general package library will be sent as promptly as possible upon request.

Certificates of Merit. There is still some misunderstanding in regard to the Certificates of Merit. Only those students who participate in inter-school programs scheduled by the Wisconsin High School Forensic Association are eligible to receive Certificates of Merit. It is the general custom to make these awards at special assemblies or community events at the same time that other awards for scholastics, athletics, and music are made.