

Passed at 1937 annual meeting and approved by referendum vote—  
For: 92; Against: 17.

**Topics for Extemporaneous Speaking, Article VII, 6.** First sentence as revised to read: The Board of Control shall name each year at its annual meeting the periodicals from which the topics for extemporaneous speaking shall be selected for the current year.

Passed at 1937 annual meeting and approved by referendum vote—  
For: 110; Against: 9.

**Grading of Contestants, Article VII, 3.** Third sentence as revised to read: All markings in league contests shall be on the scale of one hundred. Add the following to paragraph 3: In district and state contests the judge or judges shall grade speakers A, B, or C according to merit, possibly having several of the same grade or having none of some grade. All those graded A in the district shall go to the state contest. If several judges are used, the median of their ratings shall be the final grade.

Approved by referendum vote—For: 83; Against: 10.

(For present rules consult the Constitution in the September, 1937, News Letter, pp. 13 and 14.)

**Classified List of Publications on Various Phases of Speech, Recommended by the Faculty of the Department of Speech of the University,** has been revised and will be sent upon request to any member school. Copies are available to individuals and non-member schools at ten cents each.

**Central States Speech Association Meeting, April 14 and 15, 1939, at Minneapolis.** Those who have been able to attend previous meetings of the Central States Speech Association have found the programs especially helpful. All teachers in this region are urged to attend. Annual dues—\$1.25, including all conference fees—should be mailed to Loren D. Reid, Executive Secretary, University of Missouri, Columbia, Mo.

**Outline for a Course of Study in Argumentation, Discussion and Debate.** Through the courtesy of Harold A. Dressel, Chairman of the Committee, a Suggestive Outline for a Course of Study in Argumentation, Discussion and Debate, prepared by the Michigan Association of Teachers of Speech, will be sent on request to any member school as long as the supply lasts. Any information in this course of study, of course, should not supplant or supersede any plan particularly recommended by the Department of Public Instruction.

**Contests with Non-member Schools.** Attention is called to the rule in the Constitution, Article VII, Rule 10, "All member schools shall confine their contests to members of the Association."

**Suggestive Procedure for Dramatic Contests.** Through the cooperation of the State Teachers College at Stevens Point, a detailed plan has been worked out. A copy is enclosed with this News Letter. The Association appreciates this cooperation and is submitting the suggestive plan for your consideration. The Association will appreciate any criticisms.

# WISCONSIN HIGH SCHOOL FORENSIC ASSOCIATION NEWS LETTER

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

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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 United States should establish an alliance with Great Britain.**

## MESSAGE FROM E. J. MCKEAN, Chairman of State Forensic Association.

That the program of our Association must meet the needs of our high schools is the challenge that confronts the members of the Association and those charged with the administration of its affairs. To accomplish this, the program of activities must be stable enough to lend strength to the organization and flexible enough to meet the changing needs of our high schools. Therefore, during the past year the Board of Control has evaluated carefully the work of the association—with the purpose in mind of recommending and initiating needed changes in policies and activities. To bring to effect wisely these important revisions in our constitution requires state-wide consideration. In this connection, by changing and moving forward the dates for the dramatic contests, it has been possible to avoid somewhat the heavy forensic program in January and February for those schools participating in the entire program of the Association. Also, it appears that the new set-up in debate and the new methods of judging contests will meet more nearly the needs and desires of our member schools.

Wider participation in the present activities of the Association is desirable. A larger number of students in all participating high schools should take up forensic work. Every high school in the state should stress forensic work, because no other activity develops personality faster. Certainly a broader program of activities will be needed in the near future. Now is the time to consider the feasibility of adding panel discussions of vital public questions, to organize work in original oratory, and to think about other work that should be considered.

The work of the speech institutes has proved a valuable contribution to forensic work in Wisconsin. For that reason the institutes should be more widely publicized and attended.

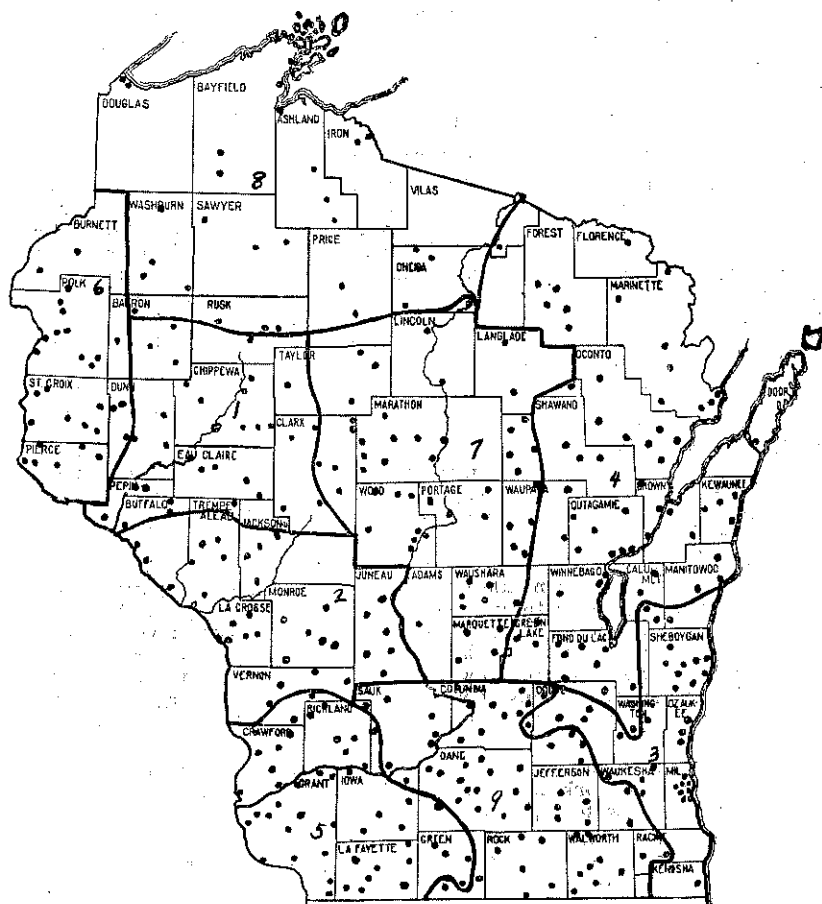
Because the Board of Control and the Secretary are devoting time and effort to the work of the Association, the growing interest in forensic work in Wisconsin high schools is deeply appreciated.

## 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, 1937-38.



## For General Forensic Contests:

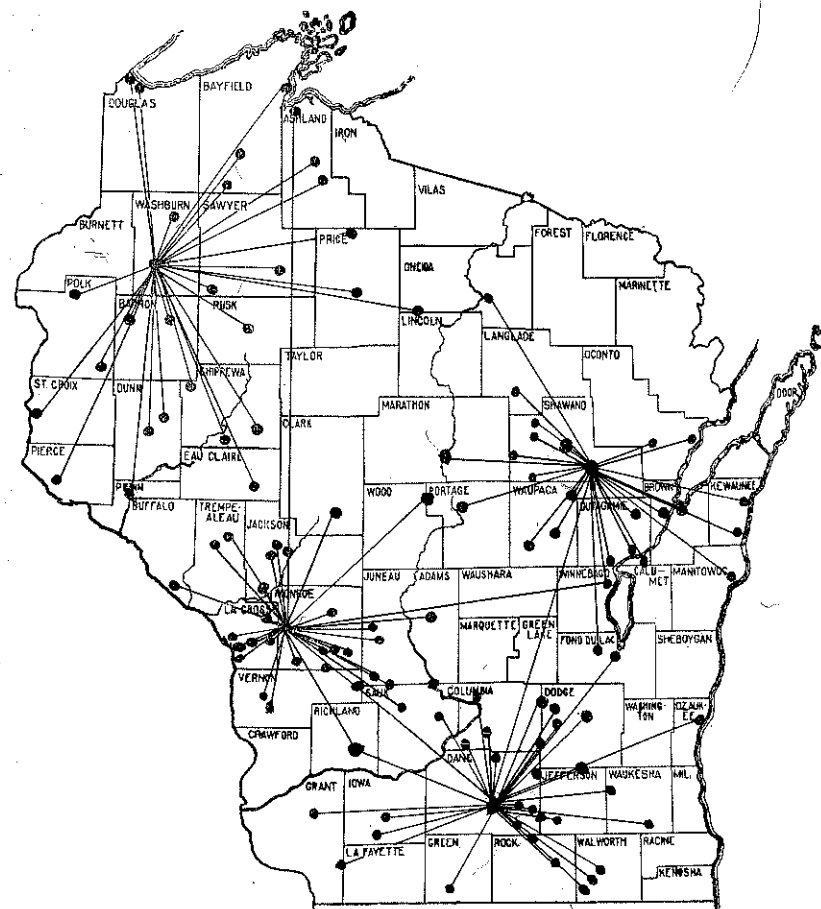
1. Eau Claire District.
2. La Crosse District.
3. Milwaukee District.
4. Oshkosh District.
5. Platteville District.
6. River Falls District.
7. Stevens Point District.
8. Superior District.
9. Whitewater District.

## For Debating and Dramatics:

- Northern Section:  
Districts 1, 6, 8.
- Central Section:  
Districts 2, 4, 7.
- Southern Section:  
Districts 3, 5, 9.

## SPEECH INSTITUTES—1937

Attendance approximately 1508 from 127 schools.



The Speech Institutes have been very much appreciated by the students and coaches who have been able to attend. Although a special effort was made to locate the Institutes for 1938-39, only two are definitely scheduled—Barron, October 29 and Madison, November 18 and 19. As soon as twenty votes are received for a school in the North Central or Northeast Sections and in the Southwest Section, the place will be announced. Wausau leads in the North Central Section. If you are interested in an Institute at Wausau, will you let the secretary know immediately? Sparta is again leading in that section of the state. Will you help bring the vote up to twenty in order that an Institute may be scheduled as early as possible? The following dates are open: November 11 and 12; December 2 and 3; December 9 and 10.

## STATE DEBATE—1938

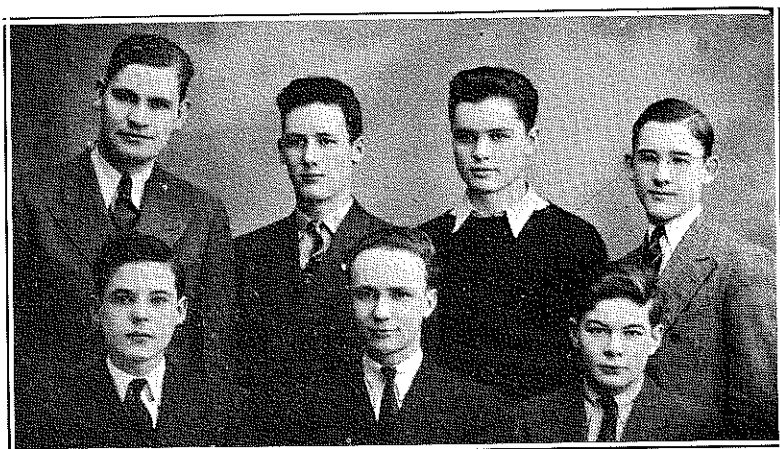
State Capitol, March 1, 8:00 p.m.

**RESOLVED:** That the several states should adopt a unicameral system of legislation.

**Presiding:** Assembly Chamber—E. J. McKean, Chairman, W.H.S.F.A.  
Hearing Room—Curtis Merriman, Registrar, University of Wisconsin.  
Senate Chamber—Victor E. Kimball, Department of Public Instruction.

**Judges:** Professors A. T. Weaver, Gladys L. Borchers, and H. L. Ewbank, Department of Speech, University of Wisconsin.

## SOUTHERN SECTION—WAUKESHA—STATE CHAMPIONS



Left to right—(First Row Bottom): Donald Hoag, Roy Marx, Copeland Greene. (Second Row): Roy C. Nelson (Coach), William Wright, Francis Garity, Fred Miller. Mooers Potts and Mary Morrison (alternates) not shown in photograph.

## NORTHERN SECTION—CHIPPEWA FALLS—SECOND PLACE

<b>Affirmative:</b>	<b>Negative:</b>
John Dahl	James McClellan
William Ritzinger	William Trueblood
Gene Sullivan	Evelyn Rundberg
<b>Alternate:</b> Clayton Schwelan	<b>Alternate:</b> Joe Walters
<b>Coach:</b> Grace Walsh	

## CENTRAL SECTION—SHAWANO—THIRD PLACE

<b>Affirmative:</b>	<b>Negative:</b>
Loren Hotz	Ruth Adams
Walter Eberlein	Edward Sommers
Harvey Redman	Douglas Milsap
<b>Alternate:</b> Donald Rosenberg	<b>Alternate:</b> Robert Marotz
<b>Coach:</b> Donald Olson	

## STATE DRAMATIC CONTEST—1937

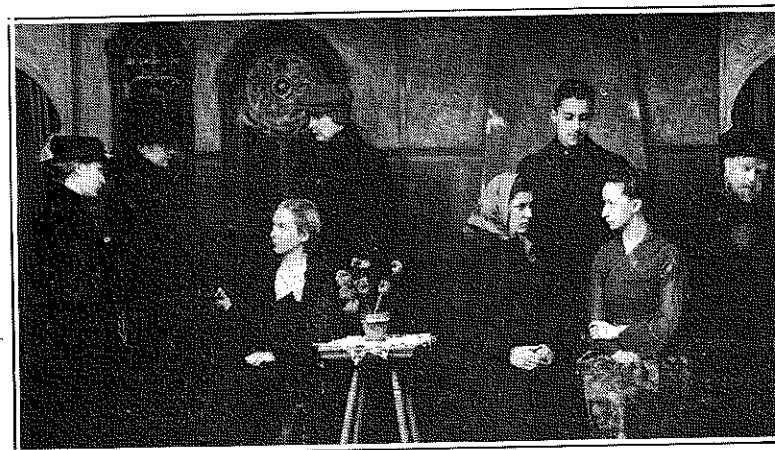
East High School Auditorium, Madison, December 15, 8:00 p.m.

**Presiding:** Principal Foster S. Randle.

**Judges:** Gerald A. Bartell, Director of Dramatics, Radio Station WHA,  
Ruth Dieckhoff, Central High School, Madison, and Professor  
Joseph Smith, University of Wisconsin.

## OCONTO FALLS—CENTRAL SECTION—FIRST PLACE

"No One Can Say" by Warren Beck



Left to Right: Elizabeth Rusch, Mercedes Bast, Mary Alice Siegler, Harold Smith, June Sankey, Joe Porter, Mavis Riemer, and Robert Wright.

## CAST OF CHARACTERS:

Minnie West	Mary Alice Siegler
Herchel West	Harold Smith
Rosette Boole	Mavis Riemer
Carrie	Mercedes Bast
Adelaid	Elizabeth Rusch
Grandpa Hodge	Robert Wright
Mrs. Meyer	June Sankey
Mr. Meyer	Joe Porter
Stage Hands	Anita Angus and Byron Kain

Director: Margaret Hecht

## MUSCODA—SOUTHERN SECTION—SECOND PLACE

"Barred" by Calista Clark

## CAST OF CHARACTERS:

Allen	Martin Harms
Mrs. Timby	Mary Anne Schneider
Mary	Mary Jane Hanrahan
Lena	Dorothy Schneider
Miss Jamieson	Marcelite Lemke
Mr. Hughes	Douglas Duffey
Mr. Tola	Joe Bock
Grandmother	Elizabeth Huppler
Stage Hands	Henry Millard and Marjorie Kolman

Director: Mary Elizabeth McCoy

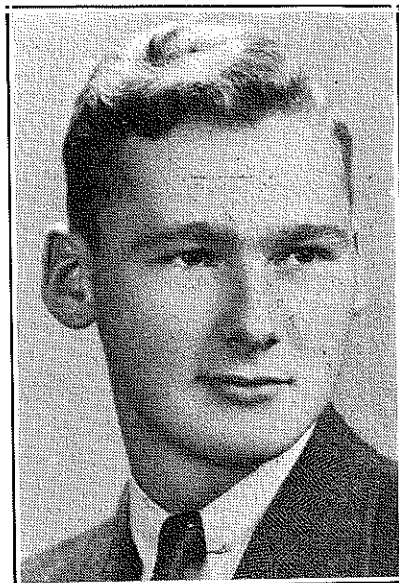
## STATE CHAMPIONS—1938

## Humorous Declaration

## Non-Humorous Declaration



BARBARA ANDERSON  
Madison (Wisconsin High School)  
Whitewater District



EDWIN ARMSTRONG  
Wauwatosa, Milwaukee District

## STATE CONTESTS—1938

Humorous Declaration—April 29, 8:00 p.m., Agricultural Hall Auditorium

Contestant	Section	High School	District
Madelyn Lee	Brotherly Love	Scandinavia	Stevens Point
Mavis Martin	An Adventure in Art	Cadott	Eau Claire
Dean Gordon	The Fall of George Bassett	River Falls	River Falls
Peggy Gustad	At the County Fair	Sparta	La Crosse
Eugene Behling	The Knave of Hearts	Oconto Falls	Oshkosh
Barbara Anderson	The Morning Glory	Madison	
		(Wis. H. S.)	Whitewater
Harold Henry	It's a Man's World	Bloomington	Platteville
Betty Marbes	Junior's First Date	Milwaukee	
		(Washington)	Milwaukee
Celia Cotone	The Cat Came Back	Cumberland	Superior

JUDGE: Albert O. Mitchell, Department of Speech, University of Utah.

Non-Humorous Declaration—April 29, 1:00 p.m., Agricultural Hall Auditorium

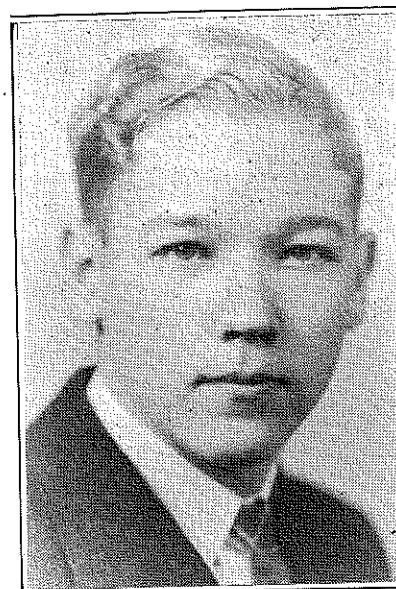
Contestant	Selection	High School	District
Edythe Peterson	The Congo	Waupaca	Stevens Point
Betty Webster	River of Stars	Rice Lake	Eau Claire
Marjorie Gorman	Desiree's Baby	No. Fond du Lac	Oshkosh
Forest Chapman	The Button	Tomah	La Crosse
Avis Chitwood	White Lilacs	Blue River	Platteville
Edwin Armstrong	Winterset	Wauwatosa	Milwaukee
Emma Maurina	The Coward	Hurley	Superior
Mary Glocke	To Die with a Smile	Watertown	Whitewater
James Grunke	The Button	Clear Lake	River Falls

JUDGE: Gladys Borchers, Department of Speech, University of Wisconsin

## STATE CHAMPIONS—1938

## ORATION

## EXTEMPORANEOUS READING

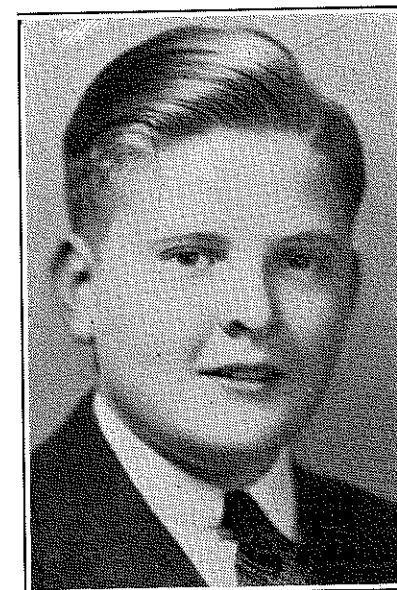


ROBERT LAMPMAN  
Stevens Point, Stevens Point District



MARION DELONG  
Chippewa Falls, Eau Claire District

## EXTEMPORANEOUS SPEAKING



TOM GODFREY  
Elkhorn, Whitewater District

## STATE CONTESTS—1938

## Extemporaneous Reading—April 29, 10:30 a.m., Agricultural Hall Auditorium

Contestant	Selection	High School	District
Tim Harrington	Marie Curie (Cutting No. 10)	Madison (Wis. H. S.)	Whitewater
Constance Pfrang	Marie Curie (Cutting No. 12)	Neenah	Oshkosh
Virginia Schmitt	Marie Curie (Cutting No. 17)	Wauwatosa	Milwaukee
Marion DeLong	Marie Curie (Cutting No. 4)	Chippewa Falls	Eau Claire
Jean Egeland	Marie Curie (Cutting No. 20)	Onalaska	La Crosse
Nancy Lou Merritt	Marie Curie (Cutting No. 7)	Platteville	Platteville
Ava Marie Proper	Marie Curie (Cutting No. 19)	Clear Lake	River Falls
Paul Ohlson	Marie Curie (Cutting No. 21)	Cumberland	Superior
Arthur Wormet	Marie Curie (Cutting No. 1)	Adams-Friendship	Stevens Point

JUDGE: Margaret McCarthy, Brooklyn College.

## Oration—April 29, 8:30 a.m., Agricultural Hall Auditorium

Contestant	Selection	High School	District
Charles Vieth	How Much Land Does a Man Need	Milwaukee (Washington)	Milwaukee
Ioren Hotz	Why Blame Youth	Shawano	Oshkosh
Albert Zahradka	Relief for the Farmer	Osceola	River Falls
Frederick Riddell	What Price War	Superior (Central)	Superior
Harold Gluth	The Aristocracy of the Unfit	Reedsburg	Whitewater
John Marion Frase	National Apostasy	Muscoda	Platteville
Robert Lampman	An Editorial	Stevens Point	Stevens Point
Robert Roessler	The Mercury Falsters	Neillsville	Eau Claire
Robert Lindrud	The Convict	Alma	La Crosse

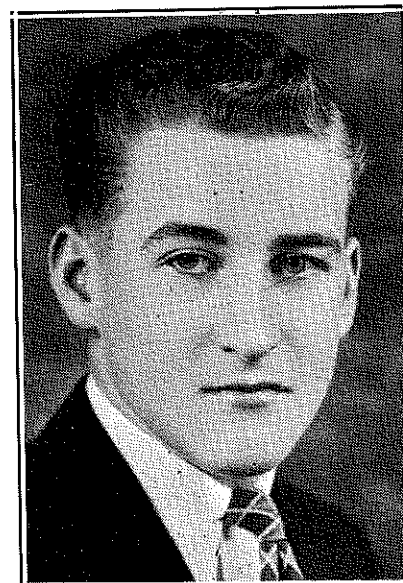
JUDGE: A. T. Weaver, Department of Speech, University of Wisconsin.

## Extemporaneous Speaking—April 29, 3:00 p.m., Agricultural Hall Auditorium

Contestant	Selection	High School	District
Michael Thome	Crisis of the American Railways	Hammond	River Falls
Robert Mueller	Mexican Govt. and American Oil Interests	Tomah	La Crosse
Irene Raawe	Japan's Invasion of China in the Spring of 1938	Rice Lake	Eau Claire
Charles Smith	Annexation of Austria to Germany	Superior (Central)	Superior
Walter Eberlein	Future of the Philippines	Shawano	Oshkosh
James Gill	The Farm Crop Control	Wisconsin Rapids	Stevens Point
Tom Godfrey	Czechoslovakia and Germany	Elkhorn	Whitewater
Allan Sandburg	Spanish Situation in the Spring of 1938	Kenosha	Milwaukee
Mary Davis	Naval Program in the U.S. in the Spring of 1938	Fennimore	Platteville

JUDGE: P. Emerson Lull, Department of Speech, Purdue University.

## FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA



ALBERT ZAHRADKA—OSCEOLA CHAPTER

Contestant	Selection	F.F.A. Chapter Section
Albert Zahradka	Relief for the Farmer	Osceola I
John Pfaff	Conservation, a Private Obligation	Mauston II
Ivan Kindschi	Rural Education	Prairie du Sac III
Ben Shefchik	Trade Agreements and the Farmer	Luxemburg IV
David Schuster	What is the Farmer's Standard of Living?	Oregon V

JUDGES: A. W. Hopkins, Editor for the College of Agriculture; E. R. McIntyre, Editor of the Wisconsin Agriculturist and Farmer; and Milo Swanton, Executive Secretary of the Wisconsin Council of Agriculture.

Training in public speaking for farm boys is constantly increasing in importance. The public speaking contest of Future Farmers of America is designed to give the participants the best possible training in the discussion of farm problems. Each contestant writes his own speech which is limited to ten minutes and deals with some agricultural subject. For five minutes after his speech the contestant is asked questions by the judges which procedure requires a thorough knowledge of his subject.

The state this year was divided into 24 districts for the purpose of this contest and 77 F.F.A. Chapters took part in the district contests. The winners in these districts then participated in five sectional contests held under the direction of the five state vice presidents of F.F.A. The winners in the 5 sections then took part in the final state contest.

Albert Zahradka graduated in June from the vocational agricultural department of Osceola High School. He ranked 2nd in scholarship among 25 boys in his class and has received a scholarship from the River Falls State Teachers College. He has been active in forensic work and also in livestock judging, football, basketball, and band.

Since winning the State Contest, Albert represented the state in the Regional F.F.A. public speaking contest held at Ames, Iowa, on August 8 where he competed with representatives from the other eleven north central states. He received a total score of 229 as compared to 239 for the winner. The Regional Contest was won by Arthur M. Olsen of Austin, Minnesota, speaking on "Soil Conservation, a Permanent Necessity." He will represent the region at the National Contest at Kansas City in October.

So many inquiries have been received in regard to the schools that have participated in the state contests that the secretary has compiled the following report which indicates that 183 different schools, or 46+%, have participated in the state contests since the reorganization in 1926. This, no doubt, will be of special interest to all member schools.

Town	Deb. Yr.	Dec. Yr.	H. Dec. Yr.	N. H. Dec. Yr.	Dram. Yr.	Ex. Rdg. Yr.	Ex. Spkg. Yr.	Orn. Yr.
Adams-Friendship						1938	1935	1927
Algoma								1929
Alma						1930		1936
								1938
Amery		1933						1926
Antigo	1936					1927		
						1929		
Arcadia	1927					1929		
Argyle							1932	
Ashland		1929				1929	1927	1926
		1931				1930		
		1932						
Athens						1931		
Auburndale			1934					
Augusta						1932		
Bangor		1928	1937					
Baraboo	1929							
	1931							
Barron			1934				1936	
Bayfield						1926		
Beloit		1926				1930	1929	1937
		1929						
Benton								1927
Birchwood				1935				
Birnamwood						1934		
Black Earth		1930						
Blanchardville				1935				1932
				1936				
Bloomington			1938			1934		
						1935		
Blue River				1938				
Boscobel		1932				1931	1928	1931
Brodhead		1927				1928		
Bruce						1928		
Cadott		1932	1938					
Cambria			1935					1935
Cambridge			1936	1935				
Cashton				1937				
Cazenovia							1929	1928
Chippewa Falls	1928	1926		1936		1926	1927	1927
	1929	1927				1927	1935	1929
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Clear Lake				1936		1937		
				1938				
Clintonville	1932					1935	1937	
	1933							
	1935							

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Colby						1930		1933
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Columbus					1935			
					1937			
Cornell						1933		
Cuba City							1934	
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Cumberland			1934	1935	1930	1937	1932	
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Deerfield		1933		1937		1933	1930	
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Delavan						1932		1932
Dodgeville		1928				1929		
Dorchester								1937
Eagle River		1929						
Eau Claire	1932	1929		1936	1937	1931	1928	1928
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	1936							
	1937							
Edgerton							1926	
Elkhorn							1927	1926
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							1937	
							1938	
Ellsworth		1932						1930
Elmwood				1934				
Fennimore		1929	1934			1930	1938	
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Fort Atkinson	1927	1928				1934	1931	
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Frederic							1929	
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Freedom—								
P.O. Kaukauna							1934	
Galesville				1934				
Glenwood City								1936
Glidden		1928						
Granton		1932						1931
Grantsburg		1927				1931		
		1931						
Hammond						1932	1933	
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Hartford		1929						1934
Hayward								1930
Highland								
Hillsboro							1932	1932
							1935	
Hortonville				1934				
Hudson							1934	



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Humbird							1930 1931 1932	
Hurley				1938			1931 1933 1934	1930 1933 1935
Independence		1929						
Iron River		1930						
Janesville						1927		
Jefferson								1929
Kaukauna						1926	1930 1935	1927 1929 1930 1935
Kenosha	1932		1934			1927 1929 1933	1934 1938	1937
Kewaunee								
Ladysmith				1937			1937	1926 1936 1937 1928
La Farge								
Lake Geneva					1936			
Lancaster		1931						1933 1934 1936
Laona			1935					
Livingston							1930 1931	
Madison— Wis. High School		1931	1938			1929 1936 1937 1938		1931 1936
Maiden Rock								1931
Marshfield					1932	1936		1930
Mauston							1934	
Mayville	1929 1930 1933 1936			1934				
Medford							1926 1932	
Menasha		1928 1931			1933	1928		1931 1932 1936 1935
Menomonie		1928 1931				1934		
Menomonie— Dunn Co. Agric.								1937
Merrill		1927					1936 1937	
Milton								1933
Milwaukee— North Division								1935
Milwaukee— Riverside		1933				1932	1932	

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Milwaukee— Washington H. S.	1931 1937	1928	1938		1931	1926 1930 1931 1934 1937	1926 1928 1929	1931 1933 1938
Mineral Point			1936					
Minocqua		1927	1935					
Mondovi								1932
Monroe		1926 1932		1934				
Montello			1937					1929
Mosinee					1931	1932		1932
Mt. Horeb				1934				
Muscoda				1937				1935 1938
Necedah		1932						
Neenah						1934 1938		
Neillsville			1937					1934 1938
Nekoosa							1927	
New Lisbon						1932		
New London							1928	
New Richmond	1927 1930	1926 1928					1927 1931 1936	1928
North Fond du Lac		1932 1933	1936	1938		1932		
Oconomowoc	1934				1932 1933 1934			
Oconto		1930				1931		
Oconto Falls			1934 1938	1937	1934 1935 1936		1927	
Omro							1926	
Onalaska			1936			1938		
Ondossagon— P.O. Ashland							1930	
Oregon						1931		
Osceola								1938
Osseo				1934				
Palmyra		1927						1930
Pepin			1935					
Phillips							1926 1934	
Plainfield		1928				1928 1926 1932 1933 1937 1938	1933 1935	
Platteville								
Plymouth							1937	
Portage	1928							

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Port Washington							1937	1927
Prairie du Chien								
Prentice						1935		
Princeton				1935				
Random Lake								1930
Red Granite	1934							
Reedsburg								1938
Reeseville							1936	
Rice Lake		1933		1938		1936	1938	
Richland Center		1933				1927	1926	1929
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Rio						1926		
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Ripon		1931						
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River Falls	1933	1929	1938	1937	1931	1928	1926	1932
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					1935	1935		
Roberts							1927	
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St. Croix Falls								1927
Scandinavia			1938		1937			
Seymour							1933	1934
Shawano		1926		1936			1929	1933
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Shiocton								1926
Shullsburg						1926		1926
Sparta			1934			1936		1931
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			1938					
Spencer				1935				
Spooner			1935					1929
Spring Valley						1926		
Stanley							1933	
Stevens Point		1929		1934				1938
		1930		1937				
		1934						
Stoughton	1935		1934					1934
Sturgeon Bay—								
Central	1928					1927	1931	1926
								1928
Superior—Central		1926	1935	1935		1928	1926	1928
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Superior—East		1933				1927	1937	1927
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						1933		

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Tomah		1926		1935		1927	1926	
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Tomahawk						1937		
Two Rivers	1937						1936	1937
Valley State Graded		1930						
Viroqua	1930					1934	1929	1927
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West De Pere						1929		
Westfield						1933		
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Whitewater				1936				1927
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Winneconne			1937			1937		
Wisconsin Rapids						1926	1938	1936
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Wonewoc							1929	
Woodville			1937					
Wrightstown		1927						



## TIME LIMIT IN FORENSICS

By

W. E. Gordon, New Richmond, Wisconsin

There has been developing within the last few years some doubt as to the advisability of retaining the same time elements that have been in practice in forensic work in Wisconsin for a good many years. By time element is meant the number of minutes allotted to each contestant in each type of forensic work.

Laymen, contestants, coaches, and judges have expressed doubt to various members of the Forensic Board as to the advisability of retaining the allotted time for each contest now in practice. It is the policy of the Board to keep members informed as to suggestions coming to it and to attempt to secure opinions from people interested in this particular form of school work.

There has been a decided change in public attitude and interest toward forensic work. All must admit that there has been shown a pronounced lack of interest in the past few years, if the number of people in audiences is an index of public interest. Up to the present time, the schools have been able to retain a remarkable interest in spite of public apathy. Can this interest be retained under old conditions, which are today being criticized freely?

Outstanding changes have occurred in every phase of life. Forensic work, too, has changed in many of its aspects, but the time element has remained exactly the same as when forensic work was first inaugurated. Perhaps these suggestions are worthy of very serious consideration.

Various interested people have, as intimated before, suggested that the shortening of some of the events would be very desirable. Others of outstanding ability claim it is impossible. Certain judges maintain it is not necessary for extemporaneous reading, oration, and declamation to be of such length as used today. There seems to be uniformity of opinion that the amount of time allowed for extemporaneous speaking should not be changed.

Various suggestions as to time have been presented to the Board. In general these suggestions have been: orations and declamations changed from twelve minutes to eight minutes and readings from six minutes to four minutes.

Unquestionably, the matter will be referred to you some time this year. Think it over.

## EXPLANATION OF CHANGES IN RULES—ARTICLE VIII—DEBATE RULES

By

Howard M. Lyon, Chairman, Debate Rules Committee

You will note in reading Article VIII—Debate Rules, as revised, which follows—that paragraphs 1, 2, and 4 are not changed. Paragraphs 3 and 5 are revised and have been approved by mail ballot. They need only to be ratified at the annual meeting in Milwaukee to become effective.

There are several changes in paragraph 3. The number of debates before elimination was increased from two to three. It has been felt that two debates were not enough to provide suitable opportunity for the participants before elimination. For five years the schools in the Northern section have been using three preliminary debates before elimination. Three debates give a better indication of strength for purposes of elimination.

The new point system replaces the old percentage system where the judge or judges would give each team a percentage grade of something between 80 and 100 indicating his opinion of the relative strength of the teams. The new point system asks that each team be ranked on a 1 to 5 scale and that the winning team be given one or more points higher than the losing team.

It was felt that there was too much space between 80 and 100 for judges to wander around in at the expense of the youngsters who are debating. Examples of decisions of 98-100, 99-100 and 85-100 can be found in the records.

Judges vary widely in their opinions as to what debate is a close one and what debate is not close. The new point system narrows the range to five points and makes all debates relatively close decisions, but at the same time serves to separate the better teams from the poorer ones for purposes of advancement in the contest. The practice of giving the winning team four points is also eliminated by the revision of paragraph 3. There seems to be no further need for this provision, and its elimination will clarify the procedure of judging and ranking teams.

Paragraph 5 was revised to permit debate teams to use two speakers instead of three. It was felt that two-man teams would be better for the following reasons:

1. More schools would find it possible to sponsor debate.
2. It would strengthen the smaller schools' chances in competing against larger schools.
3. It would shorten the time of holding a debate to one hour.
4. It would simplify transportation problems.

The Board does not feel that the revision of paragraphs 3 and 5 is going to settle all of our problems in debate. Neither is it probable that these revisions are going to be popular with all schools. The revisions are to be looked at as an improvement of the debate rules and definitely a step forward. The Board will welcome comments and constructive suggestions from the member schools.

## Article VIII—Debate Rules

1. The State Board of Control shall divide the state in three sections for the purpose of debate work. A Northern Section, a Central Section, and a Southern Section.

2. The members of the Board of Control shall be divided by the State Board of Control into three special executive committees, one committee for each debate section.

3. Each school shall hold THREE decision debates. On the basis of wins and losses the nine schools ranking highest shall participate in the sectional debate. In case of ties, schools shall be ranked on the basis of total points as herewith defined. The winner of each sectional debate shall represent the section in the state debates.

All debates shall be judged by one or three judges. The number of judges shall be decided by the majority of the schools participating. In a dual debate, if the schools disagree on the number of judges, the chairman of the district shall decide.

By POINT SYSTEM the winner shall be determined. The judge or judges shall rank each team on a scale of from ONE to FIVE depending on his estimate of its excellence—the maximum rating to be FIVE points and the minimum rating to be ONE point. No judge shall give the two teams in any one debate the same number of points. In determining survivals of elimination rounds, any ties in total points earned may be broken by using the squares of the judges' ranking for all debates counted in such elimination rounds.

4. The question for debate shall be chosen by the Board of Control and shall be announced by August 15.

5. Each debate team shall consist of TWO speakers. The constructive speeches shall be limited to ten minutes; the rebuttal to five minutes.

## THE WISCONSIN HIGH SCHOOL FORENSIC ASSOCIATION

## SELECTIONS PROHIBITED IN 1939 CONTESTS

## PLAYS PROHIBITED IN 1938 CONTESTS

## Declamations

An Adventure in Art  
 At the County Fair  
 Before the Banquet  
 Beyond the Last Mile  
 Bless Their Hearts  
 Boor, The  
 Brother Take a Bow  
 Brotherly Love  
 Brothers in Love  
 Button, The  
 Cassandra  
 Cat Came Back, The  
 Congo, The  
 Coward, The  
 David Garrick  
 Dedication of the Croutville Gas Station  
 Desiree's Baby  
 Dust of the Road  
 Emperor Jones  
 Exit the Big Bad Wolf  
 Fall of George Bassett, The  
 Flight of the Herons, The  
 Household Guardian, The  
 Humoresque  
 Ile  
 It's a Man's World  
 Junior's First Date  
 Just One Big Happy Family  
 Knave of Hearts, The  
 Mirror Scene from L'Aiglon  
 Mississippi Magic  
 Monkey's Paw, The  
 Morning Glory, The  
 Nearer My God To Thee  
 Patroness, The  
 Patsy  
 River of Stars  
 Sarah Moonlight  
 Short Cut, The  
 Sky Fodder  
 Successful Season  
 Thank You Program, The  
 Tipping Off Teacher  
 To Die with a Smile  
 Valiant, The

## Declamations (Cont.)

Waltz, The  
 Weenies on Wednesday  
 White Lilacs  
 Whither Thou Goest  
 Who's Afraid of the Big Bad Giant  
 Winterset

## Orations

An Editorial  
 Aristocracy of the Unfit, The  
 Constitution, The  
 Convict, The  
 Death Penalty  
 Disciplined Democracy  
 Disparity of the American System  
 Endless War  
 Enough of This  
 Freedom of the Press  
 Great Swindle, The  
 Hands  
 How Much Land Does a Man Need  
 King is Dead—Long Live the King  
 Let Us Have Our Dreams  
 Mercury Falsters, The  
 National Apostasy  
 Profit in Loss  
 Relief for the Farmer  
 Ropes  
 This Time We Mean It  
 Pseudo Patriotism  
 What Price Peace  
 What Price War  
 Why Blame Youth  
 Willard Wilson  
 Youth Aflame

## Plays Prohibited in 1938 Contests

Barred—Callista Clark  
 Finger of God—Percival Wilde  
 Joint Owners in Spain—Alice Brown  
 Knave of Hearts, The—Louise Saunders  
 Marriages are Made in Heaven and Elsewhere—Graham Price  
 No One Can Say—Warren Beck  
 Short Cut, The—Percival Wilde  
 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.)

## MEMBERSHIP OF THE ASSOCIATION—1937-38

(A special effort was made to check up and to give as accurate a list as possible. This list has been compiled in accordance with readjustment of districts. Any error should be reported promptly to the secretary.)

School	District	No. Years Registered
Abbotsford	Stevens Point	10
Abrams State Graded	Oshkosh	1
Adams—Friendship (P.O. Adams)	Stevens Point	13
Albany	Platteville	11
Algoma	Oshkosh	13
Alma	La Crosse	13
Alma Center	La Crosse	11
Altoona	Eau Claire	7
Amery	River Falls	13
Amherst	Stevens Point	10
Antigo	Stevens Point	13
Arcadia	La Crosse	13
Arena	Whitewater	13
Argonne	Oshkosh	13
Argyle	Platteville	11
Arkansaw	Eau Claire	13
Athens	Stevens Point	12
Auburndale	Stevens Point	13
Augusta	Eau Claire	13
Avoca	Platteville	4
Bagley	Platteville	5
Baldwin	River Falls	13
Balsam Lake	River Falls	9
Bangor	La Crosse	13
Baraboo	Whitewater	11
Barneveld	Platteville	9
Barron	Eau Claire	13
Bayfield	Superior	8
Bear Creek	Oshkosh	8
Beaver Dam	Milwaukee	13
Belmont	Platteville	9
Beloit	Whitewater	13
Benton	Platteville	13
Berlin	Oshkosh	13
Birchwood	Superior	10
Birnamwood	Stevens Point	9
Biron State Graded (R. No. 1 Wisconsin Rapids)	Stevens Point	3
Black Earth	Whitewater	13
Blair	La Crosse	13
Blanchardville	Platteville	11
Bloomer	Eau Claire	13
Bloomington	Platteville	9
Blue River	Platteville	7
Boscobel	Platteville	13
Bowler	Stevens Point	3
Boyceville	River Falls	13
Boyd	Eau Claire	8
Brandon	Oshkosh	5
Brillion	Oshkosh	11
Brodhead	Whitewater	13
Bruce	Superior	13
Butternut	Superior	8
Cable	Superior	13
Cadott	Eau Claire	13

School	District	No. Years Registered
Cambria	Whitewater	13
Cambridge	Whitewater	13
Campbellsport	Oshkosh	11
Camp Douglas	La Crosse	12
Casco	Oshkosh	12
Cashton	La Crosse	13
Cassville	Platteville	6
Cazenovia	Whitewater	10
Cecil State Graded	Oshkosh	2
Cedarburg	Milwaukee	13
Cedar Grove	Milwaukee	1
Centuria	River Falls	10
Chetek	Eau Claire	13
Chilton	Milwaukee	11
Chippewa Falls (Senior)	Eau Claire	13
Clayton	River Falls	13
Clear Lake	River Falls	13
Clinton	Whitewater	13
Clintonville	Oshkosh	12
Cochrane	La Crosse	13
Colby	Stevens Point	13
Coleman	Oshkosh	13
Colfax	Eau Claire	13
Coloma	Stevens Point	8
Columbus	Milwaukee	13
Cornell	Eau Claire	12
Crandon	Oshkosh	11
Crivitz	Oshkosh	13
Cuba City	Platteville	13
Cudahy	Milwaukee	13
Cumberland	Superior	13
Darien	Whitewater	10
Darlington	Platteville	13
Deerfield	Whitewater	13
De Forest	Whitewater	2
Delavan	Whitewater	13
Denmark	Oshkosh	7
De Pere	Oshkosh	13
Dodgeville	Platteville	13
Dorchester	Stevens Point	8
Downing	River Falls	13
Draper	Superior	9
Drummond	Superior	13
Durand	Eau Claire	13
Eagle River	Oshkosh	13
Eau Claire	Eau Claire	13
Edgar	Stevens Point	12
Edgerton	Whitewater	13
Elcho	Stevens Point	3
Elkhart Lake	Milwaukee	12
Elkhorn	Whitewater	13
Elk Mound	Eau Claire	13
Ellsworth	River Falls	13
Elmwood	River Falls	7
Elroy	La Crosse	13
Evansville	Whitewater	13
Fairchild	Eau Claire	13
Fall Creek	Eau Claire	4
Fall River	Whitewater	12
Fennimore	Platteville	11
Florence	Oshkosh	6

School	District	No. Years Registered
Fort Atkinson	Whitewater	13
Fountain City	La Crosse	13
Fox Lake	Whitewater	12
Frederic	River Falls	10
Freedom (P.O. Kaukauna, R. 1.)	Oshkosh	7
Galesville	La Crosse	12
Gays Mills	Platteville	13
Gillett	Oshkosh	13
Gilman	Eau Claire	8
Gilmanton	Eau Claire	13
Glenwood City	River Falls	13
Glidden	Superior	13
Goodman	Oshkosh	13
Grafton	Milwaukee	12
Granton	Stevens Point	13
Grantsburg	River Falls	13
Green Lake	Oshkosh	10
Greenwood	Stevens Point	13
Gresham	Oshkosh	1
Hammond	River Falls	13
Hancock	Stevens Point	8
Hartford	Milwaukee	13
Hartland	Whitewater	8
Hayward	Superior	13
Hazel Green	Platteville	8
Hilbert	Oshkosh	11
Hiles	Oshkosh	3
Hillsboro	La Crosse	13
Hixton	La Crosse	12
Holcombe	Eau Claire	13
Hollandale	Platteville	13
Holmen	La Crosse	11
Horicon	Milwaukee	13
Hortonville	Oshkosh	7
Hudson	River Falls	13
Humbird	Eau Claire	13
Hurley	Superior	12
Hustisford	Whitewater	10
Independence	La Crosse	12
Ingram	Superior	6
Iron Belt	Superior	7
Ithaca (P.O. Richland Center)	Platteville	8
Janesville (School for the Blind)	Whitewater	5
Jefferson	Whitewater	13
Johnson Creek	Whitewater	4
Juda	Platteville	9
Junction City State Graded	Stevens Point	3
Juneau	Whitewater	13
Kaukauna	Oshkosh	13
Kendall	La Crosse	13
Kenosha (Senior)	Milwaukee	13
Kewaskum	Oshkosh	11
Kewaunee	Oshkosh	13
Kiel	Milwaukee	13
Kimberly	Oshkosh	10
Kohler	Milwaukee	12
Ladysmith	Eau Claire	13
La Farge	Platteville	12
Lake Geneva	Whitewater	9
Lancaster	Platteville	13
Laona	Oshkosh	13

School	District	No. Years Registered
Lena	Oshkosh	13
Lime Ridge	Platteville	2
Livingston	Platteville	9
Lodi	Whitewater	13
Lomira	Oshkosh	10
Lone Rock	Platteville	6
Loyal	Stevens Point	13
Luck	River Falls	13
Luxemburg	Oshkosh	13
Madison (East)	Whitewater	3
Madison (Wisconsin High)	Whitewater	10
Manawa	Stevens Point	13
Marathon	Stevens Point	11
Marinette	Oshkosh	9
Marinette (Stephenson County School of Agriculture)	Oshkosh	12
Marion	Stevens Point	11
Marshall	Whitewater	8
Marshfield	Stevens Point	13
Mattoon	Stevens Point	8
Mauston	La Crosse	13
Mayville	Milwaukee	13
Mazomanie	Whitewater	12
Medford	Stevens Point	13
Mellen	Superior	12
Melrose	La Crosse	13
Menasha	Oshkosh	13
Menomonee Falls	Milwaukee	13
Menomonie	Eau Claire	13
Menomonie (Dunn Co. School of Agriculture)	River Falls	13
Merrill	Stevens Point	13
Merrillan	Eau Claire	13
Middleton	Whitewater	12
Milladore (State Graded)	Stevens Point	6
Milltown	River Falls	13
Milton	Whitewater	13
Milwaukee (Bay View)	Milwaukee	9
Milwaukee (Riverside)	Milwaukee	7
Milwaukee (Washington)	Milwaukee	13
Mindoro	La Crosse	11
Mineral Point	Platteville	13
Minocqua	Superior	12
Minong	Superior	8
Mishicot	Oshkosh	4
Mondovi	Eau Claire	12
Monroe	Whitewater	13
Montello	Stevens Point	12
Monticello	Platteville	8
Mosinee	Stevens Point	13
Mountain	Oshkosh	11
Mount Hope	Platteville	4
Mount Horeb	Platteville	12
Mukwonago (Norris Farm School)	Whitewater	4
Muscoda	Platteville	11
Necedah	La Crosse	11
Neenah	Oshkosh	11
Neillsville	Eau Claire	12
Nekoosa	Stevens Point	13
Nelson	Eau Claire	10
Neshkoro	Stevens Point	8
New Auburn	Eau Claire	13

School	District	No. Years Registered
New Diggings	Platteville	9
New Glarus	Platteville	13
New Holstein	Milwaukee	13
New Lisbon	La Crosse	13
New London	Oshkosh	12
New Richmond	River Falls	13
Niagara	Oshkosh	9
North Fond du Lac	Oshkosh	13
Norwalk	La Crosse	12
Oakfield	Oshkosh	10
Oconomowoc	Milwaukee	8
Oconto	Oshkosh	13
Oconto Falls	Oshkosh	13
Onolaska	La Crosse	13
Ondossagon (P.O. Ashland, R. 3)	Superior	13
Ontario	La Crosse	13
Oostburg	Milwaukee	10
Oregon	Whitewater	13
Osceola	River Falls	13
Osseo	Eau Claire	13
Owen	Eau Claire	13
Oxford	Stevens Point	12
Palmyra	Whitewater	13
Pardeeville	Whitewater	9
Park Falls	Superior	13
Patch Grove	Platteville	10
Pepin	Eau Claire	13
Peshtigo	Oshkosh	11
Pewaukee	Milwaukee	3
Phillips	Superior	13
Pittsville	Stevens Point	13
Plainfield	Stevens Point	13
Platteville	Platteville	10
Plymouth	Milwaukee	13
Portage	Milwaukee	12
Port Edwards	Stevens Point	7
Port Washington	Milwaukee	13
Potosi	Platteville	13
Poynette	Whitewater	11
Prairie du Chien	Platteville	13
Prairie du Sac	Whitewater	13
Prentice	Superior	13
Prescott	River Falls	12
Princeton	Oshkosh	13
Pulaski	Oshkosh	9
Randolph	Whitewater	12
Random Lake	Milwaukee	13
Readstown (State Graded)	Platteville	6
Redgranite	Stevens Point	12
Reedsburg	Whitewater	13
Reeseville	Whitewater	13
Rhineland	Stevens Point	11
Rib Lake	Stevens Point	13
Rice Lake	Eau Claire	13
Richland Center	Platteville	13
Rio	Whitewater	12
Ripon	Oshkosh	13
River Falls	River Falls	13
Roberts	River Falls	13
Rochester (Racine Co. Agric. School)	Whitewater	4
Rosendale	Oshkosh	11
Rosholt	Stevens Point	7

School	District	No. Years Registered
St. Croix Falls	River Falls	13
Sauk City	Whitewater	13
Scandinavia	Stevens Point	5
Seneca	Platteville	11
Stevastopol (Consolidated) (R. 2, Sturgeon Bay)	✓ Oshkosh	8
Sextonville	✓ Platteville	7
Seymour	✓ Oshkosh	13
Sharon	✓ Whitewater	8
Shawano	✓ Oshkosh	13
Sheboygan	Milwaukee	11
Sheboygan Falls	Milwaukee	13
Shell Lake	Superior	13
Shiocton	✓ Oshkosh	12
Shullsburg	✓ Platteville	13
Slinger	✓ Oshkosh	10
Soldiers Grove	Platteville	13
Somerset	River Falls	12
South Milwaukee	Milwaukee	12
South Wayne	Platteville	4
Sparta	La Crosse	13
Spencer	✓ Stevens Point	13
Spooner	Superior	13
Spring Green	Whitewater	11
Spring Valley	River Falls	13
Stanley	Eau Claire	13
Steuben (State Graded)	Platteville	1
Stevens Point	✓ Stevens Point	13
Stoughton	Whitewater	13
Stratford	✓ Stevens Point	9
Sullivan (State Graded)	Whitewater	1
Sun Prairie	Whitewater	13
Superior (Central)	Superior	13
Superior (East)	Superior	12
Suring	✓ Oshkosh	12
Taylor	La Crosse	12
Thorp	Eau Claire	13
Tigerton	✓ Stevens Point	9
Tomah	La Crosse	13
Tomahawk	✓ Stevens Point	13
Tony	Superior	13
Trempealeau	La Crosse	7
Tripoli	Superior	13
Turtle Lake	River Falls	8
Two Rivers	✓ Oshkosh	11
Union Grove	Whitewater	4
Unity	✓ Stevens Point	13
Valders	✓ Oshkosh	12
Verona	Whitewater	13
Viola	Platteville	13
Viroqua	La Crosse	13
Wabeno	✓ Oshkosh	13
Waldo	Milwaukee	13
Walworth	Whitewater	5
Washburn	Superior	13
Watertown	✓ Whitewater	12
Waukesha	Milwaukee	11
Waunakee	Whitewater	13
Waupaca	✓ Stevens Point	13
Waupun	✓ Oshkosh	13
Wausau (Senior)	✓ Stevens Point	13
Wausaukee	✓ Oshkosh	13
Wautoma	✓ Stevens Point	13

School	District	No. Years Registered
Wauwatosa (Senior)	Milwaukee	13
Wauzeka	Platteville	13
Webster	River Falls	4
West Allis	Milwaukee	13
West Bend	Milwaukee	13
Westboro	✓ Stevens Point	13
Westby	La Crosse	13
West De Pere	✓ Oshkosh	13
Westfield	✓ Stevens Point	13
West Lima	Platteville	7
West Milwaukee	Milwaukee	10
West Salem	La Crosse	13
Weyauwega	✓ Stevens Point	11
Whitehall	La Crosse	12
White Lake	✓ Oshkosh	10
Whitewater	Whitewater	13
Whitewater (College High School)	Whitewater	13
Wild Rose	Stevens Point	13
Wilton	La Crosse	13
Winneconne	✓ Oshkosh	8
Winter	Superior	10
Wisconsin Dells	✓ Whitewater	4
Wisconsin Rapids	Stevens Point	13
Wittenberg	✓ Stevens Point	13
Wonewoc	La Crosse	12
Woodruff (State Graded)	Superior	1
Woodville	✓ River Falls	12
Wrightstown	✓ Oshkosh	12

## MEMBERSHIP

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

Again this year every county in the state has representation in the membership of the Wisconsin High School Forensic Association. You will be pleased to note also, I am sure, that the membership is again increasing, although the membership of 1934-35 has not yet been attained.

The announcement of this year's question has been received with great enthusiasm. It is the first year that a question in the field of international relations has been selected for study, discussion, and debate. There is no subject that is more important in training for citizenship. The subject necessitates a thorough study of a great deal of general information in order that it may be handled intelligently.

There is a growing appreciation on the part of school men, as well as of parents, of the value of debate in an educational curriculum. We anticipate that a membership of 400 will be reached this year; with the hearty cooperation of the present members we should even pass the 400 mark. We are depending on your help. We should like to be able to announce in the February News Letter several counties with 100% membership. Any school interested in serious cooperation may secure the list of schools not members in its county. A personal letter to these schools would, I am sure, prove a real factor in increasing the membership.

## NEWS ITEMS

**Speech Institutes.** Your attention is called to the map on the attendance at the Speech Institutes. We hope the attendance will be increased by at least 25% in membership as well as 25% in schools this year. If your school is interested in an Institute other than the two scheduled—Barron, October 29, and Madison, November 18 and 19—will you not consider the matter seriously and report to the secretary? Wausau and Sparta are leading in votes at present but the required number of twenty has not been reached by either.

**Registration** for those schools that wish to participate in dramatics should be received by November 1 in order that the schedule may be arranged. Some schools last year were disappointed because they were not able to participate in the dramatic contest and wrote for information on the contest after the contest was over, although full information had been given in the News Letter and through the press. All member schools have received the following schedule as adopted at the spring Board meeting for the dramatic contests this year:

November 16—Latest date for first round.

November 23—Latest date for second round.

December 3—Latest date for sectional contest.

December 10—Latest date for state contest.

Be sure to report to the secretary your choice of play for the regular dramatic schedule.

All schools should register for other contests by **December 15**. Registration Card and Information Blank are enclosed. Read carefully the Registration Card. Fill in the card as requested and return it with the Information Blank and check (make check payable to O. H. Plenzke, Treasurer) to the secretary.

**News Letter.** Two copies of each issue as published 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 4, 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 2.

**Speech Section of W. E. A. Annual Meeting in Milwaukee.** An interesting program is in preparation for the Speech Section of the W.E.A. You are urged to attend the meeting.

**Debate Question.** For some years several schools have been very much interested in using a question in the field of international relations. This year the question was chosen by an overwhelming majority. Your high school debates will be of interest to all of the organized groups in your community, such as the American Association of University Women, the League of Women Voters, the General Federation of Women's Clubs, Parent-Teacher Associations, and other groups studying international problems. Make your contacts early and plan discussion programs and panel discussions, as well as debates.

Two copies of the **Debate Handbook** and one set of the **Supplement** (seven separate sections) will be supplied *gratis* by the Association to all member schools upon the receipt, by the Secretary, of the registration fee and the information that the school plans to debate. **Resolved: That the United States should establish an alliance with Great Britain.** Additional copies of the Debate Handbook and Supplement, Reference Shelf, Congressional Digest, Editorial Research Report, Buehler's Debater's Help Book, and some other references will be purchased in quantity and supplied at minimum cost. Information will be furnished from time to time on this supplementary material. A list of books available from the Traveling Library will also be supplied. Consult your public library, if you have one, before requesting books from the Traveling Library.

Since there will be little material available for general distribution, the Department will mimeograph, at a minimum cost, several of the best articles not easily available. Lists will be supplied from time to time.

**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 copies of all material for a uniform loan period. In justice to all schools, additional material will be sent to those schools that return material at the expiration of the loan period as indicated. Because of the cut in the budget of the Department, **overdue notices will not be sent.** The date due will be indicated on a printed slip on each pamphlet. A fine of 2¢ per day will be charged for each day overdue. No additional loan material will be sent to any school whose record is not clear. Any school deprived of the use of loan material for the past 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.

**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 purchases of six or more copies.

**Selections.** Copies of orations and readings will be supplied in the early fall. Those selections given at the State Contests of 1936-38 are prohibited. See list in this issue of News Letter, p. 18.

**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.

**Proposed Constitutional Amendments.** The following proposed amendments will come up for final action at the 1938 annual meeting:

**Debate Rules, Article VIII, 3** as revised to read:

Each school shall hold three decision debates. On the basis of wins and losses, the nine schools ranking highest shall participate in the sectional debate. In case of ties, schools shall be ranked on the basis of total points as herewith defined. The winner of each sectional debate shall represent the section in the state debates.

All debates shall be judged by one or three judges. The number of judges shall be decided by the majority vote of the schools participating. In a dual debate, if the schools disagree on the number of judges, the chairman of the district shall decide.

Approved by referendum vote—For: 71; Against: 12.

By point system the winner shall be determined. The judge or judges shall rank each team on a scale of from one to five depending on his estimate of its excellence—the maximum rating to be five points and the minimum rating to be one point. No judge shall give the two teams in any one debate the same number of points. In determining survivals of elimination rounds, any ties in total points earned may be broken by using the squares of the judges' rankings for all debates counted in such elimination rounds.

Passed at 1937 annual meeting and approved by referendum vote—For: 78; Against: 19.

Note: See explanation by Principal H. M. Lyon, p. 16.)

**Debate Rules, Article VIII, 5:** Each debate team shall consist of two speakers. The constructive speeches shall be limited to ten minutes; the rebuttal speeches to five minutes.