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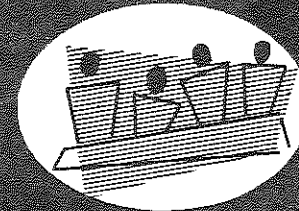
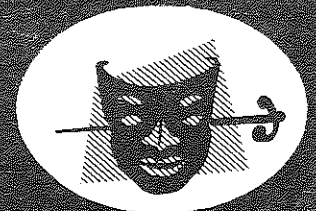
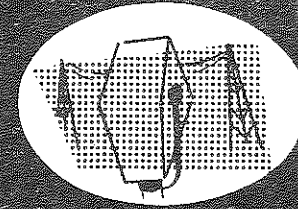
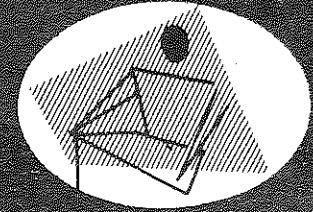
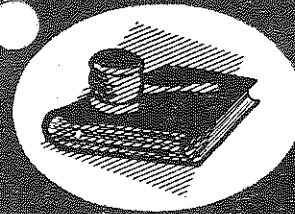
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1959-CALENDAR-1960

Latest Dates for Contests	Drama	Debate	Speech
League .....			March 12
District .....	Jan. 30		March 26
Sectional .....	Feb. 13		.....
State .....	Dec. 5*	Feb. 26-27	April 9

\*At Wisconsin State College, Oshkosh

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Board of Control Election

Elections were held this fall in the Eau Claire, River Falls, and La Crosse districts and in the Southern section. The following men were newly elected:

Southern Section--William Hintz, Lake Geneva  
Eau Claire District--W. H. Hehli, Mondovi  
La Crosse District. Everett M. Lee, Viroqua

Reelected:

River Falls District--L. F. Berg, Baldwin

Debate Question Selected for 1959-60

A poll of debating high schools in Wisconsin resulted in the selection of the following question for this school year:

Resolved: That the federal government should substantially increase its regulation of labor unions.

Demonstration Debate Tapes Available for Loan

The tape recording of the annual demonstration debate between Marquette University and the University of Wisconsin on the official 1959-60 debate question is now available on a loan basis.

A demonstration debate between Wisconsin State College, Oshkosh and the University of Wisconsin on the 1959-60 high school question was presented at an institute in discussion and debate, held at the University on October 31. A tape recording made of this debate is available.

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Board of Control Activity in Milwaukee

Mr. Harold Gall, Lancaster, was elected Chairman of the Board of Control of the WHSFA at the November 4 meeting in Milwaukee. Mr. A. F. Christ, New London, was returned to the position of Vice-Chairman.

Mr. Haug, Secretary-Treasurer of WHSFA, was appointed the official representative from the Board of Control to attend the meeting of the Advisory Council of the National University Extension Association in Washington D. C., on December 28-30.

Mr. Haug reviewed the process of selecting the official debate proposition for Wisconsin. The Board suggested that Mr. Haug, as their representative, convey the Board's recommendation of the selection of one rather than three debate propositions at the national level.

The new rule changes made by the Board at its May meeting were reviewed. The Board members reported a generally favorable response to the October 1 dues deadline. Some dissatisfaction with the ruling that combines the humorous and serious declamation into one contest was expressed.

Professor Gladys L. Borchers presented the recommendations of her committee, from the Wisconsin Speech Association that is studying the possibility of improving teachers of extra-curricular speech in Wisconsin high schools. The Board of Control passed the following motion: "The Wisconsin High School Forensic Association endorses the program of the Committee for the improvement of extra-curricular speech activities in the high schools of Wisconsin--looking toward the improvement of certification of teachers of

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extra-curricular speech activities. This does not mean the endorsement of the specific recommendations for certification presented to the Association on November 4, 1959."

The Board praised the work of Mr. Robert Schacht for his twelve years of service to the WHSFA and recommended that the following statement by Mr. Harold Connors, Chairman of the Superior District, be placed in the Board of Control minutes:

Robert Schacht Resigns as Secretary-Treasurer

"Everyone who has been associated with the work of the Wisconsin High School Forensic Association this past ten years will be sorry to learn that Bob Schacht has resigned his position as Secretary-Treasurer.

"In 1949, when Leslie E. Brown moved to Ohio, the Board of Control of the WHSFA was concerned about the problem of finding someone who could adequately fill Mr. Brown's shoes. However, it was apparent that in Bob Schacht the Association had obtained the services of a highly competent secretary-treasurer.

"Bob Schacht is a graduate of the William Horlick High School in Racine. He received his Bachelor of Science degree in Education at the University of Wisconsin in 1938. After one year of teaching social studies in Lake Mills, Mr. Schacht moved to Racine Horlick where he taught for six and one-half years. After he was awarded his Master's degree in Education in 1942, Bob became Adult Program Specialist in the Extension Division.

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"In 1949 he was appointed Director of the Bureau of Information and Program Services as well as Secretary-Treasurer of the WHSFA. in 1957 Bob was awarded his Ph. D. in Adult Education.

"Mr. Schacht's contributions in the field of high school forensics have been substantial and lasting.

"The fact that the WHSFA program has expanded in recent years to such a marked degree is evidence of the increased interest and participation in forensics by Wisconsin High Schools. In no small part Mr. Schacht has been responsible for this improvement. Always objective in his thinking and fair in his judgement, students and adults found him persuasive and stimulating. His warm, kindly and democratic spirit has endeared him to everyone with whom he has worked. While we are reluctant to see him leave, we are proud and happy that he is moving into a field of larger opportunities in the University of Wisconsin's program of Adult Education.

"Mr. Schacht has been succeeded as Secretary-Treasurer by Mr. Frederick E. Haug, Jr."

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Highlights of the 33rd Annual Meeting of the WHSFA  
Brooks Memorial Union, Marquette University  
Milwaukee, November 6, 1959

Mr. A. C. Christ, Vice-Chairman of the Board of Control, conducted the 33rd Annual Meeting of WHSFA. After introducing the newly elected members of the Board, he called upon the Secretary-Treasurer of the Association to review the new rule changes that were made at the May 8, 1959 meeting of the Board of Control, pertaining to contests. They were the following:

1. Medal awards will be continued to "A" winners in all state events. Appropriate certificates will be awarded to "B" and "C" winners instead of medals.
2. The two declamation contests will be combined into one contest termed "Memorized Declamation" with each school allowed two contestants in a league contest.
3. The material for the Extemporaneous Reading contest will be the following works of Mark Twain:  
Adventures of Tom Sawyer  
Life On the Mississippi  
The Prince and the Pauper  
Puddin' Head Wilson
4. The theme for the Tape-Recorded Radio Program will be:  
"A Public Relations Program for Your Local School"

Mr. Marquardt, Central Sectional Chairman of the Board of Control, reported that many coaches in his area were against the elimination of medal awards and he stated that if any coaches felt the same way, they should write to their district chairmen.

The demonstration debate on the official high school proposition followed the meeting.

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Professor Harold Larson, Carroll College, Waukesha, was elected President and Mr. Kenneth Anderson, Neenah High School, was elected Vice-President. Mrs. Ethel Rich, Baraboo High School, was elected Secretary-Treasurer. New members on the Executive Council are Professor Paul Gauger, Wisconsin State College, Platteville, and Mr. Walter Schmidt, Kaukauna High School.

Professor Wynett Barnett of Wisconsin State College, Whitewater, reported that the committee from WSA studying certification of teachers of speech, had presented their final report to the Wisconsin Commission on Teacher Education and Professional Standards (TEPS).

Professor Gladys Borchers, University of Wisconsin, reported on the recommendations of the committee from the WSA studying the improvement of teachers of extra-curricular speech. The report included a recommendation that teachers of extra-curricular speech be certified. The report was approved and she was instructed to take the recommendations to the TEPS Committee.

The main address at the luncheon was given by Professor Frederick W. Haberman, Chairman of the Speech Department of the University of Wisconsin. His speech was entitled: "The Ideal Teacher of Speech."

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Report of Progress in Selecting Problem Areas for Discussion and Debate 1960-61

As of October 30 sixteen debating and discussion schools had sent in suggestions for problem areas for the 1960-61 school year. The suggestions, along with those from all of the state leagues, will be examined by the National University Extension Association Committee on Discussion and Debate materials, which will compile them and send the final tally to the state office of the WHSFA.

Debating and discussion schools in Wisconsin will then have an opportunity, in November, to indicate which problem areas they prefer for the 1960-61 school year. The results of this poll will guide Wisconsin's delegate to the Advisory Council of the NUEA Committee on Discussion and Debate Materials as it meets in Washington, December 28-29. Wisconsin's representative will be Frederick E. Haug, your Secretary-Treasurer.

University Regent Will Speak  
At State Debate Banquet

Mr. Harold Konnack, University of Wisconsin Regent from Racine, will be the main speaker at the Banquet held during the annual State Debate Contest. This dinner will be in the Wisconsin Center Building, University of Wisconsin, on Friday, February 26, at 6:00 P. M.

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Practice Debate Tournament at West Bend

A practice debate tournament will be held at West Bend on December 12. If you are interested in attending, contact Mr. Ellis Evans, Principal, West Bend High School.

A list of other practice debate meets can be found on page 7 of the September Newsletter.

Speech Institutes Held As of October 31

	<u>Students</u>	<u>Schools</u>
Stevens Point - - - - -	550	- - -
Platteville - - - - -	145	- - - 12
University of Wisconsin -	232	- - - 26

Report on Registrations for Tape-Recorded Contests

As of November 11, 17 schools have registered in the tape-recorded panel discussion contest. The discussion question this year is:

"What should be the responsibilities of government in solving the current labor-management problem?"

Seven schools have registered for the tape-recorded radio program. The theme of the radio program is:

"A Public Relations Program for Your Local School."

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Second Annual High School Drama Institute

The Department of Speech and the Wisconsin Players of the University of Wisconsin announce their second annual one-day drama institute for high school students and teachers, to be held on Saturday, December 12, 1959 in the Wisconsin Union Theatre. (The first annual institute brought 1000 students and teachers from over 40 high schools to Madison.)

The theme of the second institute will be:

"Backstage at a Classic Drama"

The program will be built around the romantic classic, WILLIAM TELL, by Friedrich Schiller-- newly translated and directed by Professor Ronald E. Mitchell.

The morning session will include a discussion of Schiller by Professor Sieghardt Riegel, of the University German Department; a talk and demonstration on the problems of designing a unit set for WILLIAM TELL by Miss Alice Peet, designer for the play; and a demonstration of methods used in casting the play by the director, Professor Mitchell.

During the luncheon following the morning session, a film of Rossini's opera, WILLIAM TELL, will be shown to point up contrasts between the traditional treatment of the story and that to be employed in the Wisconsin Players production.

At 2:30 the Wisconsin Players will present a special matinee performance of WILLIAM TELL in the Wisconsin Union Theatre. The program will end at about 5:00 P. M.

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The cost of both the luncheon and the play will be \$2.10 per person.

Admission to the play only will be \$1. This is a reduction of 50 cents from the regular price of admission.

Reservations for play and luncheon will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis. Please do not write until you receive full particulars and reservation blanks, which will be mailed to all high schools in Wisconsin in November. However, you should return the reservation blanks promptly as MANY ORDERS WERE RECEIVED TOO LATE LAST YEAR. Reservations are to be mailed to Professor Robert Hethmon, 407 Bascom Hall, University of Wisconsin, Madison 6, Wisconsin.

State Drama Contest at Oshkosh

The State One-Act Play Contest will be held at Wisconsin State College, Oshkosh, on December 5th this year.

A record number--131 schools--have registered with the state office for league competition in this event as compared with 107 schools last year.

Judges at Oshkosh will be:

Professor Gloria Link, Wisconsin State College,  
Oshkosh

Professor Jonathan Curvin, University of Wisconsin,  
Madison

Robert E. Freidel, Supervisor of Drama and Music,  
Milwaukee Public Schools

Students from any member school are cordially invited to attend as spectators. Programs will be available from the state office around December 1.