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Problem Area for Discussion and Debate for 1959-60

What policy in labor-management relations will best serve the people
of the United States?

Dates for Next Year

The dates for next season's contests appear in the enclosed insertion
and will be repeated in the September *Newsletter*.

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Fall Elections

Elections will be held in October for the following positions on the Board of Control:

Incumbent

Southern Section--- William Dawson, Madison
Eau Claire District--David Barnes, Eau Claire
River Falls District--Louis Berg, Baldwin
La Crosse District-- K. A. Curran, Cashton

Primary ballots will be sent out by September 15 to the three districts and the one section that are electing chairmen.

Speech Section of the SWEA Elects New Officers

New officers were elected at the Speech Sectional meeting of the Southern Wisconsin Education Association Convention held in Madison, February 13. They include:

Chairman - Mrs. Elizabeth Schubert
High School, Whitewater

Vice-Chairman - Dwight Stevens
High School, Fort Atkinson

Secretary - Miss Lillian Kelling
Big Foot High School, Walworth

New Play List Enclosed

"Approved Plays--1959" is being sent to you with this Newsletter. All plays to be entered in the one-act play contest in the fall of 1959 must be taken from this list. The only exception to this rule is that a school may enter an original one-act play written by the faculty and students of that school, which has been submitted to the Adviser in Drama, Mr. Robert E. Gard, for his approval by October 1, and for which final approval has been granted by October 15.

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Play Library Is At Your Service

Believing in the principles of advertising, we think it is time to repeat our "commercial." Evidently we could use stronger audience appeals than we have so far been able to devise. But how can all our ingenious planning, subliminal or not, hit the mark if some people apparently do not open their forensic packages? We hope you do open yours and are aware of the services available to you.

DO YOU KNOW THAT we have a large collection of nearly 20,000 three act and one act plays to loan to any resident of the state of Wisconsin?

DO YOU KNOW THAT you may borrow a generous package of them—say ten or twelve or fifteen for examination reading; that you do not need to buy these plays from the publishers in order to familiarize yourselves with the plots?

DO YOU KNOW THAT we can try to help you find plays which will fit your budget, your students' dramatic abilities, your own literary qualifications?

Our librarian belongs to the Speech Association of America, The American Educational Theatre Association, and The American Theatre Library Association and is in touch with new play publications. Don't miss out on your opportunities.

Julia Mailer, Theatre Librarian
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Results of State Debate Tournament

Sixteen teams competed in the 1959 State Debate Tournament on February 27-28 in Madison. Two schools, Sheboygan Central and West Bend, tied for first place with seven wins and one defeat. Second place went to Hartford and Racine St. Catherine with a record of six wins and two losses. Wausau and Milwaukee Marquette shared third place honors with five wins and three losses. Other teams in the contest included Chippewa Falls Mc-Donell, Eau Claire Memorial, Eau Claire Regis, Green Bay West, La Crosse Aquinas, Merrill Senior, Milwaukee Divine Savior, Neenah, Stevens Point, and Whitefish Bay.

William Dawson, Southern Sectional Chairman of the WHSFA, presented the awards to winning teams at the Saturday morning meeting.

A plaque and individual gold medals went to each first place team. A certificate of merit and individual silver medals were awarded to each second place team, and certificates of merit and individual bronze medals were received by the two third place teams.

Rexford S. Mitchell, President of Wisconsin State College, La Crosse, addressed the group at the evening banquet held at the Wisconsin Center Building on the subject "Confessions Of An Old Coach." Mr. William Dawson, Southern Sectional Chairman of the WHSFA, and Robert Schacht, Secretary-Treasurer of the WHSFA, welcomed the debaters. Frederick E. Haug, Jr., Assistant Secretary-Treasurer of the WHSFA, presiding at the dinner, called upon Professor Andrew T. Weaver, Speech Advisor for the WHSFA, to introduce the guest speaker.

The question was - Resolved: that the United States should adopt the essential features of the British system of education.

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State Debate Tournament Receives Praise.

Winston L. Brembeck, Associate Professor of Speech and Director of Forensics at the University of Wisconsin wrote the following letter to the state office citing his reactions to the 1959 Debate Tournament.

"There is a fact about this year's state high school debate finals which deserves special comment. This is the first time in twelve years of judging in this contest that all eight teams I heard demonstrated in a consistent and impressive manner the principles of effective argumentation and debate. Customarily any one judge hears some teams that perform commendably while others engage in practices of questionable value. For one to find all eight teams he meets engaging in sound procedures is thus worthy of special note and commendation.

"This year I heard no team attempt to avoid debating the real sense of the resolution; I heard no team that placed the use of stratagems above sound, constructive argument; I heard no debater who attempted to substitute a violent, noisy style for adequate evidence and reasoning; I heard no one attempt to bring favor to his own cause by belittling or ridiculing the opposition; I heard no team that generated more heat than light. These debaters were ladies and gentlemen in disputation. There was an apparent respect for the opposition and a desire to test each other's cases in a sincere and mature manner.

"In short, Sirs, I was greatly encouraged by what I heard and I want the coaches and debaters to know this. If these debates were representative of the debating and coaching now going on in Wisconsin then I think we are on our way toward giving this great discipline the stature and respect it deserves."

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Results of Final Poll for 1959-60 Problem Area

The poll recently completed among the affiliated state leagues of the National University Extension Association's Committee on Discussion and Debate Materials resulted in the selection of the problem area: "What policy in labor-management relations will best serve the people of the United States?" Of the 38 leagues reporting, 20 ranked labor-management as their first choice. The proposition "What should be the proper division of power in the United States between federal and state government?" received 10 first place votes. "How can the security of the free world best be maintained?" was designated by eight leagues as their first choice.

The vote on the three debate propositions within the labor-management area was not decisive, however. Wisconsin high schools participating in discussion and debate will select one final proposition in the fall. Ballots will be mailed to discussion and debate schools in September and the final results will be available approximately October 1.

Discussion and Debate Coaches

To list all the various invitational and practice discussion contests and debate tournaments in the September Newsletter depends upon your cooperation in sending this information to the state office by June 15.

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WHSFA Salutes Outstanding Speech Teacher

The spring speech season this year marked an anniversary in the career of an outstanding teacher and forensics coach in Wisconsin. Mrs. Elizabeth Gibson of Wauwatosa High School has completed her 35th year of teaching and advising students there.

Mrs. Gibson's professional training was taken at Northwestern University. After graduation she spent a year with the Redpath Chautauqua before coming to Wauwatosa where she taught speech, directed the plays and coached forensic activities. Her students have consistently been winning top honors in many events from local to state contests. Some of her students have received help and guidance from her toward careers on the legitimate stage. Nancy Olsen and Jerry Wallace are among those she has assisted.

Aside from her interests in speech and theatre she has contributed much to the adjustment of the American Field Service students who have come to Wauwatosa from many countries.

If you know of other teachers in Wisconsin who have reached a significant milestone in their careers, please call our attention to it.

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Summer Institute in the Teaching of Speech
University of Wisconsin

Teaching of Speech is the subject of the 1959 Speech Institute to be held on the University of Wisconsin Campus on July 2. Senator Wayne Morris of Oregon, who at one time taught speech at the University of Wisconsin, and at Minnesota, will address the Institute at the morning session. Dr. Donald K. Smith, Professor of Speech at the University of Minnesota, will discuss contemporary developments in speech pedagogy.

The one day institute will be concluded with an afternoon program by four outstanding speech teachers from high schools in Wisconsin.

Further information may be obtained by writing to the Speech Department, University of Wisconsin.

First Annual High School Drama Institute

Forty-four high schools were represented at the First Annual High School Drama Institute, held at the University of Wisconsin on February 28. The Institute performance of OKLAHOMA! was completely sold out so orders had to be returned to an additional twenty high schools. Total attendance at the Institute was 1100.

The Second Annual High School Drama Institute will be held in the Wisconsin Union Theatre in Madison, on Saturday, December 12, 1959, in connection with the production by the Wisconsin Players of Friedrich Schiller's famous romantic drama, WILLIAM TELL, in a new translation by Professor Ronald E. Mitchell, who will also direct the production. The full program will be announced early in the fall, and complete information will be circulated at that time to all high schools in Wisconsin.

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