

Hetland Leaves WHSFA AND BIPS

It is with real regret we announce the resignation of Dick Hetland, who left the University Extension Division, October 31 to begin a career in life insurance. While he has been with us only twenty-one months, he has made friends in all parts of the state and has proven a real asset to both the WHSFA and the University of Wisconsin Extension Division. He will be difficult to replace, but we all wish him well as he, his wife Pat, his son Mark, and daughter Kristen begin this new chapter in their lives.

Notes from Teacher's Convention

Donald Helstad of Kaukauna High School was elected president of the Wisconsin Speech Association. Pauline Isaacson of Wisconsin State College, Stevens Point, is the new vice-president.

Herman Brockhaus distributed his compilation of speech and drama events scheduled at the various Wisconsin colleges and university for the balance of the year. If you would like a copy, write to him, Room 3040 Stadium, University of Wisconsin, Madison 6, Wisconsin.

Marquette-Wisconsin Debate Tape Available

A tape recording of the Wisconsin-Marquette debate on U. S. Foreign Aid, which was debated at the WEA Convention is available on a three-day loan basis from this office. It will be circulated in the order in which requests are received.

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

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Latest Dates for Contests

	Drama	Debate	Speech
League - - - - -	- - - - -	- - - - -	March 15
District - - - - -	- - - - -	Jan. 25 - - -	March 29
Sectional - - - - -	Nov. 23 - - -	Feb. 8 - - -	- - - - -
State - - - - -	Dec. 7* - - -	Feb. 21-22 - -	April 12

*At Wisconsin State College, Eau Claire.

Debate Proposition:

Resolved: that direct United States economic aid to individual countries should be limited to technical assistance and disaster relief.

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Practice Debate Tournament Dates

The following addition, and corrections can be made to the list of practice tournaments reported in the September Newsletter on page 5.

Contact person for the Merrill Invitational on December 14 should be listed as Mr. Dennis Kral.

On Saturday, January 11, the 14th Interstate Debate Tournament for High Schools will be held at Wisconsin State College, Eau Claire. Address your inquiries to Miss Grace Walsh.

Please get in the habit of sending us these dates!

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Incumbents Re-elected to Board

Elections held this fall in the Oshkosh, Platteville, and Whitewater Districts and in the Central Section resulted in the return to the Board of the four men who held those chairmanships last year. We are pleased to welcome back:

E. C. Marquardt, Wausau, Central Section
A. F. Christ, New London, Oshkosh District
Harold Gall, Lancaster, Platteville District
R. W. Hunsader, Fort Atkinson, Whitewater District

Board of Control Officers

Mr. Kenneth Curran of Cashton, beginning his 15th year on the Board of Control, was reelected to his second term as chairman of the Board. Mr. A. F. Christ of New London was reelected vice-chairman.

Tape-Recorders Busy Around State

Fall in the Forensic Association means busy tape-recorders for schools entering the tape-recorded discussion contest, or the new tape-recorded radio-program contest.

November 11 was set as the deadline for registering for these events, and all tapes were due in the State Office by November 18. While the response to the discussion contest was about the same as in previous years (13) we are pleased to report that 20 schools have entered the radio-program contest in this, its experimental year.

Ratings of A, B, or C will replace the rank order method of judging used in previous discussion contests and the results of the contests will be published in the February Newsletter. The complete list of entries follows on the next page.

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Panel Discussion Contest

Elkhorn	Merrill
Fort Atkinson	Mindoro
Greenwood	Prairie du Chien Champion
Lodi	Rhinelanders
Madison Wis. High	Schofield
Medford	Wauwatosa
Wisconsin Dells	

Radio Program Contest

Argyle	Neillsville
Beaver Dam	Rhinelanders
De Forest	Rice Lake
Eagle River	Shawano
Eau Claire Senior	Sheboygan Central
Eau Claire Regis	Viroqua
Fall River	Wausau Newman
Galesville	Wauwatosa
Greenwood	West Allis Nathan Hale
Janesville	Whitefish Bay

The 1957-58 Debate Topic

Results of the advisory referendum on the debate topic for the remainder of the year provided a rather decisive mandate to the committee of professors which made the final decision. Their choice.....

Resolved: that direct United States economic aid to individual countries should be limited to technical assistance and disaster relief.

The polling resulted in 33 firsts for the winning question, 10 firsts for administering all our aid through the UN, and 9 firsts for substantially increasing our aid program. We are happy to announce that 84% of the schools eligible to vote DID cast their ballot.

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Speech Institutes

Complete attendance figures for the speech institutes held at the state colleges so far this year are not available. Preliminary reports, however, indicate that the total attendance has already passed last year's figure of 2,926, and one institute has not yet been held. Participation was more than doubled, for example, at La Crosse and Superior.

Here are some of the high-lights of this year's institutes: Whitewater again scheduled a day-long workshop on drama September 26th, and has recently followed with a debate institute headlining Indian-born Ravi Kapil of the University Political Science Department, speaking on our Foreign Aid question. At Platteville on October 5, drama students received the attention of institute planners, and at La Crosse on September 24 debate and drama shared the spotlight. At Stevens Point on October 12, Mr. Fred Buerki of the Wisconsin Players staff, and Mrs. Julia Kailer, Theatre Librarian of the Bureau of Information and Program Services were among the sectional consultants. Attenders of the debate section at that institute tossed questions at Wisconsin Congressmen O'Konski, and Smith. On October 26th at Superior an interesting addition was a demonstration of a sample program for the tape-recorded radio-contest by a group of Superior High School students and their teacher, Mr. DeFore. At Oshkosh on October 31, Dr. Ordean Ness, Assistant Professor of Speech, University of Wisconsin talked on "The Speech Arts", and Dr. Donald K. Smith, Professor of Speech, University of Minnesota gave a talk on Discussion. A model debate on this year's debate question was given by the University of Wisconsin and Oshkosh State College debate teams, and was very well attended. The October 5 institute at River Falls featured demonstrations by high-school students in Poetry Reading, Prose Reading, Extemp-Speaking, Oration, and Play Reading.

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Few Respond to Request For
1958-59 Problem Areas

Such news items as federal troops in Little-Rock, and Sputnik's circling of the earth have resulted in some interesting proposals for the debate and discussion problem area for 1958-59. Unfortunately, however, few Wisconsin coaches submitted their preferences in the annual preliminary polling which closed November 1. Those ideas mentioned most often will be pooled with the preferred choices of other state leagues and be referred back to Wisconsin coaches and principals in December for a final vote. The results of that vote will be brought to the NUEA Committee on Discussion and Debate Materials at its annual meeting December 27-28. Mr. William Dawson has been appointed by the Board as Wisconsin's official delegate to this meeting.

The three problem areas chosen at the NUEA meeting will again be referred to the debating schools of Wisconsin in January. Their choice, combined with the choices of other states, will determine the national problem area for 1958-59.

Our thanks to the following schools for sending in their suggestions for problem areas:

Appleton	Prairie du Chien Campion
Fort Atkinson	Seymour
Hartford	Stevens Point
Kohler	Wausau
Mayville	Wautoma
Oconomowoc	

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Take It Off the Shelf!

Many of the questions coaches ask--what a given contest is--how to prepare students for a particular event--where to find materials are answered in the WHSFA publication "Aims, Purposes, and Definitions"(tan cover), which is sent to every member school upon receipt of the dues in the state office. If you made the mistake of filing your copy in a corner of a remote shelf--**TAKE IT OFF THE SHELF!**

We'd like, particularly, to call your attention to the revised section on extemporaneous reading of editorials, and to the new section on play reading.

Western WEA Forms Speech Section

A growing need for the opportunity to sit down together to discuss and get help with common problems spurred speech teachers, forensic coaches, and play directors in the La Crosse area to form a section of their own at the recent Western WEA Convention.

Dick Hetland had the pleasure of being "on tap" in a resource capacity at their meeting. If the surprising number who attended, and their enthusiasm are any measure, the speech section at this annual convention is certain to have a long and healthy future.

The idea of a speech section in the regional WEA Conventions is not a new one. The SWEA, meeting in Madison each February, has held speech section meetings for over 15 years. Last year, this group discussed the problems of the Forensic coach with a non-speech background. If speech teachers and coaches in your area are interested, why not see if you can form a section at YOUR next regional WEA MEETING?

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Minutes of the 31st Annual Meeting WHSFA
Brooks Memorial Union, Marquette University
Milwaukee, November 8, 1957

1. The meeting was called to order by Chairman K. A. Curran at 2:15 with 48 persons present.
2. The minutes of the 30th annual meeting were approved as printed.
3. The chairman announced the "re-election" of Mr. Gall, Mr. Christ, Mr. Hunsader, and Mr. Marquardt.
4. The Sec'y-Treas. reviewed the minutes of the Wednesday Board meeting and made several announcements.
5. Grace Walsh of Eau Claire reported on action taken at the business meeting of the Wisconsin Speech Association, protesting any action that has been or may be taken by the Wisconsin Assn of Secondary School Principals, which would blacklist any inter-school activity which would take place on a school day, and calling upon the Board of Control of the WHSFA to take this proposed action up with appropriate officials of the Wisconsin Assn of Secondary School Principals.

Considerable discussion followed with no one quite sure of what action had been taken or in immediate danger of being taken by the WASSP. The matter was left to the discretion of the Chairman, upon his receipt of the official communication from the WASSP.
6. Jack Vrieze of Whitewater reported that there is growing support for a clinic for those who judge the school, league, and district speech contests of the Assn, and also for the use of three judges in district and sectional drama contests.

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7. Arnold Melzer of Sheboygan moved that our representative to the Advisory Council of the NUEA Committee on Discussion and Debate Materials be instructed to throw out indefinite debate propositions and insist that affirmative and negative positions are absolute opposites. Motion was seconded, discussed, and passed.
8. Arnold Melzer of Sheboygan moved that we instruct this same delegate that the college question of one year not be considered for the high school question the next. Seconded and passed.
9. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:00 P. M.

Respectfully submitted, *

Robert H. Schacht
Sec'y-Treas. WHSFA.

Debate Referenda

By action of the Board of Control several years ago, debate referenda are sent only to those schools which participated the year before in contest debating sponsored by the WHSFA. It is possible that this restriction rules out some schools which have a bona fide current interest in the referenda and should be included. To correct this unintentional exclusion, the Board of Control amended its policy by adding these words: except that each district chairman may certify other schools in his district, which in his judgement, should be included in the referenda that year. So--if you are affected by this new provision, present your case to your district chairman.

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Report on the American Students
Constitutional Convention

By Mary Anne Smoler
Kenosha High School

When, on April 27, I was chosen as Wisconsin's Alexander Hamilton Bicentennial Scholar, I was thrilled beyond words. I felt a great honor for being chosen, and I had difficulty comprehending the great size of my prize. But even then I didn't realize the wonderful experience which lay before me. I knew only that I had won a \$1,000 scholarship and some sort of a trip to Philadelphia.

On June 16 I left Milwaukee airport. This was my first flight, and the Commission sponsoring the contest had provided me--and the other contestants--with first-class accommodations. The first stop was Washington, D. C., where all the contestants met at the LaFayette Hotel. Here we were provided with beautiful air-conditioned rooms. It was in Washington that we received our greatest thrill. After touring the city, being introduced to the Senate, and later individually to Vice-President Nixon and meeting in the Cabinet Room of the White House we were each introduced to President Eisenhower. Mr. Eisenhower greeted us graciously with a handshake and a few comments, and then we all went into the Rose Garden of the White House where we were photographed with him. Meeting probably the most influential man in the world really impressed all of us.

The two days which the delegates spent in Washington were our "vacation." On June 18 in Philadelphia the work began. We were conducted to Independence Hall by a police escort, where we were met by a brass band. We were photographed beside the Liberty Bell and then took our assigned seats in the very room in which the original

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Constitution was formulated. It was our job from June 18 to 21 to propose, discuss, and vote upon various amendments to our Constitution. During the eight sessions held, one of which was a committee meeting, we discussed numerous and various amendments dealing with everything from the Bricker amendment to a Congressional veto on the Supreme Court. By discussing changes in its make-up, we discovered how really perfect our Federal Constitution is. The only amendment which passed in the convention was the repeal of the twenty-second amendment limiting the President to two terms.

Socially, too, the convention was fabulous. There were 55 delegates, one from each state and territory. It was a wonderful group of teenagers, all very friendly and genial. All of us took meals and trips together, and had plenty of opportunities to get well acquainted.

The American Students' Constitutional Convention was an experience that I shall never forget. I have learned to appreciate our way of life and our Constitution. I have learned a great deal about one of the principal formulators of that great work--Alexander Hamilton--who served his adopted land well at a very young age. And, I have met a wonderful group of students and made many new friends. My week at the Convention has indeed enriched my life, and I am deeply grateful for the opportunity that was awarded me.

Editor's Note: Mary Anne is using her scholarship at Cornell University, Ithaca, N. Y. to study journalism.