

Wisconsin High School Forensic Association News Letter

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Coming Dates

Inter-Center Forensic Tournament	March 2 - 3
Wausau-----	March 2 - 3
Delta Sigma Rho and Wisconsin Forensic Union	
Conference, University of Wisconsin ----	March 9 - 10
Spring Meeting of Board of Control-WHSFA	
Memorial Union, Madison-----	March 15
"As You Like It" - Wisconsin Players	
Memorial Union, Madison-----	March 20- 24
Choral Speaking Festival	
Mount Mary College-----	March 24
Frankenburger Oratorical Contest	
University of Wisconsin-----	March 29
Cebtral States Speech Ass'n Convention	
Chicago, Illinois-----	April 6 - 7
Haresfoot - Memorial Union -----	April 9 -14
State Speech Contest	
University of Wisconsin-----	April 14
Almere Scott Freshman Championship Debate	
University of Wisconsin -----	April 26
"The Fifth Season" - Wisconsin Players	
Memorial Union, Madison-----	May 1 - 5
Wm. J. Hagenah Varsity Championship Debate	
University of Wisconsin-----	May 10
Summer Speech Institute	
University of Wisconsin -----	Aug 3
Fifth Annual Community Arts Workshop	
University of Wisconsin-----	Aug 5

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Latest Dates for Contests

	<u>Speech</u>
League Contests -----	March 13
District Contests -----	March 24
State Contest -----	April 14

Please try to avoid scheduling school programs on dates that will conflict with those given above.

See the back cover of this News Letter for other dates of interest to speech coaches.

This is the last call for dues! The new declamations and booklet of Winning Orations are sent upon receipt of the annual dues.

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Introducing Dick Hetland

Friends of Dick Hetland, former speech teacher and coach at Marshfield and Janesville High Schools, will be happy to learn that he has succeeded Rod McPhee as assistant secretary-treasurer of the WHSFA and assistant director of BIPS.

Rod is temporarily assisting Ted Shannon, Director of Special Classes of the University of Wisconsin Extension Division.

Certificates of Merit

A post card is enclosed with this News Letter on which you may order certificates of merit for your students that have participated in one or more inter-school contests.

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State Drama Contest

Only two of fourteen finalists in the state one-act play contest were awarded A's by the panel of three judges. They were Milwaukee Mercy High School and Milwaukee Pius XI High School. Plaques and medals were presented by John Bjorge, Chairman of the Board of Control. The contest was held on Saturday, December 10, 1955, in Bascom Theatre.

The three judges were:

Chauncey Peterson, Northland College, Ashland
William Dawson, Wisconsin High School, Madison
Ordean Ness, University of Wisconsin, Madison

The complete report is as follows:

<u>School</u>	<u>Ness</u>	<u>Dawson</u>	<u>Peterson</u>	<u>Average</u>
Milwaukee Mercy	A	A	B	A
Milwaukee Pius XI	A	A	B	A
Ashland DePadua	C	B	B	B
Eau Claire Regis	B	A	B	B
Fort Atkinson	B	B	B	B
Medford	B	B	B	B
Milwaukee Marquette	B	B	B	B
Randolph	B	B	B	B
Seymour	C	B	B	B
West Salem	B	B	B	B
La Crosse Aquinas	C	C	B	C
Nekoosa	C	C	B	C
Osseo	C	C	C	C
Superior Cathedral	C	C	B	C

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Tape-Recorded Panel-Discussion Contest

How can extra curricular activities best contribute to the educational program?

A panel of three judges unanimously rated Merrill High School's tape-recorded panel discussion first place. The group was coached by Miss Hannah Haroldson. Bill Nohr was the moderator. Panelists were Jerry Bower, Frank Paquette, Jim Boettcher, and Alan Krombholz. The alternate was Arlene Townsend. Last year Merrill placed third.

The school was awarded a plaque and the participants received individual gold medals. Their winning tape was broadcast over the state radio network at 4:00 P. M., December 26, and a copy of it is retained in this office for the use of any school during the coming year.

Second place went to Wisconsin High School of Madison, winners of last year's contest. The panel was coached by Mr. David Backstrom and moderated by Judy Lemon. Participants were Rowena Green, Robert Lenz, Mary Prince, and Dick Reznicek. They were awarded individual silver medals and the school received a Certificate of Merit.

Third place went to Milwaukee Messmer, coached by Sister M. Dominic, S. S. N. D. Moderator was Richard Haviland, and the panelists were Joseph Linzmaier, Mary Ann Wilson, and Kathryn Garson. They received bronze medals and a Certificate of Merit for the school.

The judges, who gave these three schools identical rankings were Dr. Winston L. Brembeck and Dr. Herman H. Brockhaus of the Speech Department of the University, and Mr. Rex L. Liebenberg, Secondary School Supervisor of the State Department of Public Instruction.

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This was the first year that this contest was conducted as a regular activity with official rules and awards.

Seventeen schools originally signed up for the contest, but only twelve submitted tapes. They were divided by lot into three preliminary contests with the following results:

Section I

Judge, T. J. McLaughlin

Milwaukee Extension Division

Milwaukee Messmer	-----	1*
Wisconsin Dells	-----	2
Medford	-----	3
Balsam Lake	-----	4

Section II

Judge, William E. White

Wisconsin State College, Oshkosh

Madison Wisconsin High	-----	1*
Whitefish Bay	-----	2
Chippewa Falls	-----	3
Middleton	-----	4

Section III

Judge, Grace Walsh

Wisconsin State College, Eau Claire

Merrill	-----	1*
Two Rivers	-----	2
Janesville	-----	3
Mosinee	-----	4

*Numbers indicate ranking

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Milwaukee Marquette and Kenosha Win State Debate Contest

Kenosha and Milwaukee Marquette tied for first place in the State Debate Contest held at the University of Wisconsin Friday and Saturday, February 24 and 25.

Second place went to four schools, Eau Claire, Merrill, Sheboygan Central, and West Bend. Chippewa Falls and Wausau tied for third. No school won or lost all debates, which is probably how a state contest should turn out.

Chairman John Bjorge of the Board of Control announced the standings and presented awards in a brief ceremony Saturday morning. Richard Hetland, new assistant secretary-treasurer of WHSFA, presided over the Friday evening dinner at which Bishop H. C. Northcott spoke on "A Quatrain for Modern Youth."

The complete results of the contest are as follows:

	Won	Lost
Kenosha	6	2
Milwaukee Marquette	6	2
Eau Claire	5	3
Merrill	5	3
Sheboygan Central	5	3
West Bend	5	3
Chippewa Falls	4	4
Wausau	4	4
Hartford	3	5
New Richmond	3	5
Sheboygan North	3	5
Two Rivers	3	5
Neenah	2	6
Stevens Point	2	6

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Discussion and Debate--Problem Area 1956-7

High school students will have an opportunity to become familiar with the intricate problems of United States farm policy during the next school year. This choice of problem area was determined by a recent referendum of state speech leagues conducted by the NUEA Committee on Discussion and Debate Materials. Eighteen states gave Agricultural Policy their first choice, as opposed to nine first place votes for Labor-Management Relations and eight first choices for Natural Resources. This order of preference coincided with the Wisconsin vote returned by seventy of the WHSFA schools participating in discussion and debate, who were given an opportunity to help cast the Wisconsin vote.

The correct wording of the problem area, discussion questions, and debate propositions follows: *- omission here - see golden sheet*

Discussion Questions

- 1 What should be the policy of the federal government in regard to price supports?
- 2 What should be the role of government in the conservation of soil resources?
- 3 What should be the policy of the federal government in regard to agricultural surpluses?

Debate Propositions

- 1 Resolved: that the federal government should adopt the basic principles of the Brannan Plan.
- 2 Resolved: that the federal government should sustain the prices of major agricultural products at not less than 90% of parity.
- 3 Resolved: that the federal government should remove from use sufficient acreage to balance agricultural production.

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Interpretative Reading

Interpretative Reading is a new activity in our contest structure. Read page 17 of your September News Letter and page 19 of Aims, Purposes, and Definitions of Drama, Debate and Speech Contests for detailed information about this contest and for preparation suggestions.

Extemporaneous Reading

Narrative poetry of recognized literary value has been chosen for the extemporaneous reading contests this coming year. The WHSFA has a collection of 7 poetry books for sale for \$3.00. Many schools have already ordered these books. In any anthology you will find lyrical poems, sonnets, and many other forms of literature as well as the narrative poems. It will, therefore, be necessary for you to search for the narrative poems. See page 15 of Aims, Purposes, and Definitions, for further information and suggestions.

Extemporaneous Speaking

Each school is responsible for securing its own magazines from which topics for extemporaneous speaking will be selected. See page 6 of the September News Letter for subscription rates and addresses of publishers. Each school should subscribe to at least two of these magazines.

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One-Act Play List 1956

The one-act play list for next year will be mailed out to all member schools with the May News Letter. It is being sent in May so that coaches may read plays during the summer months when there is not such a demand for examination copies and more of them are available for reading.

Professor Gard of the Wisconsin Idea Theatre is again compiling the 1956 list. If you have any suggestions for plays to be added to the list, please send them to us and we will forward them to Mr. Gard.

Sale Materials Available from WHSFA

Aims, Purposes and Definitions of Drama,	
Debate and Speech Contests-----	25¢
Time Cards-----	50¢
Winning Orations-----	85¢
Collection of seven Poetry Books-----	3.00*
Declamations -----	each .15
(Write for list if you do not have one)	
Play List - one act-----	.15
Play List - three act-----	.15

Originally we had eight books @ \$3.30, but one is out of print.

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Choral Speaking Festival

Mount Mary College cordially invites all teachers of high school and grade school classes to present their Verse Speaking Choirs at the new Mount Mary Auditorium (2900 Menomonee River Parkway), Saturday, March 24, 1956.

Miss Therese Marie Cuny, Drama Director in Chicago Catholic High Schools, will act as critic.

This Festival is not a contest. It is a workshop. Its purpose is to bring to light the good work that is being done in choral speaking, and to help this work to grow through demonstration and constructive criticism.

For further information write to Agnes Curren Hamm, Chairman of the Festival.

A New Play

A new play by Julius Landau of the Wisconsin Idea Theatre staff called "The Sorrows of Chester Avenue" is being given a major production on March 1, 2, 3 and 8, 9, 10, by Professor F. Theodore Cloak of Lawrence College at Appleton. Professor Cloak reports that campus interest is very high for this play and that the turnout for tryouts broke a record. Landau was formerly a playwright-in-residence at the University of Wisconsin.

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1956 Summer Speech Institute

This summer a one-day institute for speech teachers and students will be held in the Memorial Union Theatre on the Madison campus, Friday, August 3, 1956. The institute is sponsored by the University Department of Speech and the School of Education.

In the morning there will be a showing of a kinescope from the WHA-TV series "And the World Listened," plus an "on-the-spot" audience reaction analysis, using an audience analyzer. In the second morning program an engineer from the Wisconsin Telephone Company will employ electronic apparatus to analyze familiar sounds and demonstrate synthetic speech.

Following a noon luncheon in Great Hall, an afternoon program will offer a demonstration of creative dramatics for children. This will be followed by a demonstration of role-playing as an instructional technique.

Everyone is welcome to attend this speech institute. There is no registration fee.

Community Arts Workshop

The fifth Annual Community Arts Workshop will be held in Madison August 5-16. This is a meeting of specially interested leaders concerned about the arts in their own places. There will be a painting workshop this year conducted by Aaron Bohrod, plus a workshop for writing, theatre, and music. Information may be obtained by writing to the Wisconsin Idea Theatre offices, University of Wisconsin Extension Division, Stadium, Madison, Wisconsin.