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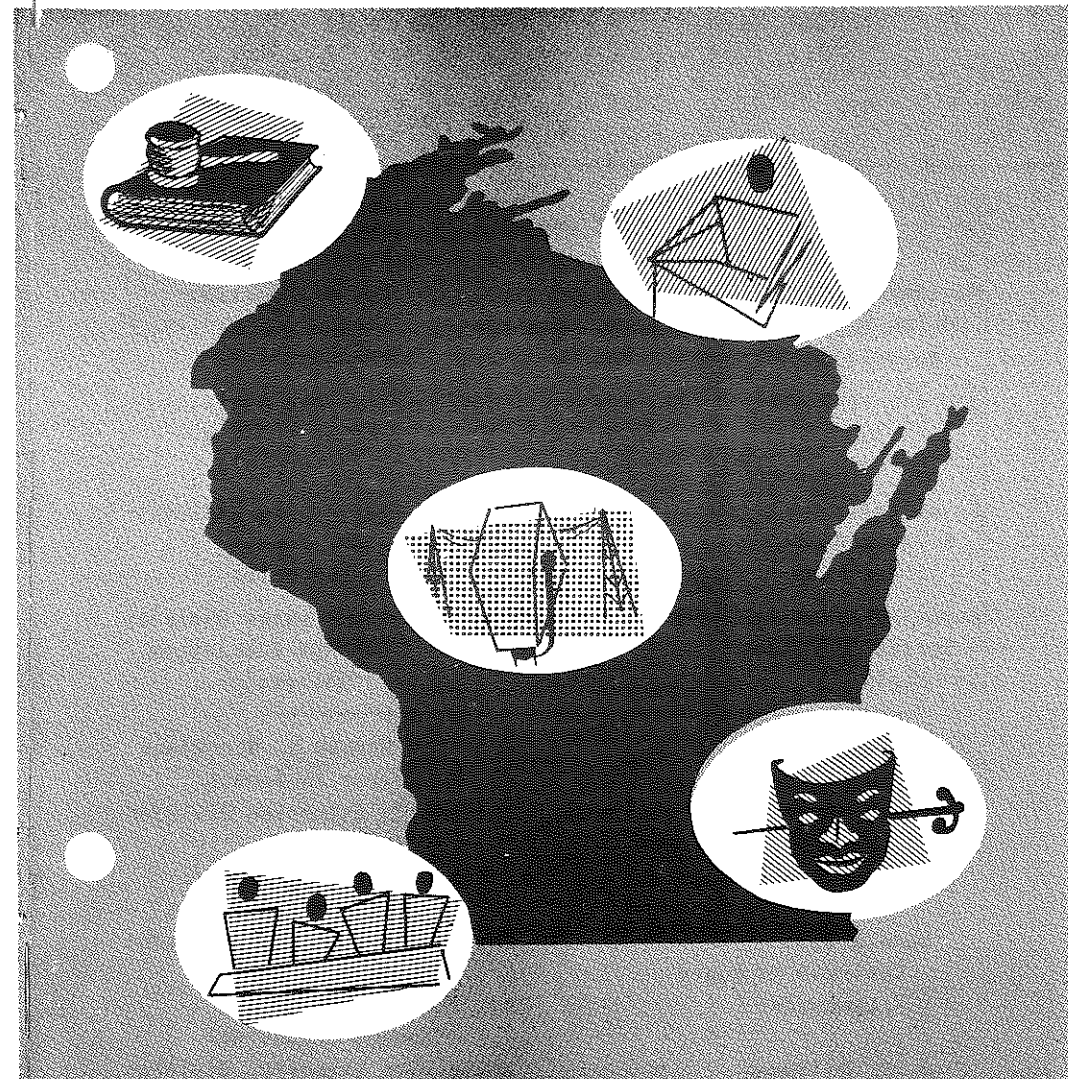
# Wisconsin High School Forensic Association Newsletter

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

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Latest Dates for Speech Contests

League - - - - - March 23  
District - - - - - April 6  
State - - - - - April 27

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DISCUSSION AND DEBATE PROBLEM AREA 1963-1964

MEDICAL CARE

The official discussion and debate problem area for the academic year 1963-64 will be: "What should be the role of the federal government in providing medical care to the citizens of the United States?"

1. Resolved: That the federal government should provide complete medical care for all citizens at public expense.
2. Resolved: That Social Security benefits should be extended to include complete medical care.
3. Resolved: That the federal government should assure medical care for any citizen through subsidies to authorized health insurance companies.

Preliminary work on the determination of the problem area began in September, when Wisconsin coaches were asked to suggest possible discussion and debate subjects for next year. "Medical Care" was ranked as the first choice among WHSFA schools. The Secretary-Treasurer of WHSFA was asked to propose the problem area and possible wordings for discussion and debate at the annual convention of the National University Extension Association Committee on Discussion and Debate in Cleveland, in December. From this meeting three problem areas developed: Medical Care, U. S. Fiscal Policy and Nuclear Weapons Control. In January a poll was conducted among the coaches and administrators of state associations and the results of the balloting were announced on February 4 by the National Office of the NUEA Committee. Wisconsin coaches and administrators will have an opportunity to select the final debate proposition in September.

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### DISCUSSION AND DEBATE PUBLICATIONS FOR 1963-64

Beginning this year, the National University Extension Association Committee on Discussion and Debate will release four separate publications dealing with the problem area of Medical Care. The proposed release dates will be:

- 1) March: Pre-printing of the Official Analysis and Interpretation of the problem area.
- 2) May: Part I of the Official Manual.
- 3) August: Part II of the Official Manual.
- 4) November: A Supplement (32 pages).

The state office of the WHSFA is now accepting orders for the pre-printed Analysis and Interpretation of the problem area. Copies may be ordered at \$1 each from this office, 432 N. Lake Street, Madison 6, Wisconsin.

### CERTIFICATES OF PARTICIPATION

Enclosed with this Newsletter is a post card to be used in ordering Certificates of Participation for your students. Any student who has taken part in one or more inter-school contests sponsored by the WHSFA is eligible to receive this recognition. Separate certificates are given for debate, drama, or speech.

The certificates are available to member schools at no charge.

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### WISCONSIN COUNCIL OF TEACHERS OF ENGLISH

#### CONVENTION IN WAUSAU

The fifth Annual Convention of the Wisconsin Council of Teachers of English will be held at Hotel Wausau on Friday, May 3, and Saturday, May 4. This year the Wisconsin High School Forensic Association will be cooperating in the program and sponsoring one of the twelve sectional meetings. Mr. Frederick E. Haug, Jr., Secretary-Treasurer of WHSFA, will be the speaker in one of the sessions. His subject will be "New Horizons in Teaching High School Forensics."

The Saturday morning general session at nine o'clock will feature an address by Dr. James B. Squire, Executive Secretary of the National Council of Teachers of English. He will be speaking on "New Perspectives in Teaching Composition." The afternoon general meeting will be headlined by Dr. Howard Mumford Jones, Visiting Professor of English, University of Wisconsin and Professor Emeritus, Harvard University. He will speak on "Literature, History, and the Present Tense."

The twelve sectional meetings will include speakers on the following subjects:

#### Morning

1. The New Grammars in High School and College
2. The Wisconsin Curriculum Project
3. Linguistic Analysis of Children's Oral Language and Reading
4. A current Approach to High School Reading Problems
5. New Horizons in Teaching High School Forensics
6. Chairing a Junior or Senior High School English Dept.

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### Afternoon

1. Usage Problems and the New Dictionaries
2. Honors and Advanced Placement for the gifted
3. Holden's Humanity: A Study of Catcher in the Rye
4. The Teaching of Poetry - Delight and Wisdom
5. Beginning Teachers Speak Their Minds
6. The Role of Journalism in the English Curriculum

Some of the featured speakers in the sectional meetings will include: Dr. Frederic Cassidy, Dr. Robert C. Pooley, Sister Mary Hester, and Dr. David Hiatt.

Coaches and Teachers of WHSFA schools are welcome to attend the convention even though they are not members of the Wisconsin Council of Teachers of English. Pre-registration materials will be sent by the WCTE to high schools next month. The program is endorsed by the WHSFA and interested persons are encouraged to attend the meetings.

### THIRD ANNUAL SPEECH MEET AT CAMPION HIGH SCHOOL

Campion (Prairie du Chien) High School will hold its 3rd Annual Speech Meet on March 23. Three rounds of competition will be held. Events will be chosen from those used in WHSFA contests.

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### SPEECH EDUCATION WORKSHOP for HIGH SCHOOL TEACHERS AND STUDENTS

A four-week workshop, from June 17 - July 12 for which four credits may be earned will be offered at Wisconsin State College, Whitewater, this summer.

It is the purpose of the workshop to provide high school teachers with background and methods useful in developing and carrying out an extra-curricular debate program. It is intended to supplement courses in regular classroom speech methods, and to fill the gaps in the preparation of high school debate directors who may have had their major training in an entirely different field. Outside consultants who have had experience in building such programs will be utilized. Laboratory experiences will be provided through working with the on-campus high school students. Enrollment will be limited to twenty-five students.

Running concurrently with the workshop for instructors will be a four-week high school debate workshop for high school students. During this time they will learn discussion techniques, debate techniques, and receive information on the 1963-64 debate question. They will practice debates in both formal and informal situations.

For details write to the Speech Department, Wisconsin State College, Whitewater, Wisconsin.

### WISCONSIN SUMMER HIGH SCHOOL SPEECH INSTITUTE

Again this summer, the University of Wisconsin will sponsor a three week (July 7 - July 27) High School Speech Institute on the Madison campus. The Institute is designed for high school students who wish to improve their participation in the speech activities of their local school. The Third Annual Wisconsin High School Speech Institute will provide all participants with an introduction to the basic communication processes as well as specialized instruction for forty students in debate, discussion, and public speaking; and for forty more in acting, theatre production, and oral interpretation.

More than a dozen staff members will teach in the Institute which will be directed by Dr. Thomas J. Murray, of the University of Wisconsin Department of Speech. In addition to teaching staff, full-time counselors will take care of housing and recreation arrangements for the participants. The dormitory, classroom, theatre, library, and recreation facilities of the University will be available to Institute participants.

Institute fees for tuition, activities, health service, housing, and meals total \$118.50. Requests for further information and application forms should be sent to Dr. Thomas J. Murray, Summer High School Speech Institute, Department of Speech, University of Wisconsin, Madison 6, Wisconsin.

### WISCONSIN IDEA THEATRE CONFERENCE

The annual conference of the Wisconsin Idea Theatre will be held in Milwaukee on March 29 and 30.

On Saturday, March 30, at the Sunset Playhouse in Elm Grove, six theatre workshops will be held. They include:

- Acting and Directing
- Management
- Avant-Garde Theatre
- Production
- Lyric Theatre
- Children's Theatre

Further details may be obtained by writing to the Wisconsin Idea Theatre, University of Wisconsin Extension Division, Madison 6, Wisconsin.

### DIRECTING HIGH SCHOOL FORENSICS

(A Credit Course)

During the summer of 1963 the University of Wisconsin has scheduled a four-week session in Directing High School Forensics. The course begins on July 1 and ends on July 26. It will be possible to earn three graduate credits in four weeks.

Students interested in speech will find Education 129, Directing High School Forensics, especially helpful in their professional careers. The three credits may be applied towards the Master's Degree or towards the credits required by Boards of Education for salary increase and promotion. Emphasis will be placed on debate and the individual speech events sponsored by WHSFA.

The course will be taught by Prof. Mary Louise Gehring, Visiting Lecturer from Stetson University.

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### MEETING OF SOUTHERN WISCONSIN SPEECH ASSOCIATION

The annual meeting of the Southern Wisconsin Speech Association is to be held in the University of Wisconsin Memorial Union on the University of Wisconsin campus on February 15. The luncheon will be held in Great Hall at 11:30. Workshop sessions will be held on Original Orations and Public Address, Interpretative Speech and Drama. The morning session begins at 9:00 A. M. and will include a keynote address by Mrs. Ethel Rich of Baraboo High School. Mr. Paul Vrakas, Waukesha, member of the National Association of Parliamentarians, will speak on "Effective Teaching of Parliamentary Law."

### EXTEMPORANEOUS SPEAKING MAGAZINES

Topics to be used in the extemporaneous speaking event this year will be taken from the January, February, March, and April issues of The American Observer, Current History, Newsweek, Scholastic, U. S. News and World Report, and The Reporter.

This event is explained more in detail on page 13-14 of the 1962 issue of Aims, Definitions, and Rules of Speech, Drama, and Debate Contests.

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### PLAY LIST 1963

Now is the time of the year when we begin to gather ideas for the 1963 APPROVED PLAY LIST. Again we are asking for ideas. Are there titles we should remove or add? We are of the opinion that some of the plays on our list, though good plays, have become weary and worn through overuse. Would some of you be unhappy if we gave the following plays a two to three year rest?

Anastasia, Mary of Scotland, Sunday Costs Five Pesos, The Dear Departed, Book Lovers, and the Gentleman Caller scene from Glass Menagerie.

Our last year's list had a new look. We thought it would be helpful to divide the kinds of plays into three categories, so that the students could try new kinds of dramatic literature. We were disappointed that very few, if any, of the classics or the philosophical and spiritual plays were attempted.

We hope that perhaps some of you will have ideas of good dramatic literature that should be placed on our play list. And if you object to any of the plays now on the list, let us know. The committee, with the consultation of Professor Robert Gard, our Drama Adviser, will give your ideas every consideration.

Julia Mailer  
Drama Librarian  
University Extension  
Division

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### STATE DRAMA CONTEST

Four schools received "A" ratings at the State Drama Contest which was held December 1 at Wisconsin State College, Oshkosh. The schools receiving "A" ratings were: Fond du Lac, presenting "Mr. Roberts," La Crosse Aquinas, presenting "The Wonder Hat," Kewaunee, presenting "White Iris," and Muskego, presenting "The Legend of Camile."

Award plaques were presented to the "A" rated schools and individual gold medals were awarded to the students.

Five schools received "B" ratings at the contest. They were: Green Bay Preble, Luxemburg, Loyal, Cambria, and Port Washington. Ratings of "C" were awarded to Fall Creek, Edgerton, and Osseo.

The "B" and "C" rated schools were awarded a Certificate of Achievement and the students received individual Certificates of Achievement.

Judges at the contest were:

Miss Gloria Link, Director of Drama at  
Wisconsin State College, Oshkosh  
Mr. Harold Hansen, Chairman, Department of Speech  
Wisconsin State College, Platteville  
Mr. Edward L. Kamarck, Professor of Speech and  
Assistant Director, Wisconsin Idea Theatre

The awards were presented by Mr. Walter G. Schmidt, Oshkosh District Chairman and Frederick E. Haug, Secretary-Treasurer, WHSFA.

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### PUBLIC ADDRESS TOPICS FOR LEAGUE, DISTRICT, AND STATE CONTESTS

The general area for the public address contest will be "Medical Care."

At the league, district and state contests the student must deliver a speech based on the topic or aspect of the general area designated for that particular contest level. The topics on which speeches must be based at the various levels of competition are:

LEAGUE: What should be the role of the federal government in providing medical care to the aged?

DISTRICT: What should be the role of the federal government in providing medical care to the indigent?

STATE: What should be the role of the federal government in providing health insurance?

A complete explanation of the Public Address contest and a list of rules appear on page 15 of the September 1962 Newsletter, and on page 9-10 of Aims, Definitions, and Rules of Speech, Drama, and Debate Contests.

Students who will be debating in the problem area of "Medical Care" next year should be especially interested in this event.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR SPRING SPEECH

The following suggestions will be helpful to note in providing enriched speech experiences for the student and smoother contest operation for the teacher.

1. Introductions - Students should be encouraged to use introductions in their preparation for spring speech events. Suitable introductions need not be lengthy, but they should help to familiarize the listener with the author, the type of selection, the occasion, or the setting. Such introductory remarks are especially valuable in those events where the speaker is not using his own material as in the interpretative reading of prose, interpretative reading of poetry, memorized declamation, play reading, and non-original oratory events.

2. Change Events - While some students may find their "niche" in a given event, it is strongly recommended that they be encouraged to change events from year to year. Such breadth of experience can help the student to increase his interest and ability in speech.

3. Copyrighted Materials - The Board of Control recommends that schools using copyrighted materials in any event of the spring speech contest should write to the publisher to secure permission to use the selection. It is not necessary to secure permission for the declamations and orations mailed out by the state office with the membership packages.

**— NOTES —**