

Wisconsin High School Forensic Association

Summer Speech Conference in Madison

High school dramatics and debate are the topics of afternoon sectional meetings at the University's Speech Conference this summer. This one-day event will be held on Thursday, June 29 on the Madison campus.

Two prominent speech teachers from Wisconsin high schools will take part in the Conference. They are Mr. Arnold Melzer, debate coach at Sheboygan South High School, and Mr. George Kanzelberger, director of dramatics at Lincoln High School in Manitowoc. Other participants are Miss Barbara Schindler of the University of Colorado and Mr. Wallace Smith of Evanston Township High School in Illinois.

Professor Andrew T. Weaver of Wisconsin, and Professor Donald K. Smith of Minnesota will speak at the morning session, dealing with speech and speech education.

Any interested person is welcome to attend the Conference; there is no fee.

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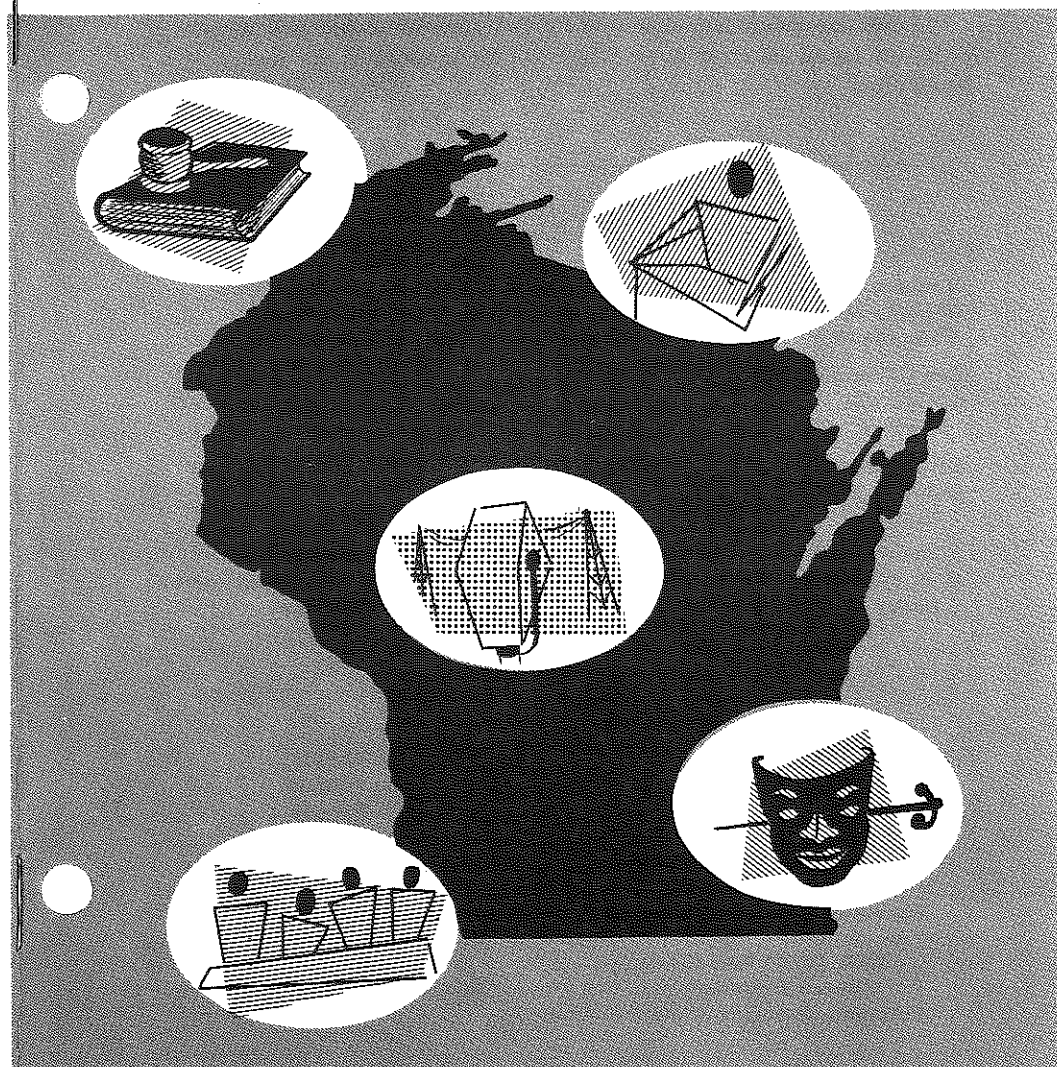
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## Problem Area for Discussion and Debate 1961-62

"What Should be the Role of the Federal Government in Education?"

### Contest Dates for 1961-62

Dates for contests and events for the 1961-62 school year appear in the enclosed insertion sheet. They will be repeated in the September Newsletter.

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## Fall Elections

Elections to select members of the Board of Control of WHSFA will be held in October in the following districts and section:

Area	Incumbent
Northern Section	Dale E. Krammes
Milwaukee District	Clarence Thorson
Stevens Point District	J. C. Gillmann
Superior District	H. F. Connors
La Crosse District	*H. W. Laatsch

\*Mr. Herman Laatsch, Elroy, is serving a one-year appointment on the Board of Control to fill the position of Mr. Lee of Viroqua who moved out of the district.

## Quality Standards for Speech Teachers

The January 1961 issue of The Speech Teacher included an article that is of interest to classroom teachers of speech and to speech and forensic coaches in Wisconsin. While the article primarily deals with the recent ruling of the State Department of Public Instruction regarding qualifications for classroom teachers of speech, it does point out that office's feeling on extra-curricular speech activities. The recommendations of the State Department regarding extra-curricular work is advisory and not a list of requirements. Your attention is especially directed to the letter addressed to "administrators of all Wisconsin Teacher Preparing Institutions."

Because this information is important and affects the total operation of speech programs throughout the state, we have included reprints from The Speech Teacher article in this Newsletter.

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### Official Problem Area for 1961-62 Announced

The general discussion and debate problem area for the 1961-62 school year will be "What should be the role of the federal government in education?"

The three suggested discussion questions are: (1) Should the federal government provide the states with aid for education? (2) Should federal aid be provided for teachers' salaries? (3) Should federal aid be provided for qualified students?

Debate propositions include: (1) Resolved: that the federal government should provide additional aid for public school facilities. (2) Resolved: that the federal government should guarantee an opportunity for higher education to qualified high school graduates. (3) Resolved: that the federal government should equalize educational opportunity by means of grants to the states for public elementary and secondary education.

The official debate proposition for WHSFA will be announced in the fall after discussion and debate coaches in Wisconsin have expressed their preferences in a poll to be conducted in September.

### Practice Debate Tournaments

If your school is planning to sponsor an invitational practice debate tournament during the 1961-62 school year, please write to the state office so the information can be included in the September Newsletter.

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### Results of State Debate Tournament

Seventeen teams competed in the 1961 State Debate Tournament held at The Wisconsin Center in Madison on February 25 and 26. First place was shared by Eau Claire Memorial and Sheboygan South with a record of seven wins and one loss. Racine St. Catherine with six wins and two losses held the second position. Monona Grove, a newcomer to the state meet, shared third place honors with La Crosse Aquinas by compiling a record of five wins and three losses. Other schools represented at the contest were Chippewa Falls McDonell, Eau Claire Regis, Green Bay Preble, Kenosha, Kohler, Menomonee, Merrill, Oconomowoc, Prairie du Chien Campion, River Falls, Stevens Point, and Wausau.

A school plaque and individual gold medals were awarded to the two first place teams. Certificates of Achievement for the schools and debaters were presented to the second and third ranking teams.

J. Howard Westing, Associate Dean, School of Commerce, at the University of Wisconsin spoke at the banquet on Friday evening. His address was based on the subject, "This Business of Communication in Business." Students, coaches, and judges were welcomed by Frederick Haberman, Chairman of the Department of Speech, and Mr. Harold G. Gall, Chairman of the Board of Control, WHSFA. Mr. Frederick E. Haug, Jr., Sec'y-Treas. of WHSFA presided at the dinner.

The official debate question for the 1960-61 school year was: "Resolved: that the United Nations should be significantly strengthened."

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### Speech Section at SWEA Discusses Speech Training

The annual meeting of the speech section of the Southern Wisconsin Education Association was held at the University of Wisconsin on February 17. A panel discussed the general topic "What Should be Emphasized in Speech Training?" The Chairman of the group was Mr. Allan Frank, Oconomowoc. Participants included Mrs. Ruth McCarty, Madison West; Mrs. Ethel Rich, Baraboo; Mr. Dan Johnson, Watertown, Mr. Dwight Stevens, Fort Atkinson; Mr. Robert Scott, Delavan-Darien.

The subject was divided into four general phases: What are some of the important goals of speech training? Who should receive speech training? What activities and methods of evaluation can contribute the most to the realization of the goals? What are the characteristics of a well-balanced speech program?

### SWEA Officers for 1961-62

Newly elected officers for the speech section of the Southern Wisconsin Education Association include:

Chairman -- William Hintz, Lake Geneva  
Vice-Chairman -- Ernest Jahr, Deerfield  
Secretary -- Mrs. Sonya Iverson, Monona Grove

### Certificates of Participation

If you have not already ordered Certificates of Participation for inter-school programs sponsored by WHSFA you may still do so. Separate recognitions are awarded for participation in drama, debate, discussion, and spring speech activities.

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### 1961 Approved Play List

The official one-act play list, "Approved Plays 1961," which is usually sent out with the May Newsletter will instead be included with the mailing of the September Newsletter this year. All too often this material is misplaced during the summer months. A September mailing that will reach schools just after Labor Day will enable coaches to make a selection before the October 1 deadline.

If you, however, would like your copy this spring so you may be reading plays in preparation for selecting a final one, please write the state office and we will be happy to send you a copy of the Approved List.

### Students Selected for Institute

At Madison, final preparations are being made for the sixty selected students who will comprise the forensic and dramatic divisions of the 1961 Summer High School Speech Institute. One-third of the quota of participants has been filled already by applicants who have been selected for acceptance. If the present rate of applications continue, the total quota may be reached in the near future.

With the goal of providing as favorable an atmosphere for learning as possible, plans for the participants in the three-week Institute (June 26 - July 15) have been carefully made--from the dormitory room and counselors that the participants will meet when they arrive to the medals which outstanding participants will receive when they leave.

For information or applications write to Dr. Thomas J. Murray, Director, 1961 Summer Speech Institute, Room 20 Memorial Library, University of Wisconsin, Madison 6, Wisconsin