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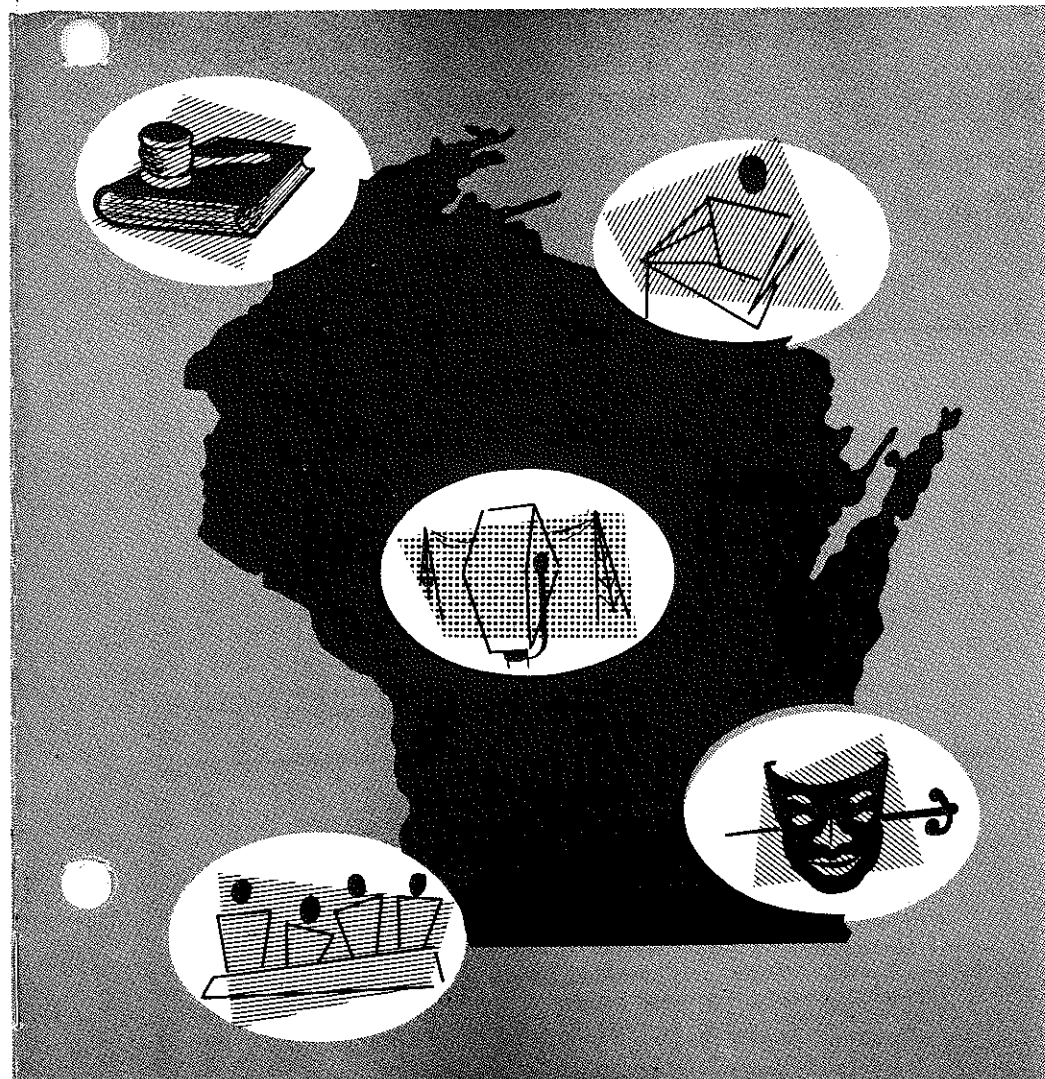
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"Not to defeat each other, but to pace one another on the road to excellence."
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THE OFFICIAL CALENDAR FOR 1965-66

Latest Dates for Contests	Drama	Debate	Speech
Sub-District - - - - -	Oct. 30	-----	March 19
District - - - - -	Nov. 13	Jan. 29	April 2
Sectional- - - - -	Nov. 20	Feb. 12	-----
State- - - - -	Dec. 11*	Feb. 25-26	April 23

* At Wisconsin State University, Platteville
WEA Convention - November 4-5
Easter - April 10, 1966

Board of Control Meetings

The Wisconsin Center, Madison, May 6-7, 1965

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SPRING SPEECH CONTESTS

To paraphrase a familiar line from Shelley's Ode to the West Wind, "If the State Debate Tournament comes, can Spring Speech Contests be far behind?" It might be well to review the contest rules with students before they enter an event. See the 1965 WHSFA Newsletters for September and November, as well as the 1965-66 Aims, Definitions, Rules of Speech, Drama, and Debate Contests.

Sub-District Affiliation

If you are not sure of your sub-district (formerly "league") assignment, get in touch with your district chairman. You will find his name on the inside cover of this Newsletter, opposite this page.

Entry Information

Please be prompt in sending information requested by any contest chairman concerning the names of contestants and titles of their selections. Without this information it is difficult to organize a contest which will run smoothly.

EXTEMPORANEOUS SPEAKING

As stated on page 16 of the WHSFA Newsletter for September, 1965, the periodicals from which extemporaneous speaking topics are to be taken for the contest this year are the January, February, March, and April issues of American Observer, Current History, Newsweek, Scholastic, U. S. News and World Report, and The Reporter.

The "Supplementary Rules for Extemporaneous Speaking" advise that the contestants be given topics, not titles. The distinction which can be made between the two is that a topic is more specific and therefore places greater responsibility on the contestant.

Some contest chairmen invite forensic coaches to send them topics, which are then pooled and used in the extemporaneous speaking contest. This procedure is perfectly proper providing duplicate topics are removed and necessary editing is done to make all topics nearly equal in their specificity. A contestant who selects a slip on which is typed the single word "Vietnam" (which can be classed as a title) has an unfair advantage over the student who draws the topic "U. S. Objectives in the Vietnam War."

To provide further examples of topics, as opposed to titles, here are a few selected samples from the list of extemporaneous speaking topics used in the State Speech Contest last year: "The Future of the Republican Party," "France's Role in European Economy," "President Johnson and the Press," "U. S. Policy Toward Cuba," "Statute of Limitations on Germany's War Crimes," "Impact of Automation on U. S. Industry."

It should be noted that each of these topics requires the contestant to prepare a speech on a specific aspect of a broader subject. It should also be observed that the topics are related to vital contemporary issues discussed in the magazines named as sources of topics for the contest. They are not relatively inconsequential topics which can be found in some sections of the magazines named.

CERTIFICATES OF PARTICIPATION

All students who participate in one or more inter-school contests sponsored by the WHSFA are eligible to receive a Certificate of Participation. The certificates are provided by the state office at no cost to member schools. There are separate certificates for drama, debate, and speech.

A postcard to be used in ordering Certificates of Participation is enclosed with this Newsletter. Each school should order the certificates for its own students.

STATE DRAMA CONTEST

Because of the large number of schools eligible to participate in the State Drama Contest this year it was necessary to divide the contest and hold it in two places. Of the 18 schools entering the finals, nine participated in a Northern Division contest held on the campus of the Wisconsin State University in Eau Claire. The remaining nine took part in a Southern Division contest at the Wisconsin State University in Platteville. The two contests were held simultaneously on December 11, 1965.

The following four schools received an A rating for their productions. Each school was awarded a plaque, and individual gold medals were given the students.

- ✓ Fall Creek, "Spoon River Anthology"
- ✓ Green Bay Southwest, "The Lottery"
- ✓ La Crosse Central, "The Sandbox"
- ✓ McFarland, "Omega"

Nine schools were given a B rating. Framed certificates of achievement were presented to each school, and individual certificates were awarded the contestants.

- ✓ Greendale, "The Bald Soprano"
- ✓ Lakeland, Minocqua, "The Witches of Macbeth"
- ✓ Lancaster, "Peer Gynt"
- ✓ Owen-Withee, "The Madwoman of Chailot"
- ✓ Park Falls, "The Bald Soprano"
- ✓ Pius XI, Milwaukee, "A Thurber Carnival"
- ✓ Racine, St. Catherine, "The Room"
- ✓ Seymour, "The Bald Soprano"
- ✓ Stoughton, "The Sandbox"

Schools receiving a C rating were five in number. They, too, were given framed certificates of achievement, and the students were awarded individual certificates.

- ✓ Crandon, "The Seekers"
- ✓ Crivitz, "Mary of Scotland"
- ✓ Eau Claire North, "Birthday of the Infanta"
- ✓ La Crosse Aquinas, "A Midsummer Night's Dream"
- ✓ Wauzeka, "A Thurber Carnival"

Judges for the Northern Division contest were:

Mr. LaVahn Hoh, Department of Speech,
Wisconsin State University-Eau Claire
Prof. Edward L. Kamarck, Department of Speech,
University of Wisconsin Extension Division
Mrs. Julia Mailer, Drama Section of Extension
Library, University of Wisconsin
Extension Division

Judges for the Southern Division contest were:

Prof. Paul W. Gauger, Department of Speech,
Wisconsin State University-Platteville
Prof. T. Shandy Holland, Department of Speech,
Carthage College, Kenosha
Prof. Lowell S. Swartzell, Department of Speech,
University of Wisconsin, Madison

PROBLEM AREA AND DEBATE PROPOSITIONS

1966-67

In January all WHSFA debating schools received a preferential ballot from the state office on which they indicated their choice of subject, or problem area, to be discussed and debated by high school students during the next academic year. Of the three problem areas proposed by the Committee on Discussion and Debate of the National University Extension Association, Wisconsin expressed first preference for the foreign policy question. Second choice was foreign aid. Third choice was conservation.

In the national balloting conducted by the Committee on Discussion and Debate, 43 states, plus the National Forensic League and the National Catholic Forensic League, expressed their preferences. The foreign aid problem area was the first choice; it received only one more vote than foreign policy.

As a result of the national vote, the question cited below will be the problem area for 1966-67. Early in September Wisconsin debate coaches will have an opportunity to indicate which of the three debate propositions they prefer. Ballots will be sent to all debating schools by the state office. The official WHSFA debate proposition for 1966-67 will be announced the middle of September, 1966.

Problem Area

What should be the foreign aid policy of the United States?

Discussion Questions

1. What should be the goals of United States foreign aid?
2. What criteria should govern the allocation of United States foreign aid?
3. How can United States foreign aid best be administered?

Debate Propositions

1. Resolved: That the foreign aid program of the United States should be limited to non-military assistance.
2. Resolved: That the foreign aid program of the United States should be limited to non-totalitarian countries.
3. Resolved: That the foreign aid program of the United States should be administered through the United Nations.

SUMMER HIGH SCHOOL SPEECH INSTITUTES

During the summer of 1966, high school students interested in attending a speech institute in their own state will have the choice of three programs, each on a different university campus. The three summer institutes are described briefly below. More detailed information can be obtained by writing to the director of the institute.

University of Wisconsin

The University of Wisconsin 1966 Summer High School Speech Institute will be held from June 26 through July 16 on the Madison campus. The general areas of instruction will be debate and dramatics. A maximum of 80 students can be accommodated. Persons who enroll must be next year's sophomores, juniors, or seniors. A recommendation from a teacher and the student's principal is required. The institute director is Dr. Ronald R. Allen, 323 Psychology Building, Madison, Wisconsin 53706.

Wisconsin State University - Eau Claire

The dates of the Eau Claire High School Speech Institute are June 13 through July 1, 1966. Debate and public speaking will be the general areas of instruction in this program to be held on the Eau Claire campus. An unlimited number of high school students may enroll. The application must be accompanied by a recommendation of the student's debate director and the administration of his school. Prof. Grace Walsh is the director of the institute. Inquiries should be mailed to her at the Wisconsin State University, Eau Claire, Wisconsin 54702.

Wisconsin State University - Oshkosh

The High School Debaters Workshop, conducted on the campus of the Wisconsin State University at Oshkosh, will be held from June 12 through June 25, 1966. The area of instruction will be debate. A maximum of 30 students will be accepted. High school students who enroll must be next year's sophomores, juniors, or seniors with some debate experience. The director of the workshop is Dr. Joseph M. Mazza of the Department of Speech, Wisconsin State University, Oshkosh, Wisconsin 54901.

ACT TEST DATES FOR 1965-66

According to the Student Information Bulletin of the American College Testing program, one of the dates on which the ACT test will be given is April 23, 1966. This is the same date the WHSFA State Spring Speech Contest will be held in Madison. The Board of Control discussed this conflict at its meeting in November and concluded that it would not be feasible to change the date of the State Spring Speech Contest.

The Board's decision was influenced by the fact that the ACT test is offered at several other times. Students who may become eligible to participate in the state finals and who also are interested in taking the ACT test should be advised that the test will be given on June 25, and August 6, 1966, according to the Student Information Bulletin.

SUMMER COURSES FOR FORENSIC COACHES

This summer the Wisconsin State Universities and the University of Wisconsin (in Madison, Milwaukee, and in some Centers) will offer courses in speech and speech education. Teachers who are thinking about going to summer school are urged to write directly to the universities in which they are interested and ask for a summer session bulletin.

We had thought of announcing all the speech courses to be taught in Wisconsin universities, but when we started compiling the list we found it would more than fill the Newsletter. Consequently we are limiting the announcement to those courses specifically designed to provide instruction in directing or coaching high school forensics, including debate and drama.

Wisconsin State University - Eau Claire

A graduate level course titled "The High School Forensic Program" will be offered for high school teachers interested in improving their abilities to coach high school extra-curricular speech activities. It will be operated as a workshop with attention given to theoretical and practical considerations in conducting debate, drama, and forensic programs. Participants may specialize in the area of their special interest. They will have an opportunity to work closely with the students enrolled in the Annual High School Speech Institute held on the Eau Claire campus.

The dates for the course are June 14 - July 8, 1966. The professor in charge is Dr. Frederick E. Haug, Jr., former WHSFA Secretary-Treasurer. Write to him for further information.

Wisconsin State University - Whitewater

A senior graduate course, "Directing Debate," will be offered on the Whitewater campus this summer. It will provide specific information for teachers in charge of high school debate programs. It is intended not only for speech teachers but also for persons in other subject areas who have been or who may be given the task of directing debate as an extra-curricular assignment.

The course carries three credits. It will be taught by Dr. Edna Sorber, who has had extensive experience at both the high school and college level. Write to her for additional information.

Wisconsin State University - River Falls

Shortly before this Newsletter went to press, we received a phone call from Dr. John Oostendorp informing us that the National Foundation on the Arts and Humanities has awarded funds to the Wisconsin State University - River Falls for a special eight-week program of instruction. An "Institute for High School Theatre Directors" will be conducted this summer on the River Falls campus. Persons accepted for this institute will receive their tuition and also a living allowance. The institute carries 11 quarter-hours credit. Dr. Oostendorp is in charge of the program. Write to him for further information.

In addition to the "Institute for High School Theatre Directors," River Falls will also offer an eight-weeks course in "Directing High School Forensics" as part of its regular summer session program. For information about this course write to Dr. Phillip Anderson, Dean of the Graduate School at the Wisconsin State University - River Falls.

USE OF COPYRIGHTED CONTEST MATERIAL

The following sound advice, written by Dr. Frederick E. Haug, WHSFA Secretary-Treasurer from 1959 to 1965, bears repeating. It was published in the November, 1964 Newsletter.

"Many of the selections that are used by WHSFA students in declamation, interpretative reading of poetry, interpretative reading of prose, and playreading are taken from copyrighted materials. The Board of Control highly recommends that any school planning to use materials from such sources secure permission in writing from the publisher. In cases where copyrighted materials are being used for contest purposes some publishers will make special arrangements. It is better, however, to make sure at an early date that the stories or articles being used in contests are cleared by the publisher.

"The declamations on the lists circulated by the state office of WHSFA in the fall membership packet have been cleared. It is not necessary to secure further permission for these materials. The selections on the list of APPROVED PLAYS, however, should be cleared. This list has been approved by the publishers, but in many cases royalties are involved.

"The problem of copyrighted materials is not an easy one to solve. The state office does feel responsible for informing schools on the importance of clearing all copyrighted material with publishers."

PARTICIPATION IN DEBATE, 1965-66

This issue of the Newsletter went to press before the State Debate Tournament was held. The results of the final tournament will be published in the May Newsletter. This year 138 schools took part in WHSFA district tournaments. Of this number 57 participated in sectional competition. The following 24 schools qualified for the state final.

Brookfield Central
Chippewa Falls McDonell
Chippewa Falls Senior
De Pere Abbot Pennings
Durand
Eau Claire Memorial
Green Bay West
La Crosse Aquinas
La Crosse Central
Menasha St. Mary's
Merrill
Milwaukee Marquette
Milwaukee Pius XI
Monona Grove
Muskego
Prairie du Chien Champion
Racine St. Catherine's
Rhineland
Schofield D. C. Everest
Sheboygan South
Shorewood
Waukesha Catholic Memorial
Wausau
West Bend