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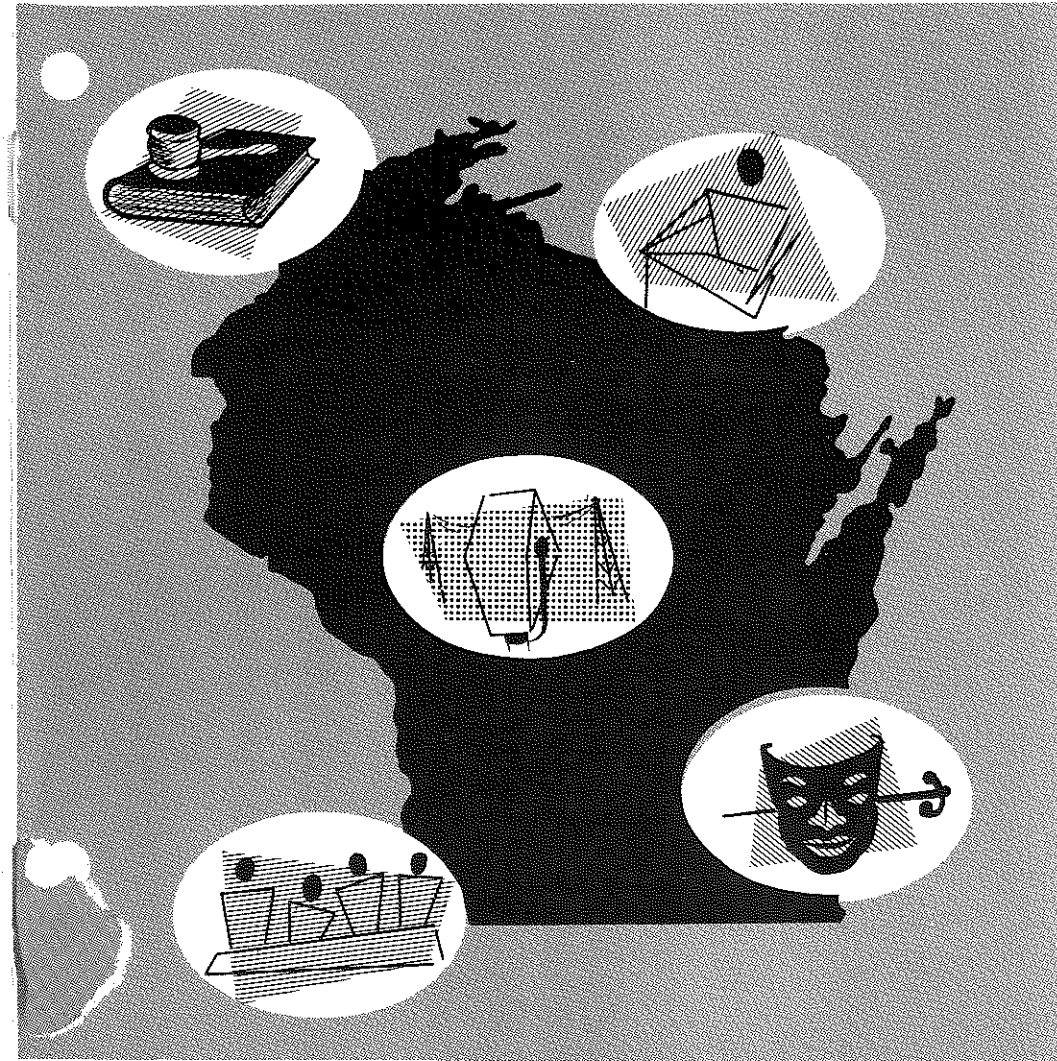
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Latest Dates for Contests

	<i>Drama</i>	<i>Debate</i>	<i>Speech</i>
League			March 11
District		Jan. 28	March 25
Sectional		Feb. 11	
State	Dec. 3*	Feb. 24-25	April 15

*At Wisconsin State College, Eau Claire

Board of Control

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Board of Control Election

Elections were held this year in the Oshkosh, Platteville, and Whitewater Districts and in the Central Section. The following were newly elected to a three-year term on the Board of Control:

Oshkosh District--Walter Schmidt, Kaukauna
Whitewater District--George Buckingham,
Whitewater.

Re-elected for three-year terms were:

Platteville District--Harold Gall, Lancaster
Central Section--Ervin Marquardt, Wausau

Debate Question Selected for 1960-61

The official debate question for 1960-61 is:

Resolved: that the United Nations should be significantly strengthened.

A poll of debating schools was conducted early in September and the final selection was announced on September 13.

Demonstration Debate Tapes Available

A loan copy of the tape recording of the annual demonstration debate between Marquette University and the University of Wisconsin on the official 1960-61 debate question is now available from the state office of the WHSFA.

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Board of Control Activity in Milwaukee

Mr. Harold Gall, Lancaster, was elected Chairman of the Board of Control of the WHSFA at the November 1-2 meeting in Milwaukee. Mr. Everett Lee, Viroqua, was elected Vice-chairman.

A committee consisting of Chairmen Lee, Krammes, and Marquardt were appointed to study the proposal that larger schools be permitted to enter more than two contestants in league competition.

The matter of re-defining districts, especially in the southern part of the state was discussed. The number of schools taking part in activities in this area has increased to the point where district contests are very large. Chairmen Thorson, Schmidt, and Hintz were appointed to carefully study the problem and to report at the Board meeting next November.

Mr. Haug, Secretary-Treasurer of WHSFA, was appointed the official representative from the Board of Control to attend the meeting of the Advisory Council of the NAEA Committee on Discussion and Debate Materials and Inter-state Cooperation in St. Louis on December 27-28.

The Board voted to discontinue the tape-recorded panel-discussion contest as of the 1961-62 school year. The following resolution was passed at the meeting: "The Board's decision to discontinue the tape-recorded panel-discussion contest should not be regarded as a denial of the value of discussion. The decision was prompted by a realization that the tape-recorded contest has failed to stimulate a vital interest in discussion with only 14 schools enrolled in this event as of November 2, 1960. The Board commends those schools which have sponsored clinics and practice sessions in discussion and would encourage the continuation and expansion of such activities."

The Board approved a motion permitting 4-H Club speech contestants to attend speech institutes co-sponsored by the Association.

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Highlights of the 34th Annual Meeting of the WHSFA

Brooks Memorial Union, Marquette University
Milwaukee, November 4, 1960

Mr. Harold Gall, Chairman of the Board of Control, conducted the 34th Annual Meeting of WHSFA. He called upon the Secretary-Treasurer of the Association to review the new rule changes that were made at the April 28-29 meeting of the Board of Control, pertaining to contests. They were the following:

1. A new contest, Public Address, will be added to the contests sponsored by the WHSFA. (This Newsletter contains sources of information that pertain to the general theme for the 1960-61 school year.)
2. "Supplementary Rules for Extemporaneous Speaking" shall be amended to read in Rule 6: "At the conclusion of each contest, the judge may ask one or more pertinent questions of each participant, or he may designate any other person in the audience at his discretion, to question the speaker."
3. Extemporaneous Reading will not be an official part of the contest structure as of 1960.

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Wisconsin Speech Association News

Hoyt Rawlings, Central High School, West Allis, was elected President and Mr. John Davies, Mary Bradford High School, Kenosha, was elected Vice-president. New members on the Executive Council are Mr. Edward Frankiewicz, Pius XI High School, Milwaukee, and Professor William White, Chairman, Speech Department, Wisconsin State College at Oshkosh.

Professor Wynett Barnett, Wisconsin State College, Whitewater, read the final report of the Committee on Certification of Speech Teachers in Wisconsin. She reported that the State Department of Public Instruction has declared speech to be an academic subject.

Professor Gladys Borchers, University of Wisconsin, reported on the progress of the committee studying the improvement of extra-curricular speech. A letter prepared by the committee, which will be sent to teacher training institutions from the State Department of Public Instruction was read. This letter is a request that counselors in these schools be prepared to advise in-service or prospective teachers on appropriate course work for directing extra-curricular activities.

The Constitution of the Wisconsin Speech Association was amended to provide for the Vice-president to succeed the President. This will be effective in 1961.

The main address at the meeting was given by Professor John Randolph, Westminster College, Fulton, Missouri.

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Commerce Dean Will Speak At State Debate Banquet

Howard Westing, Associate Dean, School of Commerce of the University of Wisconsin will be the main speaker at the dinner held at the State Debate Contest. The banquet will be in the Wisconsin Center Building, University of Wisconsin, on Friday, February 24th.

Public Address is a New WHSFA Contest

The Board of Control at its spring meeting added a new event, Public Address, to the contest structure of the WHSFA. A list of the rules of this contest can be found in the September Newsletter under "Supplementary Rules for Public Address." A more complete description of the event is contained in the 1960 Aims, Definitions, and Rules of Speech, Drama, and Debate Contests.

All speeches in this event will be based upon the general area: "How May Television Best Serve the Public Interest?"

It is not the intention of the state office to publish an extensive bibliography of references for the subject matter in this contest. Part of the task of a speaker in preparing a speech is gathering his material as well as selecting a subject, determining the purpose of the speech, wording the speech and practicing it. Traditional references such as the Reader's Guide to Periodical Literature, the Education Index, and the card catalogue in your local or school library should serve as excellent sources. There are, however, some materials that are not in periodical or book form that pertain directly to the subject matter area of this year's contest. The following list contains some suggestions. Addresses have been provided so that you may write directly to the organizations.

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1. "Public Morality in Broadcasting," an Address by David Susskind, 475 Riverside Drive, New York 27, N. Y., Attention: Mr. Lewis.
2. School Children and Television, summary of the results of ten yearly studies of children's television viewing in the Chicago Metropolitan Area, Television Information Office, 666 Fifth Avenue, New York 19, N. Y.
3. Who Owns the Air? Testimony before the FCC., Center for the Study of Democratic Institutions, Box 4068, Santa Barbara, California.
4. Television: Impact and Reaction in Lexington, Kentucky, March 1953, University of Kentucky Libraries, Lexington, Kentucky.
5. Taste and the Censor in Television, the Fund for the Republic, Inc., 60 East 42nd Street, New York 17, N. Y.
6. Annual Report for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 1952. Federal Trade Commission, Pennsylvania Avenue, at 6th Street N. W., Washington, D. C.
7. Federal Communications Commission, Post Office Bldg., 12th Street and Pennsylvania Avenue, N. W., Washington, D. C.
8. National Association for Better Radio and Television, 882 Victoria Avenue, Los Angeles 5, California. (This organization has approximately 35 low-cost pamphlets and periodical reprints for sale.)
9. American Council for Better Broadcasts, 423 North Pinckney Street, Madison, Wisconsin.

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Suggested Topics for the Contest in Public Address

The following list is not meant to be suggestions for titles of speeches to be used in the contest in Public Address, but rather general topics to be explored.

1. Television Violence
2. Pay Television
3. Increased Government Control
4. Establishing International Networks
5. Control of Advertisers
6. European Television
7. Censorship of Television
8. Developing Good Television Programs for Children
9. Television Scandals
10. Television in the Schools

Demonstration Tape Available

A demonstration discussion presented by students from Neenah High School was held at an Institute in Discussion and Debate at the University of Wisconsin on October 15. A tape recording of this discussion is available on a loan basis from the state office.

Winning Discussion Tape to be Broadcast

On December 27 at 4:00 P. M. the stations of the State Radio Network will broadcast one of the winning tapes from the final round of the tape-recorded panel-discussion contest.

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A Tribute to Ruth McKennan

When the curtains closed on the last act of the senior class play at Appleton High School last April, a unique token of honor was given the director. A bouquet of 40 roses was presented to Miss Ruth McKennan--one rose for each of the class plays she had directed during her career as a speech teacher in Appleton. This recognition was prompted by Miss McKennan's retirement following more than four decades of teaching speech and directing dramatics.

After graduating from the University of Wisconsin in 1917, she taught at Hayward for one year and in Oklahoma for another. She then joined the faculty of Appleton High School where for 41 years she conducted courses in speech, directed plays, and worked with students in forensics.

Her career was marked by professional achievements besides successful teaching. During the first few summers after leaving the University she was a member of a Chautauqua company. Later she did graduate work at the University of Iowa, from which school she received a master's degree in speech. She also wrote two full-length plays.

Miss McKennan's personal devotion to her school, and her students is attested to in a tribute written by the principal of Appleton High School, H. H. Helble, on the occasion of a farewell party given by her fellow faculty members. That tribute concludes with these words:

"Ruth has probably contributed to more effective public relations with and for students, parents, alumni, and Appleton than any other single individual connected with our school. She has engendered keen loyalty, interest, and enthusiasm for her school, as well as for her teaching. She has encouraged students to excel. We wish her the best of everything in the years ahead. Though she has given unstintingly of herself she might well be an example for the rest of us who sometimes feel ourselves tiring."

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Wisconsin Summer High School Speech Institute June 26 to July 15

Wisconsin High School Students are invited to take intensive training in either of two fields - forensics or dramatics - during three weeks of study this summer at the University of Wisconsin. This invitation is possible because the University has inaugurated a summer educational program for high school students called "Youth University" which includes a Speech Institute to be held from June 26 to July 15.

The 1961 Summer High School Speech Institute is designed to provide Wisconsin high school students with a unique opportunity to increase their ability and to express themselves well and to develop a broader perspective and deeper understanding of the many aspects of drama and forensics. An important result sought is the equipping of high school students to return to their communities as more capable participants and more effective leaders in the areas of dramatics and forensics.

Features of the 1961 Summer High School Speech Institute include:

1. Work in drama, debate, and discussion
2. Courses in basic communication, public speaking, and oral interpretation
3. Small, informal classes emphasizing individual development
4. The cultural and intellectual stimulation of a university campus
5. The experience of working with similarly interested and motivated participants

Further details of the institute will be forthcoming in a notice soon to be sent to all Wisconsin High Schools. For information write to: Dr. Thomas J. Murray, Director, Summer High School Speech Institute, 20 Memorial Library, University of Wisconsin, Madison 6, Wisconsin.

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State Drama Contest at Eau Claire

The State One-act Play Contest will be held at Wisconsin State College, Eau Claire, on December 3, this year. Judges for this event will be:

Mrs. Theodore Cloake, Attic Community Theatre,
Appleton

Professor Earl Kjer, Wisconsin State College
Eau Claire,

Professor C. John Tolch, University of
Wisconsin

This year 157 schools checked drama on the Registration Cards.

High School Practice Debate Tournaments

December 3	- - - - -	Rhineland
" 10	- - - - -	Merrill
" 10	- - - - -	West Allis
" 10	- - - - -	Green Bay West
January 7	- - - - -	Eau Claire College
" 14	- - - - -	Neenah
" 14	- - - - -	La Crosse College
" 14	- - - - -	Whitewater College
" 21	- - - - -	Janesville

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