

DEBATERS WIN PLACE AT N. T.

High School Holds Lofty Place in Oratory as well as in Athletics

HOLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

Open Current Season Late This Month

By J. R.

New Trier High School's championship teams are not confined to the soccer and swimming squads, although such may seem to be the case from ordinary hearsay. In addition to those two athletics another title-winning activity at the school is debating, which, though it has not yet attained popularity to the extent that the two above-mentioned sports have, is becoming year after year more interesting.

The first debate teams the school ever had won the championship for New Trier in 1922, when the issue was the Open Shop. Again last spring the debaters took the honors by defeating all opponents on the question of Philippine independence. This year finds the squad busy preparing material on the subject of the United States' entrance into the League of Nations, with each member determined to keep the Suburban League championship at Indian Hill.

Competition Is Keen

The coaches were highly pleased to see the growing interest in debate work among the student body. Last November fifty boys and girls turned out for the teams, and this unprecedented large number made elimination speeches necessary. The first of these called the preliminaries, took place during December, and reduced the aspirants to about twenty.

Immediately after the Christmas vacation the semi-finals were held, and from the contestants the twelve regulars were chosen. These twelve are divided into four teams of three members each. Two teams will take the affirmative side in the debates, while the remaining two will uphold the negative.

Of the three members on each team, two are to actually speak on the platform and the third is the manager. This system is being used for the first time this year, and from all appearances will prove very efficient.

By it the speakers are able to obtain help from the managers, who aid in finding material and in drilling the talkers.

Meet LaGrange March 28

The first clash of the season comes on Friday night, March 28, against LaGrange High School. As has been mentioned above, the topic for the debate is: Resolved, That the United States Should Join the League of Nations. New Trier's negative team will stay here and meet the visiting affirmative arguers in the home auditorium; the affirmative speakers will go to LaGrange to battle their opponents there.

The second debate will take place April 25, and likewise will be reciprocal,—that is, the New Trier affirmative and the Waukegan negative will meet here, while New Trier's negative and Waukegan's affirmative will clash in the northern city.

A fourth member of the League is Proviso Township High school at Maywood, Ill. Although New Trier does not debate Proviso, the latter's record will effect the standing of all four schools.

Due to the desire of each school to win it is certain that the encounters will be lively. Excitement will abound, even though it is not the noisy kind which is found at an athletic contest.

Fast Prep Swimmers Meet at New Trier This Week

Lane, Senn, Englewood and New Trier High school swimming squads, conceded to be the fastest prep tankers

in the Chicago district, will hold an interscholastic meet in the New Trier tank Friday and Saturday of this week.

The meet will provide a real test for the competitors relative to their probable standing in the big interscholastic meet to be held at Northwestern university on Saturday, March 22.



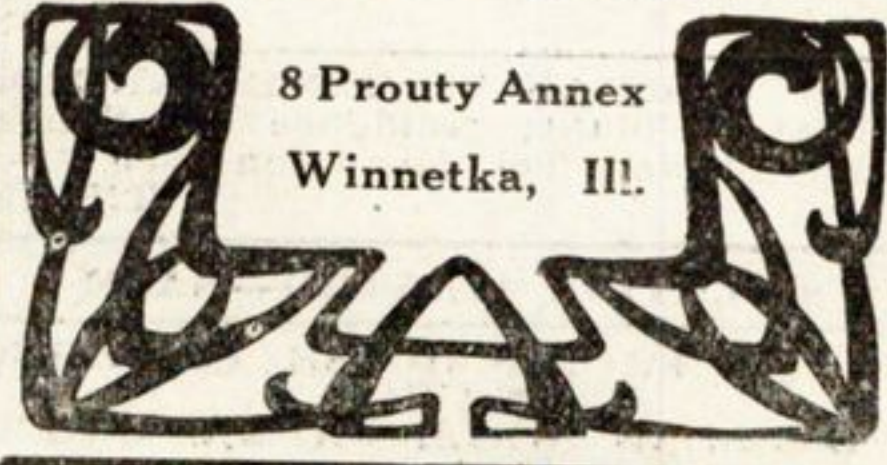
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