National Forensic

League



Future Teachers of America



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The average person who thinks he knows what debate is . . . is . . . wrong! Behind this extreme statement lies the truth: it is a highly developed skill of logic—and of clever "il-logic" -which is mastered by the several Webster students who scramble yearly for National Forensic League membership.

Our debators jawed their way through another strong season, despite their relative inexperience. For instance, Reba Neukom won in the Voice of Democracy Radio Speaking Contest, Larry Hill in the American Legion Oratorical, and Larry and Charles Brock copped best speaker medals at a Student Congress. On top of this the kids with the cases under their arms had a staggering schedule: four tournaments of debate or individual events, a Christmas play at the Public Library, the Junior Town Meeting of the Air, Optimist and Junior Chamber of Commerce speaking contests, and a Sweepstakes Tournament here. Four lively social activities spiced this heavy calendar.

Throughout the past year, eleven careerminded F. T. A. members have combined their ideas and energies in order to learn more about the teaching profession.

The club wasted no time in starting its activities. In November the members went to the St. Louis School for the Blind. This proved to be one of the more valuable of their experiences. Several times their sponsor, Mrs. Bodman, arranged for movies to be shown to the group. A Christmas party given at Edgewood Children's Home produced a happy Christmas spirit for both the F. T. A. members and all the children involved. February held three important events: A trip to University City High School, a speech given by Mrs. Fitzsimmons, and a dinner with the Webster High faculty. This dinner was sponsored by the Webster Groves Classroom Teachers Association. Other students who are interested in teaching attended this meeting, and national officers of the Department of Classroom Teachers were also there.