

NEWS

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-- High Schools --

This has been an active year in forensics for the high schools across the state. The week-end of April 19-21 closed the season as the THSSDL tournament was held at Memphis State University. Honors went to schools from across the entire state.

Reports indicate a very eventful year. Margaret Ann Reynolds, Director of Forensics at Battle Ground Academy, was proud of a debate team, Trey Fitts and Mike Steele, who placed in several tournaments during the year and won 1st in THSSDL District IV tournament. Battle Ground Academy also had honors going to Scott Frick in Oratory and Frank Lee in Interpretation of Poetry. Stuart Caulkins represented the district at the State Tournament in Extemporaneous Speaking.

At Sullivan Central High School in Blountville, TN, Mrs. Paula Bryant directed the popular musical Funny Girl with much success. Sullivan Central also had a student win first place in Radio TV Broadcasting at the THSSDL tournament.

Mrs. Nancy N. Pridemore at Dobyys-Bennett High School is very much involved in a story telling program with her students. They have performed at various civic functions. They are also touring elementary schools with a children's play Aladdin. Dobyys-Bennett was also represented at the state tournament with an after-dinner speaker and debate team.

At Gatlinburg-Pittman High School, Mary Montgomery and Violet Price directed the play, Cheaper by the Dozen in December. They also had students in Original Oratory at the state Tournament. They had students participate in an Optimist Speech Contest.

Harding Academy of Memphis has both a Readers Theatre group and a One-Act Play in state competition. Both of these categories were 1st place honors for Harding Academy in District THSSDL competition. Their dramatic production of the year was 12 Angry Men. Directors at Harding are Glenda Cox in Speech and Deb Holloway in Theatre, and Bill Pullen in Forensics.

Tullahoma High School has been quite successful this year. They have participated in several tournaments across the state and have won honors at all tournaments. They were well represented at the State Tournament and won fourth in Interpretation of Humorous Literature, 3rd in One-Act Play division with the play Vanities, and 1st in Solo Acting; Jessi Rausche won this award for the 2nd year. Tullahoma senior class produced the play Arsenic and Old Lace. Their spring production Finian's Rainbow will be held May 3, 4, and 5.

-- Colleges and Universities --

Middle Tennessee State University

Appointments: Laura Livingston, Assistant Director of Forensics.

Forensics Activities: MTSU debaters have traveled to twelve tournaments this year, including tournaments in Florida, Georgia,

Alabama, North Carolina, Kentucky, and Kansas. Thirteen trophies have been won by MTSU debaters this year, in tournaments at Auburn University, Samford University, the University of Georgia, the University of Florida, and the Tennessee Intercollegiate Forensics Tournament.

Ralph Hillman was elected Secretary of the Speech Education Interest Group of the Southern Speech Communication Association at the annual convention in Biloxi, Mississippi April 13, 1979, for a three year term.