



Members of this year's championship debate team at Salem High School are shown with their coach and trophies. Standing (left to right) are Robert Riggs, Ray Cook, Paul Ward, Louise Owens, Lucian (Mac) Baker and George Matter. Coach Miss Amanda Anderson is seated.

### Speech Team At Salem High State's Best

On the basis of accomplishments this school year Salem High School speech team may well be called the best in Oregon.

Hart coaching on the part of Miss Amanda Anderson and hard work on the part of the class has given it its best competitive season on record. Last month, for the fourth year, the team talked off with the highly-prized state debate championship.

In addition the team swept top honors in the three Oregon state-wide invitational speech tournaments held at Willamette and Pacific universities and Linfield College.

A second honor came to the team at the Oregon High School Speech League tournament last month in Eugene when Paul Ward, top debater on the Salem squad, won the state title in humorous reading for the third consecutive year.

Incidentally this year's win marked the eighth state debate championship team Miss Anderson has coached in the past 17 years. In the seven years she has been with Salem High School her charges have gone forth noisily into verbal battles over the state and have returned with the gilded bacon in the form of a shelf-full of handsome trophies.

"Of course," she says, "winning debate championships is not everything. What is just as important is giving debate class students the poise and confidence they need even if they never win a contest. However, students who work the hardest at their debate work naturally perform better in competition."

To earn the right to enter the state talkoffs the Salem team won the district championship by nabbing six of 16 first and second place awards. Last year's team won 10.

Miss Anderson is keeping her fingers crossed about the team's chances next year. This year's three top members, Paul Ward, Ray Cook and Robert Riggs, are graduating seniors. These three were teamed for the state debate championship.

However, championship performance has been demonstrated this year by Louise Owens and George Matter, both juniors, and Lucian (Mac) Baker, sophomore. Ward's best efforts are in extemporaneous and interpretative speaking. In contests this year he has won five first-place trophies, six, second and two third.

Cook took four first-place prizes, three second and two third. In addition he won a state-wide American Legion oratorical contest and placed second in the regional competition. Ward dined last year.

Riggs this year won five first place nods and one second. Miss Owen won place place in women's interpretation and serious declamation divisions at two tournaments.

Miss Anderson does not expect the team to take part in any out-of-state competition this year. Last year the group entered the national forensic league contest in San Francisco, Calif. In 1946 a Salem High team, composed of Thomas Bartlett, now a Rhodes Scholar, and Cornelius Bateson Jr., won first place in debate in a contest of 11 western state champions.

The championship Salem High School speech team, and its coach, Miss Amanda Anderson, will be guests at the annual Toastmistress-Toastmaster testimonial dinner tonight at the Senator Hotel.

The 6:30 o'clock banquet will be in the Capitol Room. William

### Public Records

**CIRCUIT COURT**  
Mary Ruth Bowman vs John T. Bowman: Complaint for divorce alleging desertion seeks custody of two minor children. Married Sept. 17, 1946, at Medford, Okla.

George T. and Alma J. Dickinson vs Phil and Lena Litke: Complaint seeks judgment of \$5,000 allegedly due on note and foreclosure of mortgage on real property.

Rochus Stiller vs Dorothy Ann Stiller: Complaint for divorce alleging desertion. Married Sept. 10, 1949, at Salem.

Darlene M. King vs Clarence Alvin King: Divorce decree grants plaintiff custody of minor child and \$50 monthly support.

William Walter Poole vs State Industrial Accident Commission: Case dismissed as settled, upon stipulation.

Leona E. Graham vs W. W. Graham: Divorce decree to plaintiff restores her former name of Graff, awards her \$13,000 alimony and undivided one-third interest in real and personal property.

Freeman Gatchel vs Earl R. Hitchman: Case dismissed on plaintiff's motion.

Cascade, Inc., vs R. F. Polanski and Margaret D. Polanski and others: Complaint seeks judgment of \$12,217.70 allegedly due on note and foreclosure of mortgage on real property.

**MUNICIPAL COURT**  
Forest Glen Fulton, 795 Piedmont Ave., charged with reckless driving. Released on \$75 bail.

**MARRIAGE LICENSE APPLICATIONS**  
Milton C. Kanz, 37, building contractor, 985 Fir St., and Gladys Ida Quesseth, 31, bookkeeper, 1040 N. Cottage St., both of Salem.

**PROBATE COURT**  
Clara A. Heltzel estate: Will ad-

mitted to probate, and Charles H. Heltzel appointed executor. Patrick Cleary estate: Closing order.

Elizabeth A. Murphy estate: Will admitted to probate, and Peter Murphy appointed executor. Bessie Rector estate: Closing order.

William A. Westley estate: Final order.

**DISTRICT COURT**  
J. D. Jackson, Tulare, Calif., charged with non-support, bound over to grand jury following preliminary examination, held in lieu of \$500 bail.

James Harvey Funk, Charles S. Douglas and Franklin Clay Clingeneel, charged with larceny, continued for preliminary examination, held.

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