

## Mills Given Speech Award

Rex Mills, dramatic student and football manager at KUH, received the Toastmasters' speech contest award Wednesday by an edge. Bill Southwell and Jim Craman took second and third places.

Competing students in the annual contest held at the Willard were Walter Eschebeck's public speaking classes at the high school.

Young Mills discarding on labor gave an effective presentation, coupled with a winning platform manner, succeeded in getting sufficient votes to win the coveted trophy. All student speakers, none of whom are over 17 years old, gave Mills a close race, and were highly commended for their efforts.

Howard Holt was in charge of the balloting and educational chairman, contributed to the success of the evening, in addressing the group on the subject of gestures.

Gene Oltman was acting toastmaster. Paul McKerny as topic-master enlivened the meeting with timely topics. Scotty Johnson gave an historical interlude on the trophy which was made available to toastmasters through the generosity of George Davis, founder of the club in Klamath Falls.

Presentation of the George Davis trophy award made by Mark Poll, club president.



Rex Mills (center) is being presented with the George Davis award by Mark Poll, president of the Toastmasters club. John Argetsinger, secretary-treasurer, is standing at the left.

## Lid Clamped Down In Hot Springs, But Not Forever

By HAL BOYLE

HOT SPRINGS, ARK., May 26 (AP)—The \$100,000 a night poker games are over in this nationally known health resort, but some citizens want them back.

They are afraid that reform will cost Hot Springs, long as wide open as any city in America, the patronage of many of the half million visitors who come here annually for vacation fun or healthful baths.

Right now the lid of civic virtue is clamped on tighter than a 6 1/2-size derby on a 7 1/2-size head. The big casinos that grossed \$30,000,000 a year are shut—even the two-bit punchboards are gone. The fancy bookie joints are closed.

"You can still place a bet on the horses," complained one resident, "but it's on a curbstone basis."

The new era began last December after a group of GIs led by Sidney S. McMath, former marine combat officer, overthrew political machine forces headed by Leo P. MacLaughlin, mayor for twenty years.

The professional gamblers promptly closed up, and "Leo of Hot Springs," as dapper a dresser as the late Jimmy Walker of New York, is under 15 indictments charging bribery, misuse of public funds and other unpleasant things.

The question confronting Hot Springs now is, "How long will the lid stay on?"

Some supporters of the GI "clean-up" campaign insist that its leaders ran not on a platform of "blue-nose reform" but only on a platform to oust machine politics and restore clean elections.

These supporters believe that Hot Springs will open up again.

The mass of visitors here come merely to rest and treat their ailments with hot mineral baths. But thousands of playboys also come who like to gamble and spend freely.

One long term resident told me: "Some visitors who used to stay months now take the regular three-week course of baths and then leave because they say there is nothing to do any more."

Trade has fallen off some in the last month but it is uncertain yet whether this is a result of the shutdown of the gambling houses or just a normal drying up of postwar spending.

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G. C. Lorenz of Klamath Falls, vice president and director of the institution, today paid high tribute to Belgrano whom he has known for many years. Lorenz said that Belgrano was recognized in the banking field as an executive of the highest order and a man with a fine personality and sound judgment.

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