

DEBATING

THIS year debating was taken up and carried to a much greater success than ever before in the history of the school. For this, we can thank our principal, Mr. Kinney. Early in the fall Mr. Kinney took up the matter with the Forum Literary Society and persuaded them to send in the fee, and thus, put Mt. Pleasant in the State Debating League, and in the race for State Championship. Debating has always been in the background in our school activities but when Mr. Kinney announced that debating was again to be brought forth, about fifteen became interested. This number soon dwindled until only six were left and it is to Mr. Kinney and these six energetic students that the credit is due for the success enjoyed.

The question assigned to the school in the League was: Resolved that the State of Michigan should adopt a schedule of MINIMUM WAGE for unskilled labor, constitutionality waived. This question was so evenly divided pro and con that no better could have been selected and was used throughout our entire schedule.

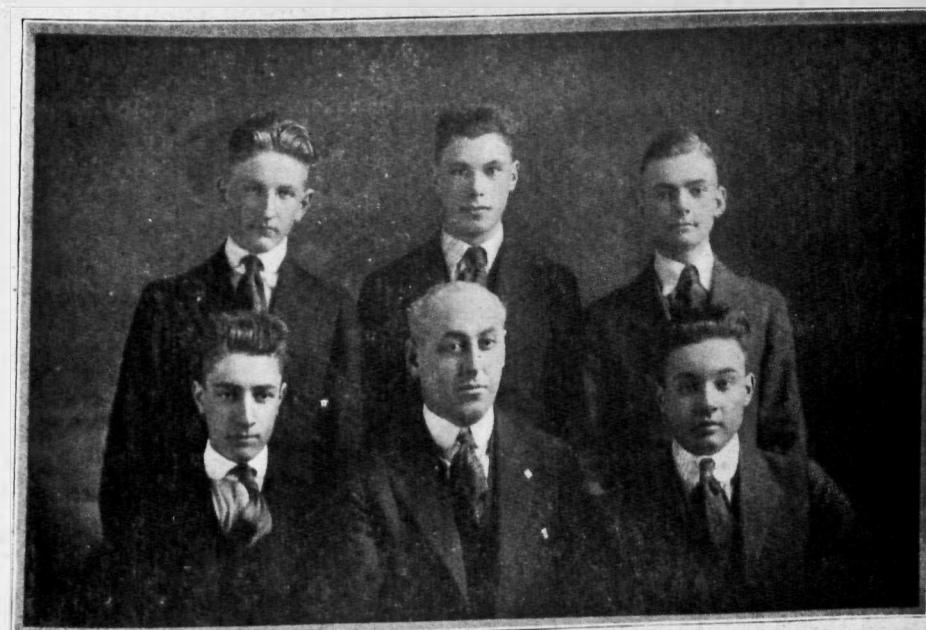
When we received the League schedule we found that we were matched against Evart. But Evart informed us that they would have to withdraw because of the "flu", this leaving us winners by forfeiture.

Our first debate was with Owosso at Owosso, Mt. Pleasant taking the affirmative side. Owosso had already "wolloped" two good teams and as this was our first encounter, victory seemed out of our reach. But after about two weeks of good thorough training, a team composed of Louis (Refutative) Meyer, William (Euphonius) Holcomb and Lloyd (Vociferous) Bush was selected to represent Mt Pleasant. The result of this debate was 2 and 1 in our favor or as Caesar would express it: They went; they saw; they conquered. Then Owosso, not feeling satisfied with one beating, came to Mt Pleasant and was again beaten by a vote of 2 and 1.

Next, Adrian came here to put us out of the race, taking the negative side. Our line-up consisted of Meyer, Marion (Didactic) DeVinney and Holcomb. But this time the judges decided to be more liberal and gave us all three votes.

Then Saginaw, whose principal had judged one of our debates, thought they had a bunch of new stuff with which they could beat us. But the team went to Saginaw and promptly demonstrated that it could not be done.

On Saturday evening, March 29th, the team met its Waterloo. They were defeated by Durand at Durand by a unanimous decision. Even the best of teams lose sometimes. But we still have hopes for the future.



DEBATING TEAM

Top Row

Louis Meyer,

Haldron Robinson,

Marion DeVinney,

Bottom Row

William Holcomb

M. Kinney, (coach)

Loyd Bush,