

AMERICAN PROBLEMS CLUBS

In 1940 the first American Problems Club was begun. The object of this course was to study problems of our democracy and to hear many points of view concerning controversial issues through discussion. In order to further such discussions, a club was formed in 1941 under the auspices of Miss Isabelle Levi and, taking its name from the course, became the American Problems Club. At first the club meetings followed the pattern of a Forum Meeting with any number of participants. During these first years the club gave several auditorium sessions. In 1943 Dr. Byron Williams, who was at that time moderator of the national Junior Town Meeting, presided at one of the club's auditorium sessions. This program was so successful that the Town Meeting technique, that is, four speeches followed by questions from the members or audience, was adopted by the club for permanent use.

Members of the club have often appeared with students from other schools on the Junior Town Meeting of the Air. In 1945 one member of the club won a trip to Washington for being considered the best of all public high school speakers in the Greater Cincinnati area, while in 1947 another member was honored by being among the few students asked to participate in a repeat broadcast. This year, 1948, something entirely new happened — a Junior Town Meeting was broadcast right from Woodward's own auditorium. "What Does Youth Expect from the Schools?" was the topic and all the speakers were members of the Woodward American Problems Club.

This year the club consists of three groups. Each group elects a chairman and co-chairman who alternate in acting as moderator. The club meetings are held during the regular class period twice a month with discussions on any topic of personal, national, or international interest.

FIRST GROUP.

First Row: Lillian Williams, Connie Suckling, Mary Hunter, Don Williams, Leonard Brewer, Ruby Bratton, Pat Mahaffey, Luetta Gaines, Della Matthews.

Second Row: Miss Levi, Edward Burke, Harold Philipps, Frank Allison, Mary Covington, Mary Bennett, Peggy Carmack, James Clemmons, Thomas Bugge.

Third Row: Herschel Bourne, Charles Ballard, Ted Adkins, Roosevelt Berry, Percy White, Charles Cadle, Raleigh Cundiff, Ernest Hunter.

SECOND GROUP.

First Row: Marcella Grigsby, Bertie Craig, Caretha Butte, Athylee Robinson, Tom Garner, Helen Horne, Dorothy Moreland, Alberta Miles, Mary Helen Birks.

Second Row: Miss Levi, Ray Johnson, Carl Wells, William Tolliver, Charles Banks, Ed Twyman, Joe Jiles.

Third Row: Herbert Norman, Jesse Walter, Joe Davis, LeRoy McMath, Arthur Hackett, Robert Austin, Edward Harris.

THIRD GROUP.

First Row: Shirley Carlock, Mattie Roberts, Gilberta Bond, Pat Byrd, Jane Wetterich, Juanita Harris, Cinderella Bishop, Luvenia Matthews.

Second Row: James Jackson, Bob Twitty, Ruth Burns, Annie Thornton, Mary Mills, Wanda McCormick, Geraldine Lampkin, Bill Gore, Robert Henry, Miss Levi.

Third Row: Dave Williams, Bill Crellin, John Henderson, Edward Gorman, George Hamilton, Ace Davis, Ray Grizzard, Vernon Heller.