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Speech, Music Get
Eastern High Rating

It is no coincidence when a school of only 190 students wins 11 division ratings in the state music finals and places second in the state speech contest. That is just what has happened, however, at Eastern State high, the little school which serves as a laboratory for student teachers at Eastern.

The same thing has happened before, and each time it does Charles von Pappen get just as excited as their neighbors at Paris do when the team brings home a state basketball championship.

The Eastern State Vikings, members of the Eastern Illinois High School League, are not greatly favored in football. Ordinarily, they do little better in basketball, although this year the team was rated in the upper quarter of league teams.

But when "TC" youngsters start, drilling, singing, or playing an instrument, the judges sit up and take notice. The state speech contest last month. Miss Metter not only won third place in state final verse reading, but was a member of the debate team which won sectional championship (see banner). Other debate team members were Dwight Bickel, Val Coleman, and John Swickard. Roy Crue newald, an Eastern graduate in 1938, coached the team.

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These speech students are, left to right, Norma Metter, Miss Roberta Poco, Chris Russell, Dr. Archie R. Ayers, and Marilyn Clark. These are the persons mainly responsible for Eastern State high's second place in the state speech contest last month. Miss Metter not only won third place in state final verse reading, but was a member of the debate team which won a sectional championship (see banner). Other debate team members were Dwight Bickel, Val Coleman, and John Swickard. Roy Crue newald, an Eastern graduate in 1938, coached the team.

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These are solo and ensemble winners in the state finals of the Illinois High School association music contests held on the college campus last week. Left to right rear, Dwight Bickel, Burton Barnes, Richard Dickerson, Don Klinger, Chris Russell, and John Swickard.

Front, Anna Bruce, Annette Tolly, Marjorie Swickard, Phyllis Phillips, and Earl Boyd.

Winners not shown are Bob Zeigel, Ann Rothschild, and William Tredter.

A student teacher, Herbert Lee, gives one of the Eastern State high winners, John Swickard, a few pointers in voice. John competed in two individual and two group events in the music finals. His cousin, Marjorie Swickard, a double first place winner, lays the accomplishment.