

# UGLY CACTUS INSPIRES CONTEST

### Lincoln Children Write Stories About Prickly Plant Long Disliked—Winners Are Selected by Their Class Mates

"I wonder what we could have for our language lesson today? Something that would create originality as well as a good supply of interest and rivalry." Just such a question came to Miss Alfa E. Rosenquest of the Lincoln elementary school last week. Then the answer came.

"Why not write an original story about a certain cactus in the school room that had got to be almost an eyesore to everyone, but like the story of 'The Ugly Duckling' became beautiful after all."

So the idea was carried out. Compositions of every description were written by every pupil in the third, fourth, fifth and sixth grades. The following are the stories voted upon by each class as being the best.

This one written by Dorothy Bossard comes from the third grade:

"Once I was a little cactus and I was down in Texas in a flower store. A lady came and bought me and took me away. I do not know how far, but it was quite a way. She was a teacher and she took me to her school room. Every one that saw me thought that I was the homeliest thing there, so the teacher took me home.

"One Monday morning all the children came in the room and looked in the window and there I was, covered with some very, very pretty flowers. All the children asked the teacher where she got that beautiful plant. She said that it was the same cactus that was there before. The children asked so many questions about me. But everybody liked me after that."

This is by Virgil Holley of the fourth grade:

"Once there was a cactus and a geranium sitting in a school room window. The geranium was all in blossom and looked beautiful but the cactus was only a little ugly plant.

"The geranium was proud and looked at the cactus in scorn. The cactus always said, 'How can I live here? Everybody looks at the geranium but never gives me as much as a glance.'

"About the last of November there began to appear tiny buds on the cactus leaves. In February the teacher took it home.

"'Goodbye,' said the cactus.

"'I'm glad you're gone,' said the geranium.

"One morning in May a cactus could be seen in blossom. A prouder cactus was never seen before. Shortly after the geranium with a downcast head whispered, 'Will you be-

# DONALD SCHOOL FAIR SUCCESS

### Alice Pendleton Takes First Place in Two Competitions—Seven Graduate

School fairs are going hand in hand with closing programs this week and entertainments at the country buildings have become common occasions.

The cooking and sewing clubs at Donald held an exhibit Wednesday, at which time 13 cakes were displayed in the competition for prizes. Alice Pendleton won first place, Echo De Sart, second and Zoia Goode, third. In the sewing Alice Pendleton also took first mention, Edith Evans, second and Mary Sibley and Viva Dawes tied for third. Donald has the first industrial club that was standardized in Marion county. Mrs. Charles Jones of Salem judged the contest.

On the day after the fair the school held a picnic. Seven pupils graduated from the eighth grade this year. Those to receive their diplomas were Hal De Sart, Melvia Howard Evans, Esther E. Losey, Wilda L. Dawes, Viva Ada Dawes, Norman L. Yergen and Harry Clark Cole.

Miss Margaret Scollard, the teacher, has been re-elected for the coming year.

# LATIN WEDDING HELD AT SCHOOL

### Members of Club Do Much Original Work in Staging Scenes from Roman Life

With the switching off of the electric lights in the auditorium of the high school Monday night the audience gathered there in were speedily transported back through history to the time of Caesar. Even the white robes figures that appeared on the stage spoke only in Latin.

Each year the Latin club has open house, at which time some unique entertainment, partaking of a Roman flavor, is put on. This time the students portrayed the life of a child of old Rome from birth to the time of his marriage. Explanatory talks were given by Robert Notson and Cathryn Gibbard. The first scene was known as the "liberalia." The second showed the boy attaining his majority and laying aside his childish playthings at the altar. This part was written by one of the seniors, Wilda Inzels and translated by Mary Gilbert and Turfield Schindler.

A wedding, complete to the hymenal hymn, the music for which was written by Mabel Marcus, closed the program. Joanne Compton played the part of the bride and Earl Schaefer, the groom. Vocal solos were furnished by Gertrude Hodges, Lolita Millard and Lucile Moore made up a trio, which also furnished music.

The state settings were very effective. The scene was laid in a Roman court with caupied roof, shrubbery, roses and a playing fountain.

# RICHMOND HAS BEST SPELLERS

### Contest Conducted Through City Brings Results—Sixth Grade Highest

Some of the city's business men who have struggled with poor stenographers and have wondered if the teaching of spelling is now catalogued among the lost arts will appreciate the results of a recent spirited spelling contest conducted in the Salem elementary schools. Out of a list of 100 familiar words, frequently misspelled, but necessary to ordinary business discourse, the different schools kept records.

Richmond school made the highest building average with 98.5 per cent. Englewood sixth led that grade with 99.3. Park won fifth grade honors with a score of 99.4, and Garfield fourth with an average of 99 per cent secured fourth place in fourth year work.

# Silverton to Graduate 38 Students on Friday

Silverton high will graduate a large class this year. Exercises will be held Friday in the opera house, where Dr. U. G. Durbach of O. A. C. is to deliver the main address. Musical numbers are to be given by several students, assisted by Katherine Crayler Street.

Following is a list of the members of the 1919 graduating class:

Arthur Dickman, George Henriksen, Armond Matheny, Sylvia McCleary, Don O'Kane, Vernon Suckow, Frank Wolcott, Kenneth Youel, Dell Alexander, Leo Rehorst, Jaye Bleakney, Fays Allen, Olga Al-ick, Faye Bennett, Clea Broughton, Florence Brown, Vivian Browne, Ruth Cooke, Inez Fischer, Ruth Gregg, Alma Halvorson, Ida Lincoln, Letha Moores, Velma Moser, Elta Pielt, Viola Sanders, Maude Sayre, Viola Schaefer, Fern Sherlock, Bessie Smith, Mays Scott, Theo Smith, Virginia Smith, Florence Steiner, Lillian Steiner, Gladys Vikan, Lois Zimmerman, Thelma Linstead.

# Fifteen Pupils Receive Honor Cards This Term

Fifteen pupils at Lincoln junior high have made honor cards for the second half of the school year. Requirements for these are grades in each subject not below 95 per cent and the remainder not below 85 per cent. The following were the lucky children: Ninth A—Helen Cammack, Marjorie Mellinger. Ninth B—Myrtle Jensen, Hollis Vick. Eighth A—Glen Ringo, George Rhoten, Elaine Chapin, Lois Feltow, Florence Jones, Winifred Lucas, Donald Edmundson. Seventh A—Elizabeth Fairchilds, Elma Meeks, Martha Walker. Seventh B—Stuart Hibbe.

# Flag Raising Held at Central Howell School

Impressive ceremonies were held Thursday at the flag raising at Central Howell school, where the new \$10 banner just purchased by the district, was hoisted to the top of its pole. While the children sang the "Star Spangled Banner," the words were illustrated in pantomime by one of the pupils.

The program, which was combined with the Memorial and closing day exercises, was held out of doors, where a picnic lunch was served at noon. The parent-teacher association entertained with a pie social at night.

# HERE AND THERE IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

**Classes Are Average.**  
No exceptionally large classes will graduate from the elementary grades into the junior high schools this year. Richmond will give diplomas to 10 pupils, Highland to 15 and Park to 16.

**High School Elects.**  
Results of the student body election held Thursday at the senior high school have been announced, the count giving Ralph Wilson the uncontested vote for president. Kenneth Waters was elected vice president; Kathryn Gibbard, secretary; Raymond Clark, sergeant-at-arms; Robert Notson, editor of the Clarion; Wayne Allen, manager of the Clarion; Mr. Gillette, faculty purchasing manager; Amory Gill, basketball manager; Eugene Gill, football manager; Floyd McIntyre, debate manager; Carl Fisher, student distributing manager.

**Students Hold Election.**  
Hubert Seamster was elected president of the Lincoln junior high student body for the coming year at Friday's balloting. Glenn Ringle will serve as vice president.

# CLASSES HAVE MUSIC HOURS

### Washington Junior High Gives Several Short Programs During Week

Among the programs given last week in the music department at Washington junior high were three interesting class hours made up of numbers selected and prepared by the students. Miss Lena Belle Tartar arranges these school room entertainments and they form a pleasant departure from the regular work. Next year she will devote her entire time to junior high music.

The programs follow:

**Seventh-B**  
Star Spangled Banner—7B class.  
Piano solo—Silver Thistle—Eugenia Savage.  
Reading—A Telephone Romance—Ethelwynne Kelley.  
Vocal solo—Beautiful Ohio—Dorothy Lewis.  
Reading—At the Concert—Bernice Mulvey.  
Dance—June Bug—Ethelwynne Kelley.  
Piano solo—Il Trovatore—Florence Austin.

**Eighth-A**  
Star Spangled Banner  
Flag Salute—8-A class, George Adams, color bearer.  
Trio—Lewis West, George Adams, Dow Lovell.  
"Wish I Was a Girl," John Coughlin.  
Piano solo—Melba Davenport.  
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Vocal Duet—Melba Davenport, Charlotte Concaster.  
"A Summer Vacation," Pearl Mesorley.  
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Vocal solo—Elsie DeWitz, violin accompanist, Edwina Baker, piano—Ethel Germond.  
Recitation—Lela Cashman.  
Short Story—Sherman Plimpton.  
Piano solo—Louise Herren.  
Short Story—Gordon Baker.  
Vocal solo—Rita Reid.  
Short Story—Charles Anderson.  
Recitation—Clara Howard.  
Story—Imogene Gardner.  
Story—John Propp.  
Short Story—Robert Ashby.

# Two Are Graduated.

Raymond Fleber and George Fleber received diplomas at Wednesday night's closing exercises at Shaw school. A big program of songs, pantomimes and recitations was given, also an address by W. A. Denton.

# Community Dinner Held.

A community dinner was the principal feature of the closing exercises at Howell school Thursday. A large number of people from the neighborhood took part in the celebration.

# Four Get Diplomas.

Although the school term at Salem Heights will not end until June 13, four graduates were presented with diplomas at an entertainment at the building Thursday night. Those who are leaving the eighth grade are Otto Engdahl, Hallie Compton, Emma Dell Schwabauer and Harriet Smith.

# Fairfield Closes.

Fairfield district had two graduates this year. They were Myrtle Inlala and Nadine Dorothea Smith, to whom diplomas were given last Monday.

# To Give Class Play.

June 6 St. Paul is to graduate eight students from the eighth grade. A class play and program will be held on that date.

# School Fair Coming.

A school fair will be held in the Noble district this coming week, at which the three boys and three girls in the cooking club will compete for awards. A picnic will wind up the term's work on June 5.

# DR. POLING SPEAKS

Elaborate graduation exercises were held Sunday night at the gymnasium of the Woodburn high school, when a large class received their diplomas. Dr. Daniel W. Poling of Corvallis delivered the baccalaureate address. Part of the commencement week program consisted in a banquet, class party and picnic.

# DECORATION DAY.

Here bring your purple and gold,  
Glory of color and scent!  
Scarlet of tulips bold,  
Buds blue as the firmament.

Hushed is the sound of the fife,  
And the bugle piping clear;  
The vivid and delicate life  
In the soul of the youthful year.

We bring to the quiet dead  
A gentle and tempered grief,  
O'er the mounds so mute we shed  
The beauty of blossom and leaf.

Rich fides of the gardens and meads,  
We kindle these hearts above!  
What splendor shall match their deeds  
What sweetness can match our love?  
—Celia Thaxter.

Spanish Cream.—1 cup milk, 1 teaspoon granulated gelatine, 1 egg yolk, 1 egg white, 2 1/2 tablespoons sugar, 1/2 teaspoon vanilla, few grains of salt. Scald milk with gelatine, add sugar, pour slowly on yolk of egg slightly beaten. Return to double-boiler and cook until thickened, stirring constantly; remove from range, add salt, flavoring, and white of egg beaten stiff. Turn into individual mold, dipped in cold water, and chill.

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# He Read President's Message to Congress

When the newly elected 66th congress met in extra session on May 19 President Wilson's message was read by Patrick J. Haltigan, reading clerk of the house of representatives. This was the first time since Mr. Wilson became president that he has not delivered a message to congress personally and the first time a message from the president has been cabled to Washington from abroad.

# WHICH?

Good barns, good cattle, and good farming mean good profits.  
Poor barns, poor cattle, poor farming—no profits.

# You Can Repeat It, But Can You Read It?

This is a photographic reproduction of a copy of the Lord's Prayer which hangs in a large frame in the Methodist Episcopal mission school at Kobe, Japan. Almost every Japanese can read the Kana—the small letters to the right of the black Chinese characters. Within three years 1,200,000 copies of the Bible were sold in Japan, in which there are only 150,000 Protestant Christians. More school will be established and Corea out of the \$105,000,000 the centenary movement of the Methodist Episcopal church is making a drive for now.



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# How the Vice President Looks Under Hun Helmet



This picture of Vice President Thomas R. Marshall was taken on the east steps of the Capitol at Washington just after he had presented six German helmets similar to the one he is wearing to hard-working members of Washington's central victory loan committee. A great crowd witnessed the presentation and cheered the vice president when he put on one of the captured helmets. Thousands of which are to be given to workers who aided the success of the loan drive.

Corporal—So Dubbe's been transferred?  
Top Sergeant—Yep! He'll never do for the marines. He fell down on the simplest tests. He couldn't harness a reefer, saddle a camel or navigate a ship by dead reckoning.—Washington Star.

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# Children of Mission Bottom School, Who Will Conclude Their Studies on June 13 With Appropriate Exercises



**Mission Bottom Schools Will Close on June 13**

Mission Bottom school has a large number of enthusiastic pupils. Miss Alice Wilkins has been teaching since January 27 and the pupils are working very hard to make up for lost time.

During the recesses and noons three of the boys sawed wood and the others piled in the shed.

Although this school has very little equipment it is making the best of what there is.

On June 13 Mission Bottom will have its closing exercise.

Pupils enrolled for this year are: First grade—Georgia Pettit, Essie Brooks, Clair Collard, Marion Aspinwall, Clyde Brundidge, Edwin Hirsch, Creighton ones, Thomas Wilmot, Floyd Lander, Milton Lander.

Second grade—Lela Cook.

Third grade—William Collard, Richard Hirsch, Roland Carnine.

Fourth grade—Grace Brooks, Charlie Brooks, Florence Brundidge, Rosalie Jones, Carl McMahan.

Fifth grade—Beryl McCormick, Floyd McCormick.

Sixth grade—Alice Patterson, Fred Brooks, Donald Hammack.

Seventh grade—Velma McCormick, Glen Townsend.

Eighth grade—Minnie Brooks, Fred Sandstrom.

Directors—L. Townsend, chairman; W. P. Collard, Britt Aspinwall, clerk.

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