

ORATORICAL CONTEST PICKS 3 WINNERS

(By High School Reporter)

Those who attended the oratorical contest held in the high school assembly Saturday evening were surprised and delighted to find so many real orators in this not-so-large high school.

According to the judges the following three were the most oratorical: First, Marie Messersmith, second, Octavia Ware and third, Arline Heyd. The other three, Marion Lamb, Ruth Nelson and Walter Severance, all tied. L. N. Bennett was appointed chairman of the meeting and G. P. Winslow announced the decision of the judges.

Besides the speakers several well received musical numbers were rendered by Velma Daniels, Miss Ragsdale and Rowena Hanson. Mrs. Heyd and Mr. Bennett attended the Wheeler high school try-out and inform us that the girl who won there is full of pep and is backed by the entire village. Do you want Wheeler to carry away the county prize? If not come to the high school this Friday evening and back Tillamook!

Lula Thurman and Margaret Ross of the senior year class, and Catherine Smith and Pebble Wells of the first year class, will represent the typing department of T. H. S. at the tournament at Corvallis next Saturday. T. H. S. is backing the girls to the limit and expect them to win, of course.

The T. H. S. operetta, "The Gypsy Rover" which was directed by Miss Church and managed by Noah Richards, was a tremendous success. The following students took part:

Rolletta Watson, Nadine Williams, Lewis Johnson, Noah Richards, James Watson, Catherine McIntyre, Kenneth Elliot, Victor Mathews, Lula Thurman, Eugene Hamrick, Cyril Ware, John Gienger, Verner Iplanaip, Elizabeth Mowery, Luella Hollett, Edith Norberg, Elizabeth Neff, Helen Kiehm, Gwen Harris, Nevelle Smith, Irma Austin, Veda Smith, Corinne Stranahan, Ruth Mathews, Leville Baker, Octavia Ware, Edwin Glad, Lester Makinster, Sheldon Johnson, Lloyd Johnson, Donald McGee, Carrol Smith, Joe Heyd, Guy Thomas, Walter Severance.

The children of fairyland were: Lowell Carver, Enid Bennett, Junior Stanley, Irmaleta Idle, Mary Jane Richards and Kenneth Plank.

The music was beautiful, the costumes attractive, the parts well mastered and the production on the whole very enjoyable.

ARE REPUBLICS UNGRATEFUL?

Andrew Mellon has said that if the adjusted compensation were paid, that taxes in the nation could not be reduced. By his statement the public has been misled. According to a pamphlet prepared and circulated by John R. Quinn, National Commander of the American Legion, Mr. Mellon's own figures show that when Adjusted Compensation has been paid, that it will still be possible to reduce government expenses \$242,000,000 per year.

During the war, the soldier was paid \$30 per month. In a majority of cases from this amount \$15 was deducted for allotment to dependants, and \$6.50 for insurance, leaving the princely sum of \$8.50 of actual pay. Out of this poor balance, 80 per cent of the soldiers bought Liberty bonds on the installment plan.

When the soldier came home he found that Congress was paying manufacturers \$3,000,000,000 they "might have made" on war contracts had the war not terminated. While the boys were over seas fighting, the Spruce "home guards," safe, except as to accidents in the woods, were receiving from \$5 to \$10, and from \$7 to \$25 per day, while the boys who were actually doing the fighting, got a final cash payment of \$8.50 per month. Congress at the time of the signing of the armistice was paying a bonus of \$240 a year to each of the 150,000 civil employees of the government on account of the increased cost of living during the war. They are still getting it.

Congress gave to the soldier just \$60. Out of this amount the soldier was expected to buy for himself a civilian suit of clothes; pay off debts contracted by his family during his war service; and pay his rent and food bills, while he hunted a job, which had gone to some civilian during his absence, and which was not in many cases given back to him after the war.

In the meantime, hundreds of millionaires were made in the United States during the war from war profits. The soldier put his faith in the justice of the American people for whom he was fighting, but President Harding vetoed the Adjusted Compensation bill because Mellon stated that the United States treasury faced a deficit.

The people and the un-tagged press

of the country demand that the government keep its faith with the soldiers of the late war, and that compensation be regarded as a just debt to be paid to those who upheld the honor of the flag in a foreign country.

All about us in this great country are men who used the opportunity afforded during war, to graft and profiteer, to the great detriment of the common people of the nation.

The recent shameful mix-up of leading government officials in oil graft, shows that with the class who engaged in it, that national honor and official honesty were not fundamentals, nor were they essential considerations in the conduct of government by the class whose greed and selfishness stifled conscience, making the good name of the United States a by-word in foreign countries.

In the meantime, these war made millionaires have been instrumental in many ways in aiding the government to break its word with the men whose splendid service protected their property and their lives during the war.

George Washington established the principle of Adjusted Compensation. Can the nation afford to nullify that principle? The people say no.

FIDO AND THE FLOWER BED

The town dog is a subject which should be approached with some caution, and only after due deliberation. Next to a man's family, his dog is the nearest consideration involving animal life. A few regard the canary or the cat or the parrot as being next, but to kick a man's dog, or to single out some certain man's dog as an awful example might provoke resentment on the part of the owner, so with no intention of "riling" anybody up, we shall speak carefully.

The other day as the news man walked along the street, in a not to be mentioned part of town, he beheld

with mingled emotions of pleasure one of the finest pieces of cultivated curbing that he has seen for a long time. It had been spaded with care; it was leveled to a gnat's heel; and moreover, it was planted to flowers of some kind. The scribe stopped and looked at it, and said to himself, "here lives a person who has much town pride, and who is striving to have some beautiful flowers for the coming Elk and Press club conventions this summer!"

Alas, as we looked, there came a pretty little dog, with a collar and blanket on, whose name may have been Fido, Dolores, Juanita, Sweetheart or Snowdrop, too, seemed contemplating the smooth section of curbing, and soon, indeed, the dear little pet got an idea. Alas, for local pride! Fido walked out upon the flower bed, and roled over many times; he stuck his little pamppered, aristocratic snout into the flower bed, as if burying a bone or looking for one, and rooted like a hog. Then he whirled around over that bed, and romped deliriously happy, bliss his dear little heart. He just had such a good, nice, lovely time rolling upon the bed. But, say—when he got through with that beautiful flower bed, it looked like a hog-wallow, and little sketch, homely as it may be, was in truth an un-holy sight. This contains an object lesson, in which City Attorney Hall will no doubt concur, as father of the recent city "dog" ordinance, and to whom this sketch is dedicated with the author's respect, for he is one who would see a "City Beautiful,"—but what is to be done with the dogs?

CLUB HEARS SPEAKERS

E. H. Lincoln, organizer for the Kiwanis international of Charleston, W. Va., appeared before the local Kiwanis club Wednesday and gave an instructive lecture. Vet Lawrence of Portland was also a speaker before the club.

MONDAY MUSICAL CLUB

The Monday Musical club will meet Monday, April 14, at the home of Mrs. E. E. Koch. Mrs. David Kuratli and Mrs. Paris Lamar will be the hostesses. The following program has been arranged: Current Events, Mrs. Leslie Harrison; Records from William Tell; Story of the Opera William Tell, Mrs. Fred Small; Piano duet, Overture William Tell, Mrs. E. E. Koch and Mrs. Fred Small; Song, Mrs. Harvey Ebinger; Story of the Operas, Barber of Seville and Semiramide, Mrs. Fred Burton; Records from Barber of Seville and Semiramide; Discussion, Mrs. A. F. Coats; Stabat Mater Inflammatus.

SWASTIKA CLUB

The March meeting of the Swastika club was held at the home of Mrs. Erwin Harrison. Several members were absent on account of sickness. The afternoon was pleasantly spent with fancy work. The hostess served a delicious luncheon to members and the following guests, Mesdames A. Smith, P. Mathews and C. Larson. Club adjourned to meet with Mrs. Burge in April.

SALEM BOASTS 40 MILES PAVED STREETS

Salem boasts 40 miles paved streets. Prineville to have large gasoline storage plant. Out of 1,243 miles of roads in Marion county, 841 miles are either gravel macadam or paved.

Excepting Baker, Salem has lowest tax levy of 19 principal cities. Portland—Northwestern Elec. company plans \$1,000,000 expenditure. Reedsport shipping 1,000,000 feet lumber weekly.

Port Orford—Laron sawmill getting out 1,000,000 feet cedar veneer. Hillsboro trying to organize union high school district. Eugene will undertake to build \$500,000 university auditorium.

FIRE RAZES BRIGHTON

mail and company papers from the mill office were saved. Only the fact that a strong northwest wind was blowing at the time saved the Brighton mill from burning, and T. B. Watt, manager of the mill company, stated that work would commence at once in the mill and on the rebuilding of houses for the workmen. Twenty-three buildings were burned. An insufficient water supply left the fire fighters at a great disadvantage and the fire was never under control at any time, it was stated.

Glenn Terry of the Tillamook fire department was dispatched to the scene as soon as the news was received here and Lloyd Edwards of the Coast Power company hurried to the fire-swept town to give assistance in keeping up power connections and telephone lines. A special train from Portland bearing John L. May, train master for the S. P. company and Chief Engineer Benjamin arrived from Portland at 5:50 in the afternoon with a crew to give assistance. People of the sawmill town are reported to be in good spirits, considering the catastrophe they have suffered, and it is expected that normal conditions will be resumed within a short time.

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