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THE SPELLING CONTEST

O'Neill, Nebr., April 25, 1933.

Editor Frontier: The facts regarding the spelling contest held at O'Neill on the evening of April 7th, which took place at the Public School, in regard to the finals for the World-Herald oral contest are as follows: Those entering for the World-Herald contest were Eileen Traner, Ventura Callen, Maurill Graham, Irene Coleman, Mildred Taylor, Edward Quinn and Arlie Powell. At 12:30, instead of 1:30 as reported, and when one of the contestants could not spell the word given her, Mrs. Parker, County Superintendent, at once postponed the contest to a later date over the objections of the audience, and most contestants, with the understanding that the postponed contest was to be between those still up, of course, which were Mildred Taylor, Eileen Traner, Edward Quinn and Irene Coleman. On the following Wednesday afternoon, the time set to finish the postponed contest those present by invitation, to enter postponed contest were: Ventura Callan, Rose Seger, Edward Stein and Ruth Graham.

The following is taken from a quotation by Superintendent of Public Instruction who has conducted spelling contests for a number of years.

"If I had held a contest and found that children were too tired to continue, and I had adjourned the contest to a future time with the understanding that those who were not out were to hold a meeting at a later date and determine the winner, I surely would not permit anyone not taking part in this contest to take part in the subsequent contest. The children who were up at the time the contest adjourned were entitled to have the winner picked from those who had taken part in the contest and who would have won had the contest concluded. It seems to me that any pupil who had not entered or who had been spelled down would have no right of competition in a subsequent contest."

Mildred Taylor and Edward Quinn were the only two left to spell that were originally in the postponed contest and Edward Quinn spelled down Mildred Taylor thus entitling him to represent this county at the World-Herald contest, and not Rose Seger.

Observer.

State Journal: Governor Bryan is leaning toward the United States senatorship, according to advices from official circles. It is conceded that he can have the honor if he wants it and desires to go thru the process of resignation and appointment to the place by Lieutenant Governor Jurgensen who in that event would become governor and have the appointing power. The two officials are said not to have discussed the matter between themselves. Jurgensen who was originally in favor of Hitchcock for senator is now represented as willing to appoint Governor Bryan.

It may all depend upon the governor's physicians who have thus far declined to allow the governor to leave his bed and walk over to the capitol. If and when the governor gets able to move about, something may be announced. No change in the situation is looked for until after the legislature adjourns, perhaps a considerable time after.

Relations between the governor's group and Lieutenant Governor Jurgensen have not been the most friendly, it is alleged. Jurgensen is reported willing to name the governor any time a resignation is forthcoming, but when it comes to putting on the "handcuffs," as it is called in political circles, the lieutenant governor is said not to be quite willing to accept the governor's organization as it is, intact without a change in personnel. He is willing to retain the greater part of the organization but would reserve the right to toss over the transom some individuals on the payroll who have not been friendly to his interests.

If Governor Bryan appoints any one, Judge W. H. Thompson is said to stand first and T. S. Allen second.

DAVID L. SAMMONS.

Chambers Sun: This week marks the passing of another of the very earliest settlers of South Holt county. A week ago yesterday Mr. Sammons was about the same as usual and walked into Amelia, two and one-half

miles, for the mail, making a five mile walk a customary trip. On Thursday he was taken very ill with stomach trouble which seems to be prevalent at this time, which together with a heart attack, was pronounced as the cause of death.

David Leslie Sammons was born November 8, 1857, at Adrian, Mich. After a short illness departed this life at 10:30 a. m. on April 23, 1933, at the age of 75 years, 5 months and 15 days.

At an early age he moved with his parents to Illinois where he grew to manhood. Then in 1882, after spending two years in Kansas, he with his brother, W. O. Sammons, came to Nebraska.

On April 22, 1883, they settled on adjoining homesteads which became their permanent home. At the time of his death Less, as his friends called him, the homestead had been his home for fifty years and one day.

During his quite, industrious life he made many friends. He will long be remembered by the children of the community to whom he often gave candy and other gifts. His older friends will recall the many times he has loaded their arms with produce from his garden and melon patches.

Although not a member of any church, he told relatives Sunday morning that he was not afraid to die, if death should call him.

The deceased had rarely known a day of illness throughout his life and although examination of his heart, just prior to his death, showed evidence of having been in bad shape for some time, he had never complained of feeling ill.

These two bachelor brothers made their home together and experienced many interesting times of early hardships and pleasures which would be too numerous to recount here, having settled here before the towns of Chambers and Amelia were established.

He is survived by one sister, Mrs. Ladelle Kent, of Aroma, Ill.; three brothers, W. O., Duane and A. E. Sammons, all of Amelia, many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by two sisters and two brothers.

Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock at the Methodist church with the local pastor, the Rev. Ralph Good, officiating. The church had been pleasingly decorated by loving hands. The church choir sang "The Old Rugged Cross" and "When the Mists Have Rolled Away", accompanied by Mrs. Pearl White, organist.

Pall bearers were: Link Sageser, Warren Gilman, Ed. White, Berl Waldo, Thomas Doolittle and George Traver.

The church did not afford anywhere near sufficient room to accommodate the people that gathered and a long procession followed to Chambers cemetery where burial was made in the Sammons lot. A niece, Miss Eleanor Sammons, came from Lincoln to attend the funeral.

The community join the Sun in extending sympathy to those nearest and dearest.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Collins came up from Plainview last Sunday and spent the day visiting relatives in this city. They returned home that evening and were accompanied by Mrs. Amanda Pace, mother of Mrs. Collins, who will visit there for several weeks.

Donald Shoemaker left Monday for Hartington, Nebraska, where he goes as operator and manager of a cream and poultry house for the Borden Produce Company, Inc., Hanford Division. This station is all newly equipped and one of the most modern of its kind in the eastern part of the state.

Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Sparks, of North Platte, and Mr. and Mrs. John Silverstrand, of Atkinson, arrived in the city today for a short visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Uttley. Mrs. Sparks and Mrs. Silverstrand are grand daughters of Mr. Uttley.

EDUCATIONAL NOTES

County Superintendent, Luella A. Parker, returned Sunday afternoon from Omaha with two proud and very happy girls, Rose Seger of District 172, near Stuart, and Ventura Callen, of St. Mary's Academy. Rose and Ventura were both contestants in the Inter-State Spelling Contest held in Omaha on last Friday and Rose was Holt county's representative in the World-Herald Contest on Saturday. There were 132 contestants entered in the Inter-State Contest from Iowa, Missouri, South Dakota and Nebraska. Both girls stayed up well toward the end in both the written and oral contests. In the oral contest Richard McQuire, of Wisner, Cuming county, Nebraska, took first place and John Finney, Jr., of Parks Consolidated School, Dundy county, Nebraska, took second in the written contest. Betty Burns, Anita, Cass county, Iowa, took first place and Marie Herrald, Webster City, Hamilton county, Iowa, took second place.

In the World-Herald Contest there were 50 county and city champions entered. This contest is oral only. Rose did some very commendable work by remaining in the contest until more than half of the champions had gone

down. She went down on the word "ellipse." She spelled it with only one "l."

Mary Frances Kerrigan of St. Patrick's School of Fremont, was declared the winner when she spelled "ineffaceable" correctly after Alton Korff misspelled it. Mary Frances will represent Nebraska in the National Spelling Bee in Washington, D. C., on May 23rd.

Although, neither Rose nor Ventura won a place, they did very well and we should be proud of them. They both had a fine trip and a good time. One of the outstanding entertainments which they witnessed was the Shriner's Circus.

The eighth grade examination reports were mailed out on Friday. Of the 307 eighth graders who took the examinations, 194 passed in everything the first time. The next Eighth Grade Examinations will be given on one day only, Friday, May 5th.

The following districts report having hired their teacher for the coming year:

- District No. 3—Vivian Anderson.
- District No. 14—Irene Grutsch.
- District No. 211—Zelma Waldo.

KNIGHTHOOD OF YOUTH

"Sometimes it is difficult to think of new and interesting things to do." We hear this statement made now and again by our Knighthood members. We know this is true and that is why we appreciate the help the paper brings to us.

The fourth grade club at Madison uses the following ceremony each time that an Oral English Dragon is buried. A similar ceremony could be written for the Bad Habit Dragon.

Burial Ceremony

Knight Errant of the Ceremony: As members of the Knight of the Golden Sword, we realize that Oral English Dragons make us abuse our native language; they make us appear as uneducated, and will hinder us from occupying a high place in the community when we are grown. We also realize that it is easier and wiser to do battle with them and overcome them now when we are young and strong, so we have dared to sally forth and battle these, our base enemies.

Individual Knights: I am glad to declare to the members of this solemn gathering that I have had Adventures with these vile Dragons, "ain't", "have come", etc., and have overcome them in just and honorable battle.

I therefore, now proclaim the right to bury them in the depths of the Dragon Cemetery and from which depths I hope never to be forced to dig them up.

I herewith entomb "ain't", "have come", etc., and use in their places, "am not", "have come", etc.

I also declare my firm purpose to sally forth and seek adventures with these other base Dragons, "his'n", "her'n", etc., hoping to be able to overcome them fairly within the next month so that they too, may be buried and to use in their places "his", "hers", etc.

At Ansley the seventh and eighth grade club worked successfully on various phases of the Adventure "Courtsey at Church," by having members attending different churches volunteer reports when they felt club members of their church had succeeded.

At Arnold the seventh and eighth grade club found cheers and original plays a successful way of arousing interest in group adventures. You can find one of their plays in the March issue of the Nebraska Educational Journal.

We were pleased to find a number of Knighthood clubs in the seventh, eighth, ninth, and tenth grade room in Valley county and to see how successfully committees appointed in these clubs were assisting in athletics, dramatics, socials, etc.

New and original spare time projects are always of interest to club members. An eighth grade boy in Phelps county has completed a splendid model of the battle ship Texas, having followed directions in the Popular Science Magazine. The Popular Science and Popular Mechanics magazines are helpful in supplying worthwhile suggestions for spare-time work. A number of the boys in Kearney county have carved large castles, painting each stone and printing on the stones the individual Adventures.

If your club has carried out some interesting activities, will your secretary please report them to the Knighthood of Youth, State Department of Public Instruction, Lincoln, Nebraska?

What has the Knighthood of Youth meant to you?

As the school year draws near the close we wonder just how our club members feel about their club work of the past year. At your next club meeting, would each of you like to write a statement telling what you think the Knighthood of Youth has done for you? Will the secretary copy all these statements and inclose them in a letter to the Knighthood of Youth, State Department of Public Instruction, Lincoln, Nebraska? You may like to send a general report of your club work besides the statement of each member. Be sure to invite your teacher to send her report, too, as a member of the club.

Now we will tell you a secret. A letter from Saunders county made us think that this would be a good idea. In this letter there were the following statements by the pupils as to what the Knighthood of Youth had done for them. Have you been helped by your club in any of these ways?

1. It has helped me to use good English.
2. It has helped me to break bad habits.
3. It has helped me to overcome bashfulness.
4. It has helped me to learn different kinds of work.
5. It has helped to make leaders.
6. It has helped me to do more work at home.
7. The Extra Activities help to keep me busy in school time.
8. It has helped me to overcome laziness.
9. It has taught me how to vote.
10. It has helped me to learn to cook, taken as an Adventure.
11. It has taught me how to take care of the Library, checking out books, etc.
12. It helps us to be more prompt.
13. It helps us to do work more cheerfully by making work fun.
14. It reminds us to do all of our Health Chores and Good Deeds.
15. It helps us to understand what is meant by the different offices and the duties of each.
16. We are taking better care of our schoolhouse and playground.
17. It has taught us how to be courteous.
18. It has taught us to think more of others and to try to make them happy.
19. We are saying "I'll try" rather than "I Can't."
20. It has helped us to improve ourselves by reading good books, and by trying to decide things honestly. It has helped us to overcome bad tempers and has taught us to carry a smile.

I wonder from which county we will receive the most reports. May we suggest that a recording be made on the Group Castle of each club, sending a report to the State Department of Public Instruction.

HOLT COUNTY FARM BUREAU NOTES

Office—County Court House
Office Days—Wednesday and Saturday Afternoons

Poison Cutworms Now

The following mash mixture will kill garden cutworms: 1 peck wheat bran, ¼ pound paris green, 1 pint blackstrap molasses, and enough water to make a crumbly mash. The paris green and bran should be mixed thoroughly. The molasses should be mixed with a little water and then stirred into the bran and paris green mixture and enough more water added to make a moist, crumbly mash. The poison should be scattered very thinly after 4 o'clock in the afternoon. If the mash is scattered near the tomatoes, cabbage, corn or other garden plants upon which the cutworms are working, they will be attracted to the mash when they come out of the soil to feed at night.

Should it be necessary to mix the poisoned mash in large quantities, this formula is recommended. 100 pounds wheat bran, 5 pounds white arsenic, 2 quarts blackstrap molasses, and enough water to make a moist, crumbly mash. This mixture will treat 15 acres if the mash is broadcast, and 20 to 25 acres if the mash is scattered along corn rows.

Use Corn Cobs to Smoke Meat

Hickory wood or corn cobs make the best fire for smoking meat on the Nebraska farm. Apple and Maple wood are fair substitutes for hickory, and are more common in the state. Any tight building or room may be used for a smokehouse. A barrel set on a bank and connected with a firebox by means of a drain tile or spout will suffice. The smokehouse should be as tall as possible so the heat will not effect the meat. Pieces of meat to be smoked should be spaced well apart and high above the fire. A piece of wire netting stretched across the house above

the fire will catch any piece that might drop. Several smudges are more desirable than a few hot fires which may fry out the grease and crack the meat.

Compare Atlas Sorgho With Corn Silage

An acre of Atlas Sorgho converted into silage in a trench and then fed with alfalfa hay to steer calves this past winter at the Nebraska Experiment Station, produced approximately 1,000 pounds of growth on the calves. An acre of corn converted into silage in a trench and fed with alfalfa hay to similar calves produced about 900 pounds of growth. The difference lay entirely in the comparative yield of the two crops. The Atlas Sorgho made 13½ tons of ensilage per acre while the corn made 10¼ tons. 1932 was a good corn year at Lincoln, the corn used for the silage made 60 bu. per acre.

The calves gained 206 pounds per head on the corn silage, while those on the Atlas Sorgho gain 192 pound in the 150 days wintering experiment. Calves on corn silage at 32 pounds of silage per day daily while those on Atlas Sorgho silage at 34 pounds. A ton of Atlas Sorgho silage made 85 per cent as much growth on the calves as a ton of corn silage.

Atlas Sorgho is a comparatively new crop developed at the Kansas Experiment Station for use in parts of Kansas where dry weather often cuts the corn crop short. The Atlas Sorgho

has not been compared with corn long enough yet at the Nebraska Experiment Station to draw any final conclusions for Nebraska, but results to date in the livestock feeding tests are in its favor. Atlas Sorgho fodder was only 68 per cent as efficient as the silage, proving that the place to put the new crop is in the trench silo.

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