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DECLAMATORY CONTEST HELD AT HIGH SCHOOL

O'Neill Elocutionists Take First In Dramatic, Oratorical and Extempore Classes.

The Sub-District declamatory contest of the Nebraska Declamatory Association, which takes in the towns of O'Neill, Bassett, Brant, Anoka, Atkinson, Spencer, Ewing and Butte, was held in the High School auditorium in this city last Monday afternoon and evening. Two winners were named in each division. These winners will attend a district meeting, the time and place for which has not yet been set, and the winners of the district contest will probably contest for honors at a state contest. Following are the winners at the O'Neill contest:

Dramatic: "White Hands of Telham, Nadine Kilpatrick, O'Neill; "Little Man," Helen Petersen, Spencer.

Humorous: "Tony at the Baseball Game," Paul Kosan, Anoka; "Ladies Aid at the Local Theater," Dorothy Brisban, Butte.

Oratorical: "Supreme Menace," Ralph Johnson, O'Neill; "All Embracing Americanism," Dorothy Broderson, Spencer.

Extempore: Mervin Kee, O'Neill; Arline Adams, Butte.

WHAT'S DOING IN THE LEGISLATURE

By James R. Lowell
In view of the liquor control problems being argued and studied by Nebraska legislators, it is interesting to note what neighboring states are doing or have done about the question.

The South Dakota legislature has passed a law creating a three member state commission which has exclusive licensing and taxing power, altho approval of local boards is required for package and on-sale dealer licenses. Local option is provided for sale by the drink, and municipal operation of dispensaries is permitted. Dancing or other amusements is prohibited in places where liquor is sold by the drink. License fees range from \$4,000 annually for distillers to \$200 for package dealers and \$300 for on-sale dealers in the smaller towns.

The Kansas senate has voted to reconsider its recent action in killing a bill providing for local option on the question of manufacture, sale and taxation of 3.2 beer. It is held likely that a bill will be substituted for this measure, calling for a statewide referendum next month.

Iowa, which has the state store system, is having its troubles of control, and a liquor investigation is being held to uncover alleged graft on the part of liquor commissioners and other officials in charge of control. The chairman of the commission is under fire for violation of the state liquor laws. Colorado, where Governor Cochran got many of his ideas for a Nebraska control bill, also is having its troubles, and Colorado legislators are casting about for means of improving the existing law.

In a recent radio broadcast, Governor Cochran renewed his stand for local option. He said that delay in enacting legislation to legalize sale of liquor in this state is costing the state government thousands of dollars daily in revenue and is extending the length of time the one-cent gas tax relief bill must remain operative.

The senate liquor committee last week tentatively approved local option, but opposed the local option provisions of the Wright bill which were contained in the liquor bill presented by the house committee. The senate committee favors allowing the local communities to vote on the liquor question at any regular city or village election, but not oftener than once every two years, upon presentation of petitions signed by 30 per cent of the electors. The house committee came out for local option only on sale by the drink with the right to exercise the option at a general election not earlier than one year after the law became effective. The Wright bill was virtually the same except that it specified two years before local determination could be effective.

Under the senate plan, all local-

ities would be wet until they voted dry, and voters would be given no opportunity to differentiate between off-sale and on-sale systems.

The house last week passed and sent back to the senate the pari-mutuel gambling bill with three amendments providing that one of the three racing commissioners should come from 2nd (Omaha) congressional district, one from the 5th and one from the other districts; eliminating giving one-sixth of the state's racing fees to buy jacks and stallions for use in improving horse breeding in the state; and elimination of a provision which would have limited any race track to two meets a year. There is a good chance that another amendment will be tacked on providing severe penalty for "doping" race horses.

Legislative action accepting for the state the property of the old Indian school at Genoa has been completed. The property will be placed under the board of control.

Governor Cochran has signed H. R. 322, abolishing the separate schedules for intangible tax returns. It carries the emergency clause.

The senate has authorized investigation into the "feud" between members of the state railway commission. A special committee of five, headed by Senator Callan, will conduct the investigation.

Celebrate Thirty-fifth Wedding Anniversary

On Sunday, March 10, about 50 friends gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Grant, of Star, to help celebrate their 35th wedding anniversary. It was a complete surprise to them, the party having been planned by their daughter, Mrs. R. L. Curran.

They were invited on Sunday to the O. O. Newman home for dinner from which they were called home by their daughter, to find their house filled with guests. The cars were hidden and it came as a complete surprise when they walked into their home.

Everyone brought baskets well filled with food and dinner was served in cafeteria style. Mrs. Charles Cole made a lovely yellow and white wedding cake decorated with orchid and white flowers, crowned with a miniature bride and groom. This was the main decoration at the table where Mr. and Mrs. Grant and their friends, who were married in the month of March, sat.

After dinner a mock wedding was enacted, John Carson performing the ceremony, which was most interesting and entertaining. Mr. and Mrs. Lee Brady were attendants to the bride and groom. Mrs. Ronald Carson was the train bearer and Ardis Newman the ring bearer. (And by the way, the ring was large enough to need one to carry it.) The bridal party marched in to the strains of Lohengrin, played by Wilma Pickering.

A program followed the wedding ceremony, consisting of an instrumental selection by the Pickering trio; a reading by Mrs. John Carson and vocal selections by Mr. and Mrs. Charles Cole and Mrs. R. L. Curran. Mr. and Mrs. Grant responded by short talks and Mr. Grant sang a song which was quite appropriate. It was entitled, "Sweethearts and Wives."

A gift is on its way to keep fresh the memory of this day. ***

Oil Dealers Meeting Held In O'Neill

W. R. Smiley, of Lincoln, representative of the Continental Oil company; E. A. Willford, of Omaha, city sales manager for the company, and H. Opper, of Ainsworth, district superintendent for the company in this territory, were in the city Wednesday and held a meeting for the Conoco dealers for this territory at the Golden Hotel. About twenty-five dealers from towns in this section of the state were present and the business outlook in the oil business for the coming year was discussed. According to the eastern representatives of the company they plan a great advertising campaign for the coming year and look for a greatly increased volume of business.

Mrs. C. V. McReynolds returned last Monday night from Lincoln, where she had spent a week visiting relatives and friends.

Hospital Notes

Those dismissed from the hospital recently were: Mrs. Hanna Dalton, Saturday; Mildred Harbottle, Saturday; Everett Hoffman, Friday; Mrs. Cornish, Sunday, and James Carney, Tuesday of this week.

Mrs. Fern Davis, of Star, underwent a second operation for obstruction of the intestines Wednesday of last week. She is gaining strength rapidly.

Peter Price, a high school student of St. Mary's, is a patient this week. He has been quite ill with pneumonia and complications, but is much improved at the present writing.

Miss Kathleen Cadman, of Emmet, was operated on for appendicitis last Monday morning, and is convalescing nicely.

John Lynch, of Lynch, who has been an inmate of the hospital all winter, has not been feeling so well the past two weeks.

O'Neill Business Men's Dinner Held Tuesday

A dinner party of the business men of the city, sponsored by the Tiger Club, was held at the Bauerman cafe last Tuesday evening. The meeting was called for the purpose of deciding whether O'Neill would celebrate the Sixty-first year of its birth, which comes along in a few months, or whether some kind of a celebration would be given during the year.

After a short discussion it was decided to celebrate the city's anniversary, which comes in August, and G. A. Miles, who called the meeting to order and was selected as chairman, was empowered to appoint a general committee on arrangements, this committee being empowered to appoint all other committees. The committee will probably be announced next week.

Years Moisture Above The Ten Year Average

According to Weather Observer Harry Bowen the average amount of moisture in this city for the past ten years, during the months of January and February and the first ten days of March is 1.58.6. During that period of time this year the moisture here measured 1.65 inches, or a little above the average for the ten year period for this section. The moisture is going down a little more every day and with a few nice rains during the next two months the subsoil will again have some the moisture needed for the summer season.

School Teachers Selected

At a regular meeting of the school board held last Monday evening the following teachers were elected as members of the O'Neill public school faculty for the coming year: Superintendent, R. W. Carroll; Principal, Harold M. Denny; Commercial teacher, H. L. Beal; Coach, Elmer S. Stolte; Band and Orchestra Leader, L. M. Durham; Ruth Kramer, Blanche Collins, Mary Horiskey, Neva Wolfe, Mrs. Lillian Barker, Hilma Zimmerman, Betty B. Jones, Hilda Gallagher, Ella Caffrey, Loretta Shaw. There are still two positions to be filled, that of teacher of home economics and kindergarten and music.

O'Neill High Loses Its 2nd Tournament Game

The O'Neill High School basketball team were defeated in their second game played in the district tournament at Norfolk last Friday, but the boys get a good deal of satisfaction out of the fact that the team that defeated them were the runners-up for the title. They played West Point and were defeated with a score of 30 to 19. West Point went thru to the finals and were pitted against Norfolk for the title, Norfolk winning the game.

Bishop Joseph F. Rummel, of Omaha, head of the Omaha Diocese of the Catholic church for the past seven years, has been appointed Archbishop of New Orleans. He will move to New Orleans to take up his new duties shortly after Easter. His successor for the Omaha diocese has not been named.

Miss Mary Morrison, who is attending the Wayne Normal, is expected home tomorrow evening to spend the week-end.

EXPLAIN METHOD OF TREATING SEED GRAIN FOR SMUT

Spraying With Formaldehyde, or Ethyl Phosphate Are Recommended Treatments.

Oats may be satisfactorily and economically treated for smut with formaldehyde when applied at the rate of 1 pound to 50 bushels of seed, Holt county farmers were advised this week by Agricultural Agent F. M. Reece. The dry treatment utilizes the use of a hand mist sprayer using a mixture of one pound of formaldehyde with one pint to one quart of water.

The sprayer should have a glass bowl in order to carefully gauge the rate of application. While oats are being shoveled about, four or five strokes of the sprayer to a scoop of grain will usually give about the proper proportion. After treatment, the grain should be covered with a blanket for 5 or 6 hours. Seed so treated is not poisonous and may be fed to stock.

The use of a new improved ethyl phosphate compound is practical for treating all small grain and sorghums for smut. In using the new compound, one-half ounce per bushel is recommended. If no mechanical means are available for scooping, a thoro stirring with a scoop shovel is satisfactory. After mixing, the grain should be left uncovered in a wagon box or bin for at least 24 hours before planting. This treatment is especially desirable for barley as it also controls barley stripe, seedling blight. The treated grain is poisonous if fed to stock.

In using copper carbonate on seed wheat, the use of two or three ounces per bushel of grain is recommended. The effectiveness of treatment depends on a very thoro coating of each kernel. An air tight barrel or concrete mixer should be used as a thoro mixing which is necessary with copper carbonate cannot be accomplished with a scoop shovel. Treated seed should not be fed to livestock.

Nebraska Popular With Tourists

The popularity of Nebraska as a Mecca for automobile vacationists from all parts of the country is indicated by a report just released by the Conoco Travel Bureau, a branch of the Continental Oil company and America's largest free travel service. According to the report, 217,339 Travel Bureau tourists spent more than \$8,941,968 in this state last year.

It was also revealed that motor travel thruout the entire United States was unusually heavy during 1934. Hotels, tourist camps, restaurants and many other types of business took in more money from tourists than during any other year since 1929. The Bureau supplied detailed trip services to 969,485 vacationists, a figure 41 per cent greater than the organization's total for 1933. Statistics also show that Travel Bureau tourists spent in excess of 40 million dollars while they were away from home.

The Conoco Travel Bureau is an organization maintained by Continental to provide motorists with up-to-date information on North American roads, routes, hotels, cottage camps, scenic and historical attractions plus any other kind of data likely to make vacation trips pleasant and profitable. More than 100 carefully trained men and women are employed in the Bureau's central offices at Denver. Conoco's 22,000 service stations act as field branches. It is predicted that one and one-half million vacationists will rely on Travel Bureau assistance during 1935.

1935 Contracts Cover More Corn Land

With corn acreage averaging 15 acres higher per contract this year than in 1934, Nebraska corn-hog officials were fairly confident today that more corn land will be signed up by Nebraska farmers this year than last year.

The average Nebraska corn-hog contract of 1934 included an adjusted base of 85 acres of corn. Preliminary estimates on the sign-up reported to date indicate that the average 1935 contract will cover about 100 acres of corn explained.

The increase is easily explained,

corn-hog administrators point out, by changes in the provisions of the last-hog program from those of last year and by the tendency of farmers to put all the land they farm under one contract instead of two or three. A signer who farms land owned by more than one party may sign it all under one contract or under separate contracts. Many men prefer the single contract.

The first of March, more definite possibility of getting seed loans, and the announcement by county associations that late signers would pay their own expenses for extra work, will all tend to speed up the signing of applications during the coming week. In many counties, farmers will start appraising corn land March 4th and will clean up the application signing as they cover their territory. Checking and listing of figures is beginning in the first counties this week and every effort is being made to complete the contracts for final signature by corn planting time.

Gaius Cadwell Receives Promotion Taking Him To Huron, South Dakota

Gaius Cadwell, who has been a resident of this city since January, 1929, as representative of the Travelers Insurance company, loan division, in charge of their real estate and loans in this section of the state, has been promoted to the position of assistant manager for the states of North and South Dakota, with headquarters at Huron, S. D. Mr. Cadwell will leave the latter part of the month and will take over his new duties on April 1.

Mr. and Mrs. Cadwell have been residents of this city for over six years and have always taken a prominent part in the social and civic affairs of the city. They made many friends during their residence here, who, while rejoicing in the promotion of Mr. Cadwell regret to see this estimable family leave, but wish them success and prosperity in their new home.

Mr. Cadwell will be succeeded here by R. E. Moore, of Benkelman, Neb., who arrived the latter part of last week and has been busy becoming acquainted with the company's vast holdings in this section of the state. He will move his family here as soon as a suitable residence can be procured. The Frontier welcomes Mr. Moore and family to O'Neill.

Willard Slocum Dies In Chicago

The first of the week John M. Grutsch, living northwest of this city, received a letter from C. H. Slocum, of Chicago, informing him of the death of his father, Willard Slocum, on February 14, at the age of 76 years and 7 months.

Mr. Slocum homesteaded on Honey Creek in the early days and will be pleasantly remembered by the old timers. He was married in this city and lived here for several years where he was in partnership, for a time, with C. J. Schram in the general mercantile business.

Mr. Slocum had planned on making a trip back to the old home town last summer, but owing to the drouth he decided to wait until things would look more favorable.

Corn-Hog Program Is Up To Schedule

With the reorganization meetings of corn-hog associations practically finished and community committees getting into the fields to appraise corn land, the 1935 corn-hog program in Nebraska is moving along on schedule. Unless weather is extremely unfavorable in March the appraisal work will all be finished by the end of the month in practically all of the counties.

Clerks in the county office of each corn-hog association are checking and preparing to list the figures from the application blanks on big sheets so the totals can be determined for each county and subdivision in the county. This tabulating and checking is likely to occupy the time of the office force during March and early April. When the county totals have been made, the figures will be submitted to the State Board of Review for approval. Every effort will be made to speed the work along so farmers can have their finished contracts to look over at corn planting time.

In all fairness to those who sign

up on time, those who do not sign applications by the time the community committees are at their farms to appraise land will have to pay their own expenses of late appraisal and office work if they want to come in later. The county totals will not be kept open after the appraisals are finished to take care of those who are late in signing applications. Experience with the 1934 program indicates that it is more important to keep the procedure on schedule for the majority of signers than it is to delay all of it for a few stragglers. Application signers this year want to know by the end of corn planting time exactly how many acres of corn they can plant under their contracts.

Celebrates Eighty-sixth Birthday Anniversary

On last Saturday afternoon the neighbors and friends of Mrs. Menish gathered at her home to help her celebrate her 86 birthday. They came with good things to eat and at 5 o'clock the ladies served a lovely dinner.

The afternoon was spent in playing cards and visiting and a pleasant afternoon was spent by all. Every one present wished Grandma Menish many more happy birthdays.

Those present were: Mrs. Catherine McNichols, Mrs. Tom Markey, Mrs. John Carney, Mrs. Mussick, Mrs. Walt O'Malley, Mr. and Mrs. Herb Jensen, Mrs. Mayme Wilson, Mrs. P. H. Hickey, Mrs. Joe McNichols, Mrs. T. F. and T. J. Donohoe, Joseph and James Donohoe and Mrs. J. B. Donohoe.

Farmers Union Holds Stockholders Meeting

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Farmers Union Gas, Cream and Oil company was held in this city last Tuesday at the court house. The stockholders had dinner at the Methodist church and at 1:30 the meeting was held in the district court room.

Reports of the officers were received, the annual dividend declared and three directors were elected for the ensuing year. The stockholders proved that they were well satisfied with the way the affairs of the company had been run for the past year as the three old directors were unanimously re-elected.

Will Hold Tuberculosis Educational Meetings

Cattlemen of Holt county are cordially invited to attend one of the following meetings on tuberculosis eradication where the present system of testing herds will be fully explained:

O'Neill courtroom, Wednesday, March 20, 2 P. M.

Chambers High School Auditorium, Wednesday, March 20, 8 P. M.

Atkinson Memorial Hall, Thursday, March 21, 2 P. M.

Stuart Library, Thursday, March 21, 8 P. M.

District Court Filings

Ella Erwin has filed suit in the district court asking for a decree of divorce from Roy Erwin. In her petition she alleges that they were married in O'Neill on January 25, 1930, and that they both are and have been residents of this county. Two children were born of the marriage, one, Bobby, aged 4, living. She alleges that she has always conducted herself as a loving and faithful wife; that the defendant has been guilty of extreme cruelty and has repeatedly struck her with his fist and open hand; that he has called her vile and indecent names and has accused her of infidelity and unfaithfulness. That he told her that he no longer loved her and would not live with her. She asks for the custody of her son and such other relief as may be just and equitable.

Little Alice Jane McHenry, of Omaha, whose operation in the Truesdale hospital in Fall River, Mass., for an upside-down stomach, about ten days ago, is the niece of Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Nelson of this city. Mrs. Nelson is with her sister, Mrs. McHenry at Fall River, Mass., helping take care of Little Alice Jane during her convalescence. The operation was successful and she is making a very rapid recovery and will be able to return home within a short time.

George Bressler, of Neligh, is in the city today and will be in and looking after business matters.

CITY ELECTION TO BE HELD TUESDAY APRIL THE SECOND

Candidate List Is Small, With No Petitions Yet In Circulation For School Board Posts.

The city election is on Tuesday, April 2, but so far the political atmosphere has been very quiet. There are three members of the city council to be elected and three members of the school board.

Petitions are being circulated in the First ward for the election of John Portivinsky as a member of the city council from that ward. The present member of the council, whose term expires is Frank Phalin, and we understand he will not be a candidate to succeed himself.

In the Second ward Hugh Coyne is a candidate to succeed himself, and so far there is no opposing candidate.

In the Third ward petitions are out for the nomination of Norb Uhl, to succeed himself. Mr. Uhl was appointed to the council a few months ago to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of L. G. Gillespie. So far no other candidate has appeared in the field.

As members of the school board the terms of Ben Winchell, Gaius Cadwell and L. E. Downey expire. As Mr. Cadwell is leaving the city the first of the month, a new man will have to be selected for this position. Mr. Cadwell was appointed to fill the vacancy caused by the removal of Mrs. Hubbard from the city. As far as we have been able to learn there are no petitions out for members of the school board, one of the most important offices within the gift of the electors of the city.

Appraising Corn Land In March

Nebraska farmers will finish the sign-up of 1935 corn-hog applications and appraise all corn land under contract during the month of March, a check up of schedules Saturday of last week revealed.

Farmers will be given a chance to sign applications until community committees visit their farms to appraise corn land. Any one who wants to sign up after that time will pay for the extra cost of appraisal and office work, officials of the corn-hog associations have agreed. In fairness to the majority of men who have signed applications at the regular time, associations do not feel that they should stand the extra expense and suffer the inconvenience of the delay that might otherwise be caused by a few stragglers.

April 1 will be the last date on which applications for 1935 contracts will be taken under any circumstances. This date has been announced by the corn-hog Section at Washington as the final closing date for the entire country. Individual states have been permitted to set an earlier closing date if they see fit.

Absentee landlords are being urged to get in touch with their tenants immediately if they have not already arranged to put their land under contract. Since the landlord gets his share of the benefit payment as well as the crops grown on the land, the 1935 corn-hog contract is particularly attractive to most landlords.

16 Attend Group Meeting At Spencer

Sixteen of the young people of the Methodist church drove to Spencer last Monday night, March 11th, to a special Group meeting.

There were about 80 present and all ate together in the basement of the church and after a short program all went to the auditorium where a short business meeting was held under the direction of the group president, Mr. Iye, of Chambers, and two special musical numbers were rendered by the Spencer junior choir.

The address of the evening was given by Rev. A. J. May, of the Methodist church of O'Neill. He spoke of the "Relation of the Youth to Themselves to Other and God." Rev. May is sponsor of the group.

The next meeting will be held early in May and the place will be announced later.

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