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GARDEN JUDGING SCALE IS ADOPTED

Civic League Appointees Decide on Basis for Awards for Prizes in Contest Which is Being Conducted.

WILL BE GIVEN IN FALL

Committee is Undecided as to Manner of Awarding These Prizes, But Will Announce This Later.

The judges in the garden contest which is being conducted among the school children under the supervision of the Civic League met at ten o'clock Saturday morning in the Y. W. C. A. building. Mrs. J. J. Ayres, the president of the Civic League, presided and the judges for the wards as follows were present:

- First ward—Mrs. H. O. Whitney.
 - Second ward—Mrs. Nichols.
 - Third ward—Mrs. L. A. Hamill.
 - Fourth ward—Miss Elizabeth Collier and Miss Rachel Roberts.
 - Fifth ward—Mrs. James Young.
 - Sixth ward—Mrs. A. L. Burger.
 - Seventh ward—Mrs. D. W. Bishop.
- The schedule upon which the awards are to be made was adopted.
- The judging will be made on a basis of eight points as follows:
- Neatness, one.
 - Scarcity of weeds, one.
 - Surroundings, two.
 - Amount of labor expended by the child himself, one.
 - Skill and judgment, one.
 - Amount of product, one.
 - Quality of product, one.

Award Prizes in Fall.
The prizes which will be substantial worth while prizes will be awarded early in the fall. Prizes will be given to boys from 12 to 18 years for the best kept lawn. Garden prizes will be awarded to children from six to twelve years, and to children from twelve to eighteen years. The matter of the distribution and numbers of prizes has not been definitely decided, as to whether they will be given by wards, or over the entire city in first, second and third prizes. This will be announced a little later by the committee.

Mrs. Ayres has sent a letter to the principals of the various ward schools and parochial schools asking for the names and addresses of all who have entered the contest so that the gardens may be inspected and that none may be overlooked.

COMMENCEMENT HELD AT CARTHAGE HIGH

Sixteen Members of Graduating Class Receive Diplomas in Exercises Friday Evening.

CARTHAGE, Ill., May 22.—The Carthage high school commencement exercises which were held in the Presbyterian church last evening, were a great success. Everything went off in nice routine and the participants were well awarded with applause. Sixteen graduates bade farewell to their Alma Mater, Carthage high, the names being as follows: Gladys Marie Ball, Gertrude Elizabeth Bierry, Evelyn B. Bush, Lorene Davis Booth, Mildred Stamsias Flynn, Helen Boeshenz Graham, Vera Ireta Hubbard, George McF. Hearne, James Thomas Jenkins, Emily Margaret Lyon, Frank A. Sargent, Elizabeth Belle Smith, Lee E. Trout, Miriam Elizabeth Williams, Edward B. Whitcomb and Ruth Warwick.

The program was as follows:
Festival march, Mendelssohn—High school orchestra.
Invocation—The Rev. Jacob Diehl.
Piano duet—Invitation to the dance, C. M. Von Weber; Miss Williams, Miss Bush.

Vocal solo—Spring Song; Op. 10, No. 2 Oscar Well—Miss Graham.
Piano solo—Harlequin, noveltette; Op. 107 Homer N. Bartlett—E. A. MacDonald; Miss Lyon.

Address—Optical Derangements—The Rev. Ward Boyd.
Music—Evening Wind; Saint Srens; Blue Danube Waltz, Straus; Girls' Glee club.

Presentation of diplomas—Mr. J. E. Williams, president of board of education.

Presentation of Carthage college scholarship.
Presentation of D. A. R. history prize—Miss Emily Bennock.
Presentation of household science medals—Mrs. George E. Aleshire.
Benediction—The Rev. Jones.
Twilight Echoes (Miller)—Orchestra.

The church was well filled and the recipients of the prizes were loudly applauded. Mr. Frank Sargent received the Carthage college scholarship for having the highest average and Mr. Trevor Helfrich and Mr. Ed. Whitcomb, the D. A. R. history prize.

The entertainment closed with a selection from the orchestra, which was rendered with skill and talent and thereupon the crowd dispersed and the graduates entered upon their long journey of the new life before them.

Bonaparte Resident.
BONAPARTE, Iowa, May 22.—Mrs. James Cummings died Friday, May 21, after an illness of several months with heart trouble. Her death was a shock to her many friends, as she had apparently been improving the last few weeks and great hopes were entertained of her recovery. She leaves one son, Clarence, and her husband and two sisters, Mrs. John B. Stafford and Mrs. R. B. Willis.

Cross Country On A Bicycle

By C. L. Ailing.

[Knowing that he had some interesting experiences on his recent bicycle trip through Missouri, The Gate City asked Clarence L. Ailing, scoutmaster, to write something about the trip which was made over a week ago, and which Mr. Ailing told a little of, in his department last week, and the week before. This will be of particular interest to the boys, and the boy scouts of Keokuk, so here is Mr. Ailing's story.]

I told you about my delightful bird study trip at Quincy with Mr. Musselman. Well, Monday morning, May 10, I left for Palmyra, Mo. The bridge at Quincy is peculiarly situated and I had never crossed it before except on a train, and although I could easily have reached the bridge by going at once to the foot of the bluff, and following a road across the tracks to the bridge, it didn't look that way from the bluff, or from any place else, I had ever seen it and so not wishing to waste a lot of time by taking the wrong street, I went to a garage and asked for complete directions to Palmyra. Well, according to them, I was to go north on Fifth street till the car line turned and where it turned to the right, I was to turn to the left, and then follow the road. I set my cyclometer back to zero and started out and followed that car track what seemed hours and still the end was not in sight. Finally, when it did turn, I found a cinder road leading at once into a large park, which I followed according to directions, but it was the most disappointing drive-way I ever saw. It would probably be all right for Cupid or somebody that believed the longest way round was the sweetest way home, but for a person that wanted to get somewhere, it was simply excruciating. Finally, however, after being forced to view the beauty of the park, lawns and landscape gardening effects very thoroughly, I emerged upon the bridge. Examining my cyclometer again, I found that I had traveled three and one-tenth miles just getting out of town.

Distance to Palmyra.
After paying my toll on the bridge, I asked how far it was to Palmyra. Well, about twelve miles, he thought. "You go west till you come to Taylor and then straight south into Palmyra." "Alright," I thought. "I'll do it in an hour." Then, after traveling west for about an hour, I came to Taylor and asking a couple of women how far it was to Palmyra, one said thirteen miles and the other said ten. I had a notion to turn around and go back, but didn't. About half a mile farther down the road, I asked a man on a wagon how far it was, and he said about twelve miles. So I decided to call it fifty and go ahead and wait till I got there.

About noon, I actually arrived at Palmyra and found everybody out on Main street to greet me. In fact there was a parade about to start, just waiting for my arrival, with two uniformed bands in it, getting ready to celebrate the occasion. Shortly after I arrived, the procession went by, but I found out that the celebration was for the St. Louis business men and that they didn't even know I was coming.

So, having been left out of the big parade, I proceeded to organize one of my own. Word was soon sent to all the scouts in town, announcing an overnight hike and at 5 p. m., about fifteen boys met at the city hall and we marched down Main street, packed with blankets and grub and headed for the river. Upon arriving at the camp site, supper was soon disposed of, and then we proceeded to build a lean-to and bough cot with willows, and gathered a great pile of fire wood. The night was rather cool and we kept up a fire all night. After a fairly successful night, and an early breakfast, the boys ran down a "possum" which sought shelter in its nest in the end of a large dead limb of a tree. The scoutmaster climbed up with some difficulty, drew the "possum" out and lowered it with a string. Then he came down and showed the boys how she took care of her young, which unlike most animals, were carried with her all the time, in a pouch. This was a rather interesting lesson in nature study.

It's a Long Way to Wyaconda.

Soon after, we broke camp and returned to town. Then at 8:30, I left on my longest day's ride from Palmyra to Wyaconda. But before we leave Palmyra, let me say that they will be here at our meet and have two or three buglers engaged. They probably have better buglers than any other troop I have seen. Now for Wyaconda, stopping at Canton, Mo., on the way.

The best information that I could get was that it was about 35 or 40 miles to Wyaconda and so I thought when I got to Canton at 11 o'clock, which was about 22 miles from Palmyra, that it surely wouldn't be more than 15 miles to Wyaconda and I could do that in an hour and a half. So I hunted up Scoutmaster Wilson and talked field meet with him till 2:00 p. m. Then I started out after being assured that the road was good. Passing through the town, I asked a man "How far is it to Wyaconda? About 12 miles?" "Twelve miles? Why, it's 20 to Williamstown, and Wyaconda is 12 miles from there."

My. I never felt more like fainting in my life. But I hit the trail again with all the speed I could make, which wasn't much, because during all my traveling on a wheel, I never found so many hills to the mile as there are between Canton and Williamstown. It was a regular game of teeter-totter. No sooner down than up again. Well, at about 5:00 p. m., I stopped at Williamstown for refreshment and asked a man if it was still 25 miles to

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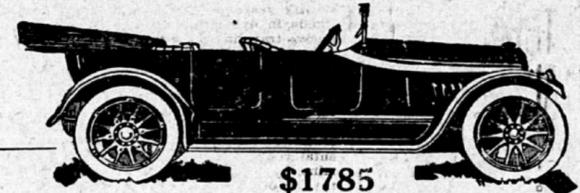
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JOINT MEETING DATE IS CHANGED

Session to Consider Motor Apparatus, Called by Commissioner Collins, Will Be Held Tuesday.

The joint meeting which Commissioner Collins asked to have called, of the Keokuk Retailers' League and the Industrial association, will be held on Tuesday, May 25, instead of the twenty-sixth as Commissioner Collins first announced.

A letter was received from the commissioner, asking that the time of the meeting be changed to Tuesday evening, May 25. The meeting will be held in the superior court room. The object of the meeting is to secure the opinion of the business

men of the city regarding the purchase of motor apparatus for the fire department.

PERSONALS.

Mrs. L. Pelsen was called to Nauvoo by the serious illness of her father, Charles Schenk.

Mrs. Harry A. Trost of Ottumwa, is the guest of her mother, Mrs. D. F. Miller, 397 Morgan street.

Mrs. Alfred Matless, who has been visiting for a month with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Roberts, left Friday for her home in Nashua, N. H.

Mrs. Chas. L. Tompkins and children of Grand Forks, N. D., are visiting at the home of H. C. Chapman. Mrs. Tompkins was formerly Miss Jessie Doffmeyer of this city.

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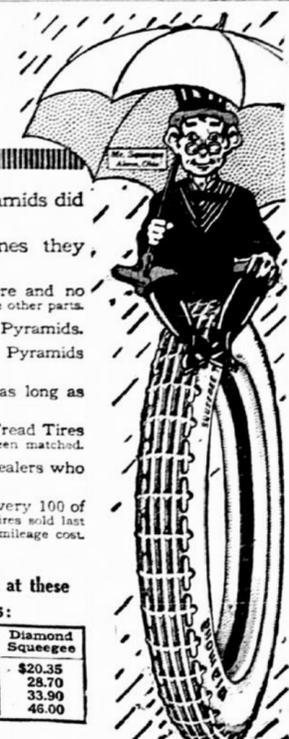
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noon without a mishap, and found a fine bunch for sure. Two or three troops with a council, a commissioner and all that. They are practicing hard for the meet, from early in the morning till late at night, and expect to send fifty scouts over with a large number of people interested in seeing their work. I enjoyed my visit with the Memphis scouts very much and had the pleasure of meeting a boy who actually saved a life. Connel Combs, a twelve year old scout, saved a six year old boy who was wading in

the pond and stepped off into a hole. The Memphis Reville says "Connel is a member of the scout troop and merely put into the one of the many things scouts are taught."

I returned home next day by the rest of my trip into Illinois. Iowa is another story, just as interesting to me and perhaps the editor may want it for next Sunday's Gate City.

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