

COUNTY SCHOOLS TO DEBATE AND SPELL

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and one alternate. The affirmative team shall debate at home.

5. Only regularly enrolled pupils of a school are eligible to participate. Contestants must have maintained, up to within two weeks preceding that which contest occurs, a passing grade in all subjects pursued. No special recitations or tests shall be given for the purpose of making pupils eligible.

6. In all debates each contestant shall be allowed ten minutes for the first speech and four minutes for rebuttal. Six minutes shall be allowed for the final rebuttal.

7. The debates to be held on a date in February to be selected by the literary committee.

8. Each school shall defray the expense of the debate which is held at that school.

9. Coaching and training of debaters shall be done by the regularly employed faculty of each school. No others shall be employed or allowed to assist in any way.

10. Each of the two opposing schools shall select for their debate one judge from a list of disinterested persons submitted by the county superintendent, who shall then select the third judge from the same list.

11. Judgement shall be made as follows: 40 points on oral argument, 40 points on rebuttal, 20 points on delivery, for each individual, and 100 points at large or teams.

12. The county superintendent shall arrange for further elimination debates among the winners of the first series until one school is selected as County Champion.

13. A suitable engraved plaque shall be provided which shall be the property of the County School System. It shall remain in the possession of the championship schools for one year.

14. Each school electing to compete in this contest shall pay to the county superintendent an entrance fee of two dollars which shall be used for the purpose of the above mentioned plaque.

15. The county superintendent shall prepare any further rules necessary for the uniform conduct of all debates.

16. In case of any dispute the debate shall be referred to a committee of three disinterested superintendents or supervising principals to be appointed by the county superintendent. After full investigation this committee shall render a decision which shall be final and binding on all parties concerned.

The spelling contest is likewise considered an important feature of school work. Spelling is more or less a neglected subject, and the contest serves as a county wide stimulus for good results.

The committee appointed to prepare rules are Supt. R. F. Howe, LeRoy; Supt. O. K. Lehman, Granger; and Prin. Homer B. Wood, York. They have submitted the following report:

To foster interest in spelling and to improve the quality of work done in that subject, an annual spelling contest shall be held in Medina during the latter part of April.

There shall be four classes of contestants as follows:

- (1) Grades three and four or either of them.
- (2) Grades five and six or either of them.
- (3) Grades seven and eight or either of them.

(4) The four high school grades or any of them.

Each school district (Board of Education) shall be entitled to two representatives in each class, to be selected in any manner the local superintendent and teachers may devise.

The expenses of representatives at the contest shall be borne by the contestants or their schools.

The exact date of the contest shall be fixed by the county superintendent.

Since the contest is intended to test general ability in spelling rather than the ability to spell words of a particular list, previously studied, the words used in the contest shall be taken from lists secured by the county superintendent from outside sources; the list for each class to be of appropriate difficulty, in the judgement of the persons making the list.

Each contest shall consist of two parts, a written test of (fifty) (one hundred) words and an oral "spell-down". Individual standings will be determined by averaging the record in the two contests. Definite rules governing the conduct of the contests shall be made by the county superintendent.

Blue, red and yellow ribbons with appropriate wording shall be given winners of first, second and third place, respectively, in each class. A plaque, suitably inscribed shall be given to the school winning the greatest number of points and shall be passed to the winning school each succeeding year. Any 1st place school count three points; any second, two; and third, one. Ribbons and plaque shall be furnished by the County Board of Education.

The contests shall be conducted by the county superintendent with such assistance as he may deem necessary.

OFFERING SPUD SPECIALS

With the second largest potato crop on record, growers and dealers in many communities are making an attempt to move the large surplus by offering a special price for quantity purchases. From the consumer's point of view, the increased consumption of potatoes in the diet of many persons would be beneficial, according to specialists at the Ohio State University.

Potatoes supply mineral matter needed for building the tissues of the body, the calcium building bone, magnesium and potash building nerves and cells, sodium aiding digestion, iron building red corpuscles, and the combination of these salts overcoming the acidity of the blood, dissolving the carbon dioxide, and the bulk or cellulose aiding in the elimination of waste products.

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CLASSES IN FARMING VISIT FAMOUS HERDS

Friday forenoon, Feb. 11, the boys of the Smith-Hughes Agricultural classes under supervision of the director, H. F. Barnes, visited the pure bred Jersey herds of Grant G. Chidsey and C. W. Damon & Son of Brunswick.

The boys stopped first at Mr. Chidsey's spending some time looking over the thirty-four head that make up his herd. Mr. Chidsey gave the boys an interesting talk and explained to them his methods of feeding and management.

At the present Mr. Chidsey has two heifers only three years old that have started their second registry of merit test, both producing in 305 days considerable more than enough butter fat to admit them to registry of merit class AAA. These are very good individuals and give promise of making large producers under average farm conditions.

Mr. Chidsey has two herd sires that any breeder of pure bred Jerseys might be proud of, Torono of Bath and Lass 89th of Hood Farm's Son. Both are of registry of merit ancestry and further are of the blood holding the largest butter fat production among the breed.

Mr. Damon also gave the boys a good talk. His herd is composed of twenty-eight pure bred Jerseys with twelve cows milking, all being on yearly registry of merit test. Several showing indications of making good records under average farm conditions. This is one of the few dairy herds in the county that's tuberculin tested, so that any animal can be shipped outside the state.

Mr. Damon told the boys how they obtained their start in the pure bred business and pointed out that any one could do the same thing. Ten years ago they bought one pure bred Jersey cow and from this one cow have built up their present herd with the exception of two head and also several head have been sold. This shows how one with but little money invested and persistently building up can get a good start with pure breeds.

Mr. Damon's herd sire, Mabel's Raleigh's Torono is a son of Torono of Bath and Raleigh's Mabel, an imported cow with registry of merit record, both being owned by Mr. Chidsey. This young sire shows exceptional dairy qualities and all indications that he will make a sire worthy of his breed.

Trips of this kind are one method employed by Smith-Hughes schools to bring the boys in closer touch with practical farming, often being of more value to the boys than several class room recitations.

Although the weather was very unfavorable every one enjoyed the trip, were treated royally by both Mr. Chidsey and Mr. Damon, and each boy came back to school with several practical points that will aid him in times to come.

OBITUARY

William Frank Rodebaugh, son of John and Sarah Rodebaugh, was born in Guilford township, this county, Mar. 30, 1849, and died Feb. 5, 1921 at the age of 71 years, 10 months and 5 days, at his home in Wadsworth.

He was married to Emma Daniels of Leroy on Aug. 11, 1871. To this union were born two daughters, Mrs. Evan Spice of River Styx and Mrs. Nicholas Green of Barberton; and three sons, John R. of Astabula and George and Frank of Wadsworth. The wife, five children, fourteen grandchildren, two brothers, one sister and a half brother survive.

As a neighbor, citizen and business man, Mr. Rodebaugh held the confidence and respect of the community. He had been in business in Wadsworth about 11 years. The business will be carried on by his sons, the firm to be known as Rodebaugh Bros.

Funeral services were held Monday afternoon, Feb. 7, from his late residence and was in charge of Rev. Hamilton. Burial was made in Woodlawn cemetery, Wadsworth.

STATE "Y" CONVENTION

The annual State convention of the Young Men's Christian association of Ohio was held in Mansfield, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, February 18-20. Delegates who attended this convention from Medina county were: F. H. Hawley and D. D. Leyda of LeRoy, C. B. Ulery, E. C. Barnes and H. H. Root of Medina, E. I. Bostwick of Chippewa Lake, Paul Wilder of Seville, and Dr. Will Nichols of Medina.

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ANNUAL MEETING OF JERSEY CATTLE CLUB

Grant Chidsey of Brunswick, president of the Medina County Jersey Cattle club, presents the following account of the annual meeting of the Ohio club at Columbus Feb. 3.

The annual meeting of the Ohio Jersey Cattle club was held at Townsend hall, Columbus, Ohio, on Feb. 3. It is reported to have been the largest gathering in the history of the club. The appearance of so many prominent breeders would lead one to believe there is something going in the Jersey camp.

The meeting was called to order at 10:30 a. m., by L. P. Bailey, Tacoma, O. Hugh Bonnell was the first man to talk and after a brief outline of the club's activities, he was followed by Joe Morris, who gave a very fine talk on the extension work of the Jersey Cattle club. H. S. Barker of Tiffin, secretary of the Ohio-Holstein Friesian association, gave a very instructive address on the methods of conducting their organization and cheerfully offered any help they might give.

The nominating committee then reported and Hugh W. Bonnell, Youngstown, was elected president; R. S. Smith, Westville, vice president; and Joe Morris, of Westville, secretary. Mr. Morris is a live man and a great Jersey booster and will mean a great deal to the Jersey business in Ohio.

Ohio is included in the three states to get a field man. The American Jersey Cattle club has offered to contribute \$2,500 to the three states, Ohio, Indiana, and Illinois, providing these states will raise \$1,500 each, and as Tom Dempsey has offered to raise the amount for Ohio, Royer Brown for Indiana, and Mr. Brewerton for Illinois, it is sure to be a go. Mr. Cannon is hired and his office will be at Indianapolis, Ind.

As only 4 per cent of all the cattle in the United States are pure-bred there is a great field to work in and the Jersey breeders are planning to do their share. This work will be done through the local clubs and we are in hopes the Medina club will effect a strong organization.

OBITUARY

William H., son of Nathan and Sabina (Deiter) Oplinger was born in Bass, Northampton county, Pa., Aug. 21, 1846. He departed this life at his home in Wadsworth, Feb. 1, 1921. His age was 74 years, 5 months and ten days.

Mr. Oplinger had been a life-long honored and respected citizen of Wadsworth, having spent the greater part of his life in or near that village. When only three years of age he came with his parents from Northampton county, Pa., to Wadsworth. Within the year he moved with them to Bates' Corners and a little later to Loyal Oak, where he lived with his parents until after his marriage in 1867. Since that time he had been for the most part a resident of Wadsworth, and for many years one

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On the 12th of Jan. 1867, he was united in marriage to Miss Catherine Deshler. This union was blessed with two children, Charles N. Oplinger and Mrs. John Cox both of Wadsworth. Dec. 15, 1873, Mrs. Oplinger was called to her reward.

Aug. 19, 1875, he was united in marriage to Miss Emma Starner of Wadsworth. To this union was born one daughter, Mrs. Ethel M. Cumming of Cleveland.

In 1883 Mr. Oplinger entered into partnership with E. K. Kramer in the furniture and undertaking business, but a little later took over the undertaking business for himself. In this business he spent the remaining years of his life until about two years ago, when he retired from active work.

Mr. Oplinger had for many years been an active member of the church, having joined the Reformed church while yet a young man and in this communion remained a life-long, faithful member.

He leaves to mourn his loss his wife, three children, fourteen grandchildren, twelve great-grandchildren and a host of relatives and friends. Two grandchildren, Harold Oplinger and Earl H. Cox, have preceded him to the Heavenly Home.

THE STATE OF OHIO)
MEDINA COUNTY, SS)
IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS)
ESTELLE FRENCH)
PLAINTIFF)
VS)
ERNEST FRENCH)
DEFENDANT)
LEGAL NOTICE)

Ernest French, whose residence is unknown, is hereby notified that Estelle French has filed her Petition against him for divorce, alimony and equitable relief in the Common Pleas Court of Medina County, Ohio, alleging that the defendant has been guilty of gross neglect of duty and that said cause will be for hearing on or after the 16th day of April, A. D. 1921.

F. W. WOODS
Attorney-For-Plaintiff
Feb. 18, 25; Mch. 4, 11.

LEGAL NOTICE
May Dreier, whose residence is unknown, is hereby notified that Gustavus A. Dreier has filed his petition against her for divorce in the Common Pleas Court of Medina County, Ohio, on the grounds of three years wilful absence, and that said cause will be for hearing on or after the ninth day of April, 1921.

GUSTAVUS A. DREIER, Plaintiff,
by JOHN D. OWEN, his Attorney
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