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## CLARA STRAHAN WINS

Takes Honors in High School  
Declamatory Contest.

### EXCELLENT PROGRAM GIVEN.

Beatrice Lally is Second, and Florence  
Baker Third. Musical Numbers Ex-  
ceptionally Good.

Just as last June the commencement exercises were, in our opinion, the best ever given by the schools of Denison, so did the declamatory contest given Friday night excel its predecessors in all round excellence. It was not perhaps so brilliant in parts, but as a whole it surpassed all of its predecessors.

From the opening number by the high school boys to the closing song by twelve little girls it was interesting and entertaining. The musical numbers were especially good and we gladly bear testimony again to the splendid results attained by Miss Polster in this branch of our public schools. We do not know how she does it, but in some way she manages to get a



Miss CLARA STRAHAN.

whole lot of music out of youngsters the little tots to the High school boys and they sing with understanding as well as harmony. After the boys, assisted by a hidden chorus of girls, had done their duty manfully by "Anchored," and received their meed of applause, the invocation was pronounced by Rev. W. E. Bryce, and the real work of the evening began. Stop! We had almost missed mentioning the violin duet by Miss Genevieve Lally and Miss Maggie Clark, with Miss Laub as accompanist. The girls did splendidly but they looked so well that one almost forgot the beauty of the music in watching the graceful pose and the sweep of the bow.

Beatrice Lally was the first of the contestants. Really we thought she was badly handicapped by her selection, "Ben Hur," for most of her auditors must have known the Chariot Race by heart. We have heard it recited many times, but we have never heard it better rendered. The enunciation was clear, the voice rang out with force and decision, proper value was given to the words and actually we found ourselves thrilling anew at the old story before she had half finished. It is especially creditable to Miss Lally that she made so much of a selection without which no declamatory contest is complete.

The pathetic "Story of a Short Life" was given by Miss Hedwig Brodersen. We believe Miss Brodersen would do well in a more dramatic selection. Her delivery is forceful and shows strong evidences of that high talent attained by her sister Hilda. We believe that Miss Brodersen will be heard from in future contests and that she will develop prize winning qualities before she finishes her high school course.

Gladys Tucker told the story of "How Old Folks Won the Oaks," and told it very well indeed. One could almost see the swiftly running horses and the little negro with his broken leg riding his horse to victory. Miss Tucker's selection was one that must have given the judges a good deal of trouble in arriving at a decision.

"Hagar" was the next on the program. Like "Ben Her" it is an old selection almost as strong a favorite with the girls as Anthony's Address is with the boys. Miss Clara Strahan gave this with great power and brilliancy. She was in turn defiant and pleading, tender and malignant, struggling with pride and passion, jealousy and mother-love. Miss Strahan showed that she possesses real dramatic ability. We look for her to well sustain Denison's reputation in the District and State contests.

The program was then varied by two very prettily rendered selections by the high school girls, the only trouble being that under the rules they were not allowed to give an encore.

The remainder of the declamatory pro-

gram was devoted to humorous selections. It is our opinion that the art required in giving these selections is so different from that required in dramatic readings that it cannot be fair to judge them in the same class. We have no fault to find with the decisions as made by the judges, our criticism is with the method, and perhaps under the circumstances even that could not be improved. Nevertheless there were several in humorous class deserving of more honorable mention than is shown by the award.

"The Marrying of Susan Clegg" was given by Ethel Orr in intimitable style. The intonation was excellent and Miss Orr entered fully into the spirit of her selection.

Of a similar order was the selection given by Allie Morris, "What William Henry Did". This was the story of the troubles caused by a small boy and a small fox sign. It was given with spirit and appreciation and reflected much credit upon Miss Morris.

Florence Baker gave the "Village Gossip" splendidly. She did more than any others save Miss Strahan to impersonate her part and was fully deserving of the honors she received.

Helen Burch betrayed a fine working knowledge of the small boy mind in her rendition of "A Real Diary of a Real Boy". It was given with true boyish spirit and was a very good production.

Our small son, who creeps into THE REVIEW columns occasionally, began to sit up and take notice when Elsie Smith began the recital of "The Bear Story, That Alex ist Make up all His Ownself". His eyes were like saucers and he followed every move of the bear and the boy and the gun. In other words Miss Smith told the tale in just the child way the author intended and is deserving of high praise.

The judges retired to deliberate after the declamatory program was ended and in the meantime the audience was splendidly entertained by a musical program, 12 little youngsters, just as cute as they make them sang, and acted the song "Teasing."

Mrs. B. J. Sibbert and Miss Polster delighted the audience with a beautiful duet. Everyone was disappointed that they did not respond to the enthusiastic demands for an encore.

The whistling solo by Miss Norman was fine and but served to increase the favorable impression this artist made at her first public appearance as a whistler.

Twelve little girls closed the program with a delightful song. After some delay caused by the closeness of the contest the judges Hon. J. C. Milliman of Logan, Supt. Brainard of Logan and Prof. Riggs of Woodbine were introduced and announced their decision as follows:

1st "Hagar" by Clara Strahan, 2nd "Ben Hur" by Beatrice Lally, 3rd "The Village Gossip" by Florence Baker.

The decision was greeted with applause and the High School boys showed their loyalty by their "Whats the matter with Clara? She's all right."

Miss Strahan, the winner who will represent Denison in the higher contests earned her victory by hard work and ability. The rendition of Hagar was fine. We congratulate her, and we congratulate the school upon having so promising a representative. It is with pleasure that we present her portrait to our readers and wish her success in the coming contests.

### A THEATRE TEST.

The next month will prove whether the people of Denison appreciate good theatrical talent, or whether they do not. It will in a certain sense be a test as to whether it will be profitable to rebuild the opera house along modern lines and be able to stage first class companies. Two companies of far more than average reputation have been billed, The Irma Opera Co. with the famous Miss De Bold, probably one of the most noted singers ever in Denison, in the title role and the great dramatic representative of "The Royal Slave" one of the best of recent plays.

The Royal Slave will be present by Gordon and Bennet and will be of the highest character. We hope that those who love music and drama of a high order will show their appreciation by their attendance. We have long contended that a good opera house and good shows would be well patronized in Denison. Next month we have the Irma Opera Co. and "The Royal Slave" both far out of the ordinary. We hope the crowds that attend will bear out our judgment at least on the latter proposition.

### NEW TICKET NECESSARY.

The lecture course committee announces that reservations made for the entertainment by Prof. Hawks which was indefinitely postponed on account of the famous impersonators serious illness will not be good for the next number on the course. Seats for the Seton-Thompron lecture must be reserved in the usual manner.

## RESULTS OF ELECTION

Favors Purchase of Cemetery  
by the City.

### COMMITTEE COUNTS VOTES

Fifty-six Women For—None Against.  
Ninety one Men Voted—Eighty-three  
For—Eight Against.

THE REVIEW Special Election passed off without incident. Nearly one hundred and fifty people took advantage of the opportunity afforded them by THE REVIEW to express their opinion. The vote was light, but as heavy as it usually is in school elections or in special elections where no contest is aroused. The Australian ballot system was used and many of the ladies voted for the first time in their lives.

Frankly, the vote was not as full as we had hoped, while the majority is large, the size of the vote is not as convincing as it might be. No electioneering was allowed in the office, and no efforts were made to bring people to the polls. The booth was erected, the ballot boxes and ballots made ready and all who wished could avail themselves of the privilege. Had an effort been made the vote could have been largely increased. This would, however, have failed to fairly bring out the two facts THE REVIEW wished to test—1st, the sentiment of the people, 2nd, their enthusiasm. As to the sentiment of those voting there can be no doubt, as to the general enthusiasm—it seems lacking.

Under the circumstances we would advise the council to arrange for the purchase of the cemetery by the issuance of bonds and thus bring the question up for a direct vote. We wish to thank the committee for their kindness in responding to the REVIEW'S appointment of them as judges and submit their report herewith.

### REPORT OF JUDGES.

We the committee appointed to count the votes in the REVIEW Special election concerning the cemetery proposition would hereby certify that we counted said votes on the evening of Tuesday, Feb. 21 and found as follows:

Women voting 56  
For 56  
Against None  
Men voting 91  
For 83  
Against 8

### MRS. SEARS MCHENRY.

WM. T. WRIGHT.  
J. T. CAREY.  
GEO. NAEVE.  
U. G. JOHNSON.

### FOR NEW PARSONAGE.

Rev. Father M. J. Farrelly has inaugurated a movement for the erection of a new parsonage on the Catholic church property. The building will cost about \$4000 and will be a decided improvement to west Denison. Since the reopening of the school Father Farrelly has given up his home to the sisters and a new parsonage is badly needed. We trust that one and all will help in this new project as it is one of our dearest hopes to see the time when the people of all denominations shall work gladly together for the common good.

### A FEW LEFT.

Not fourteen, but some of those farm books are still remaining to be given to the first farmers paying their subscription. This offer is only good while the supply lasts and is for farmers only.

### TEACHERS' MEETING AT DELOIT.

There will be a teachers' meeting at the school house Saturday afternoon beginning at 1:30. The following is the program:

Solo..... Ava McKim  
Paper, Teaching School in England.....  
..... Mr. Chas. Robertson  
Paper, How to Vary the Daily Grind of the School Room..... Mrs. Stanley Brown  
Discussion..... Miss Lora Buckett  
Papers, The Qualifications and Personality of the Teacher..... Supt. F. L. Hoffman  
Discussion..... Mr. Stanley Bowne  
Song..... Primary Class  
Paper, Some of the Teacher's Trials and How to Meet Them..... Miss Florence Nixon  
Discussion..... Mr. A. Brink  
Symposium..... The True School Spirit  
(a) In the Pupil..... Prof. Chas. Humphreys  
(b) In the Parent..... Mrs. Philipps  
(c) In the Teacher..... Prof. W. C. Van Ness  
Music..... Trio  
We expect to have an interesting and profitable meeting, both to patrons and teachers. An invitation is extended to all. Entertainment will be provided.

Rev. Dr. Griffith will preach in the M. E. church in Buck Grove, it being the occasion of the 2nd quarterly meeting Saturday evening and Sunday morning, March 4th and 5th. Business meeting at 2 p. m. Saturday.

## OUR SPECIAL BILL FOR THIS WEEK

10 lbs. Granulated Sugar (best cane).....	.50
4 cans sweet corn, regular 10c.....	.25
7 lbs. hand picked navy beans.....	.25
9 bars Swift's Pride Soap.....	.25
1 package "Three Star" Oat Meal (with piece of decorated china in each).....	.25
2 lbs. "Extra Fine" Soda Crackers.....	.20
1 lb. package "Diamond S" Soda.....	.08
3 lbs. Prunes, extra fancy.....	.25
3 lbs. Santos Coffee.....	.50
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