

RURAL SCHOOLS CONTEST.

Every Township Except One Represented—A Fine Exhibit of Work—List of Awards.

The annual exhibit and declamatory contest of the rural schools of Decatur county was held in this city last Friday and Saturday, and while the exhibit was not the largest it was by far the best which has ever been made. Every township in the county was represented in the exhibit and contest except Morgan.

The exhibit of the work of the rural schools was shown in the Mul-linix building, and during the two days the building was thronged with people inspecting the work done, both from town and country, the weather being fine many came in autos from remote parts of the county, and the showing of work done by the rural pupils was exceptionally fine in all departments, showing a marked improvement over previous exhibits. It was noticed that the visitors to the exhibit were almost entirely from the country.

South White Oak school retains the trophy flag presented last year by Capt. J. D. Brown, and Capt. Brown has offered another flag to the school making the best exhibit next year.

The music and declamatory contest was held at the M. E. church, every township except Morgan being represented in the declamatory contest. The judges in the declamatory contest were Mrs. J. M. Halstead, of Van Wert, Mrs. Olive E. Connor, of Leon, and Miss Julia O'Grady, of Garden Grove, who placed the contestants as follows:

1st, Brainerd, of New Buda; 2nd, Gladys Price, of Franklin; 3rd, Doris Jackson, of Fayette.

There were six townships represented in the music contest, the judges being Mrs. Irvin Dalbey and Miss Minnie Miles, of Kellerton, and they awarded first place to Moffatt school, of Hamilton township, and second to Zion school, of Bloomington township.

The following is a list of the awards in the exhibit contest.

SCHOOL EXHIBIT AWARDS

1—Penmanship, 1st, Good Hope school; 2nd, South White Oak.

2—Illustrated number paper below 6th grade, 1st, Spring Valley, Long Creek township; 2nd, South White Oak.

3—Arithmetic work, original problems, 1st, South White Oak; 2nd, Woodard.

4—Illustrated language papers, 1st, White Hall; 2nd, Stone.

5—Crayola drawings, 1st, Eden Center; 2nd, South White Oak.

6—Water colors, 1st, South Oak.

7—Paper cuttings, illustrating nursery rhymes, 1st, White Hall; 2nd, West Eden.

8—Paper foldings, mounted, 1st, Tick Ridge; 2nd, Pleasant Hill.

9—Set three maps of Iowa, 1st, Welcome; 2nd, Zion.

10—Relief maps of U. S., 1st, Hickory Grove; 2nd, South White Oak.

11—Product map of U. S., 1st, Fairview; 2nd, Gospel Ridge.

12—Note books on elementary agriculture, 1st, Baker; 2nd, Spring Valley.

13—Illustrated booklets, 1st, South White Oak; 2nd, Brick.

14—Four booklets showing correlation of agriculture with language, 1st, Scott.

15—Set 10 or more useful knots, 1st, Eden Center; 2nd, Pleasant View.

16—Set of three useful articles made from wood, no entries.

17—Four articles of sewing, 1st, South White Oak; 2nd, Woodland.

18—Two dressed dolls, 1st, Eden Center; 2nd, Pleasant Hill.

19—Collection of 10 or more Iowa grains, 1st, Eden Center; 2nd, Gospel Ridge.

20—Collection of 10 or more Iowa woods, 1st, Pleasant View; 2nd, Union.

21—Collection 12 jars of fruit, canned by cold pack, hot bath method, 1st, South White Oak; 2nd, no entry.

22—Best collection of 6 booklets, 1st, South White Oak; 2nd, Baker.

23—Useful article made by knife, 1st, pupil in Boothtown school; 2nd, pupil in Fairview school.

24—Nail box, fly trap and comb tray, 1st, Earl Wright, South White Oak; 2nd, Homer Hukill, Brick.

25—Bird house, 1st, South White Oak; 2nd, Baker.

26—Model of any useful article, 1st, Earl Wright, South White Oak; 2nd, Wayne Bracewell, Pioneer.

27—School bag, 1st, pupil in South White Oak; 2nd, pupil in Gospel Ridge.

28—Bulletin case, 1st, pupil in Eden Center; 2nd, no entry.

29—Sewing apron, 1st, pupil in South White Oak; 2nd, pupil in East Eden.

30—Night gown, 1st, Marjorie Brown, South White Oak; 2nd, pupil in Fairview school.

31—Needle book by girl under 12, 1st, West Eden pupil; 2nd, Gospel Ridge pupil.

32—Hemmed napkin by girl under 12, 1st, Franklin pupil; 2nd, Gospel Ridge pupil.

33—Crochet, night gown yoke, 1st, South White Oak pupil; 2nd, Hickory Grove pupil.

34—Crochet, center piece or table runner, 1st, South White Oak pupil; 2nd, Oak Seminary.

35—Crochet collar, 1st, Wilson pupil; 2nd, no entry.

36—Article from yarn by girl under 12, 1st, South White Oak pupil; 2nd, no entry.

37—Coin purse by girl under 12, 1st, Fairview pupil; 2nd, Scott pupil.

38—Embroidery, center piece, 1st, Oak Seminary pupil; 2nd, South White Oak pupil.

39—Embroidery, towel by girl under 14, 1st, South White Oak pupil; 2nd, Fairview pupil.

40—Illustrated booklet on farm animals, 1st, pupil in Union Ridge; 2nd, pupil in Fairview.

41—Best booklet on any farm topic, 1st, pupil in East Eden; 2nd, pupil in Popcorn.

42—Best booklet on agricultural topic, 1st, pupil in West Eden; 2nd, pupil in Popcorn.

43—Booklet on geography topic, 1st, pupil in Fairview; 2nd, pupil in Popcorn.

44—Booklet on any other topic, 1st, pupil in Fairview; 2nd, pupil in Popcorn.

45—Booklet on gardening, 1st, Lester Gammon, East Eden; 2nd, pupil in South White Oak.

46—Best booklet on Iowa, 1st, pupil in Franklin; 2nd, pupil in Union.

47—Best booklet on "My Own Home," 1st, pupil in Popcorn; 2nd, no entry.

48—Best booklet on "My School," 1st, Gladys Wright, South White Oak; 2nd, pupil in Oak Seminary.

49—Best booklet on cooking, no entries.

50—Best booklet on any phase of sewing, no entries.

51—Best booklet on any phase of household industry, 1st, pupil in Fairview; 2nd, pupil in Popcorn.

52—Essay on poultry industry of Iowa, 1st, pupil in Popcorn; 2nd, no entry.

53—Essay on "What Our School Has Done to Beautify the School Premises," 1st, pupil in South White Oak; 2nd, pupil in Popcorn.

54—Best true story of patriotism, 1st, pupil in Vine Oak; 2nd, no entry.

55—Collective exhibit, 1st, South White Oak; 2nd, Fairview.

56—Declamation, 1st, Brainerd, of New Buda township; 2nd, Gladys Price, Franklin.

57—Music, 1st, Moffatt school, Hamilton township; 2nd, Zion school, Bloomington township.

58—Teacher whose school wins greatest number of premiums: Ida Briggaman, South White Oak.

Sunny Side.

L. J. Little assisted in The Reporter office a few days the past few weeks.

Several from here attended the Manchester Bros. sale Tuesday at their farm south of Leon.

W. G. Woodmansee called on Mr. and Mrs. John S. Gardner Tuesday afternoon.

Ed Rumley helped Joe Hamilton butcher Tuesday morning.

Jack Strange is picking corn for Joe Hamilton.

Warren Rumley spent Tuesday evening with Mr. and Mrs. John S. Gardner.

Alva Rake and Dick Wright finished hauling walnut logs from the Len Hamilton timber the past week. They had three car loads.

Mr. and Mrs. Millard Gardner have moved back to town.

Mrs. Henry Ross departed for Iowa City Saturday afternoon to visit with her little daughter Pearl who is having her limb treated at that place.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Smith have moved onto the Millard Gardner farm the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Finn Downard and daughter Bessie, of near Shannon City, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. John S. Gardner Saturday.

Mr. Downard is a cousin of Mrs. Gardner.

Mrs. Bessie Little and son Gardner spent Thursday afternoon with Mrs. Minnie Woodmansee.

We had no school Friday on account of the rural schools exhibit at Leon. Quite a number from here attended.

Ed Rumley has been assisting Sherm Rumley on his new corn crib.

Joe Hamilton was a Cainesville visitor Sunday.

Floyd and Warren Rumley spent Sunday evening at the Joe Hamilton home.

Our vicinity was grieved and shocked when the news was telephoned to Alva Woodmansee Saturday morning that Will Gardner, our county recorder, had just died very suddenly while out with county engineer Frank Mallette, doing some work. Friends and relatives of this vicinity extend sympathy to the bereaved ones.

Davis City.

Mrs. George Campbell is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Bee Marks at Chariton.

Mrs. Emma Hagan motored to Des Moines Monday accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Hagan, Oral Van-Winkle and Mrs. Alice Marble, returning the same day.

Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Teale autoed to Blythedale Sunday.

Mrs. Israel Post and daughters Ruth and Esther attended the funeral of Miss Vina McHarness at Lamoni last Thursday.

Mrs. Eva Poush and daughter Edith and Mrs. Mildred Shoemaker were passengers to Leon Saturday.

Mrs. Grant Griffith was a passenger for St. Joe Monday.

Joe Keshlear was a visitor over Sunday at the Gates home in this city.

Myra Marble and Veva Reed were visitors at Leon Friday and Saturday.

Many of the young people of this city autoed to Pleasanton to the orchestra dance Friday night.

A gloom was cast over this community Sunday afternoon when news was heralded of the sad death of Arthur Teale, who was drowned while playing on the ice at the park. It was about half an hour before the body was found. The funeral was held Tuesday at the Methodist church and the body was laid to rest in the Odd Fellows cemetery. Many and beautiful were the floral offerings.

Mrs. J. W. Wallis was a passenger to St. Joe last Thursday to consult a specialist in regard to her hearing.

Mrs. Rosa Hembrey returned from Omaha after a month's visit with her daughter, Mrs. Afton Ward.

Mrs. Della Simpson was on over Sunday visitor in this city, her sister, Roxana Burrell returned home with her.

Miss Esther Post is clerking in the new store recently owned by Mr. Johnson.

Charles Gobel is able to be over to town, although he is still far from being well.

Rags Wanted—The Reporter office wants to buy a quantity of clean cotton rags. Must not be less than 12 inches square, and larger preferred. Will pay 2 cents per pound. We cannot use heavy woolen rags. Bring in your rags and get the money.

The Leon Savings Bank is prepared to make some good farm loans at reasonable rates.

TWENTYFIVE YEARS AGO

Items Taken from the Files of The Reporter Published a Quarter of a Century Ago.

Mr. and Mrs. John Avery welcomed a little boy to their home Sunday night.

The following marriage licenses have been issued the past week:

Newton L. Eurlitt 25 to Anna Ryan 23.

Wm. F. Overholtzer 22 to Mary B. Day 16.

Severne C. Keller 30 to Mamie G. Pennington 19.

John H. Smith 54 to Mrs. Mary A. Dunn 45.

Charles L. Hammil 24 to Emma B. Trisler 21.

An illuminary from one of the rural districts entered one of the leading law offices in Leon this week and asked the attorney "if a cattle mortgage would hold a horse."

Business must be very brisk these days with the "Q." Last Saturday there were seven extra stock trains over this branch.

The gang of men who have been filling in "Q." bridges south of here, completed their work for this year last Saturday. Five bridges were filled between Leon and Davis City. We understand the work will be resumed in the spring.

The new Christian church at Decatur City will be dedicated on Sunday, Dec. 14th. Chancellor Carpenter of Drake University, will deliver the sermon.

Miss Anna Ambrose died at the home of her mother, six miles north of Weldon last Sunday. She had been sick for a long time and her death was not unexpected. During the time she resided in Leon she made many warm friends who deeply mourn her death. She was buried at Osceola, Tuesday. A number of her young friends from Leon drove up to attend the funeral.

Fred Teale and Miss Gene Sankey were down from Weldon last Sunday.

Miss Gertrude Smith, of Lamoni, has been visiting Mrs. Thomas Teale the past week.

Uncle Billy Loving has been in very poor health recently, but we are glad to learn he is getting better.

Mrs. L. W. Forgrave and children returned to St. Joe Tuesday afternoon, after making a visit of several weeks with relatives and friends here.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. F. Givens leave this week for an extended visit with friends in northern Iowa and Dakota. They will be gone until the latter part of January.

Miss Amy Hoffines returned Thursday from an extended visit with friends at Knoxville. Miss Lura Simmons, of Chariton, came with her and will visit in Leon for a few days.

Mr. John McIntosh began his first term of school at Davis City last Monday.

The ice on the river at Davis City was sufficiently strong for skating and the boys and girls were making good use of it.

W. H. Jenkins has leased a lot of ground from Dr. Baker, north of Leon, just west of the fair grounds, to make brick on, in order to be near the railroad.

Virginia Walker.

Little Virginia, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George S. Williams, was born May 14, 1915, and passed to her home above on December 1, 1915, at the tender age of 6 months and 15 days. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Forest H. Perkins, pastor of the Decatur M. E. church on Thursday, Dec. 2nd, at the Decatur M. E. church, interment being in the Decatur cemetery. The bereaved parents have the sympathy of many friends in their hour of affliction.

A Card—We wish to thank our friends and neighbors who so kindly assisted us during the sickness and death of our little babe.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. S. Williams.

Morgan Center.

(Delayed.) Harry Phelps of Harrisburg, Colorado, returned home Wednesday to spend the winter.

Herbert Cozad and family spent Thanksgiving day in Lineville.

Mrs. Pearl Bright visited Friday with Mrs. Albert Willis.

H. O. Petty delivered hogs at Lineville Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Moore spent Saturday evening with his parents in Lineville.

Mrs. Otto Vaughn called on the sick at George Taylor's Saturday.

Joe Adair and Wm. Lowrance had business in Lineville Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Riley Hatfield called at Canley Bright's Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Peck spent Thursday in Lineville.

Miss Mary Teale spent Tuesday evening with Cleo Vaughn.

A Prescription.

Do you know what's happening in your town, state or county? Read the newspapers.

Do you know what's the matter with your town? Read the newspapers.

Do you know how your public officials are conducting themselves? Read the newspapers.

Is your health bad? Read what to do in the newspapers.

Is your baby ailing? Read how to care for him in the newspapers.

Do you know how to vote? Read the editorials.

Are you in love? Read the Woman's Column.

Do you know how to dress? Read the Fashions.

Do you know how to keep up with the sports? Read the sporting page.

Do you like fiction? Read the fiction page.

Do you like features? Read the special articles.

Do you want to know something? Write the newspapers.

Is your business poor? Advertise.

Do you want a prescription for whatever's the matter with you? Try a liberal dose of Printer's Ink.

"Meet me at Cherrington's."

Free Gift-Giving

14 DAYS Commencing DEC. 11

Ask for "Gift Tickets"

With Every Purchase

On and After Dec. 6, 1915

Commencing Monday morning, December 6, 1915, we will give one "Gift Ticket" with every 50c cash purchase. Each ticket will bear a different number, and commencing Saturday, December 11, we will display in our store every day until Tuesday, December 28, a lot of different goods ranging in value from 5c up to \$20, which will be

Given Away to Our Customers

in the following manner: New gift goods will be displayed at our store daily, each article bearing a different number. Bring your "Gift Tickets" that we give you with every purchase, to the store and whenever you find a gift article bearing the same number as one of your tickets, the article is YOURS

Absolutely Free

whether it's a 5c article or a \$20 one. Remember, NEW gift goods, bearing new numbers will appear EVERY DAY. Tuesday, December 28, at 3 p. m., we will gather up the tickets and to the three people having the largest amount of "gift tickets" we will award prizes as follows:

First Prize \$25 in Gold
2d Prize \$10 in Gold, 3rd Prize \$5 in Gold

In addition to getting the best goods for the least money here, you will stand a chance of getting one of the many free gifts that will be given away during the fourteen days from December 11, to December 28.

We are showing by far the finest line of Holiday goods, particularly desirable for Christmas gifts ever shown about here. Attractiveness, value and low prices are all here now to serve you well.

KRAFT, GRIMES & CO.

FORTUNE IN FORMULA.

Extravagant Offers Made For Secret of Iowa Druggist's Discovery.

Webster City, Nov. 6.—Fame has reached out to Badger, a little town just south of Humboldt, and Arthur Arent, a quiet, retiring druggist, is being besieged by big paint manufacturers, film makers and hosts of other large eastern interests who want to buy a little formula Mr. Arent recently discovered which bids fair to make him one of the most talked about men in the United States. His discovery is a liquid which does not even discolor the very finest cloth fabrics yet makes them absolutely non-inflammable. But large sums of money have not yet tempted the Badger druggist. Mr. Arent formerly ran the Peterson drug store at Ellsworth, southeast of this city.

The real worth of Mr. Arent's discovery may be realized when it is said that there is not in all the country today an absolute fire proofing of any kind. Hundreds of tests have been made with the Arent discovery and not one has failed. A common soft cedar shingle, treated with this liquid, will withstand a plumber's blow torch fifty minutes before the torch will bore a hole in it, but even then the shingle will not burn. A blow torch will bore a hole through steel quicker than through wood which has been treated. Even a sheet of paper or a piece of cheese cloth treated by Mr. Arent, will not burn when laid over an alcohol flame. Canvas which has been treated and then soaked for thirty hours in water and dried out can not be made to take fire. When the Ringling shows were here early in the fall they offered \$10,000 for the fire proofing of all their canvases. But Mr. Arent is biding his own time in the ultimate sale of his product.

The value of Mr. Arent's product as applied to cloth lies in its use in opera house scenery, show tents, etc. And as applied to wood, it is impossible to get at the scope of its value. As to paper, if all paper money, for instance, were treated with it by the government, an easy test of counterfeiting would be to apply a match to a suspected bill. But one of the greatest Arent-Keltz discoveries lies in its use in motion picture films. The Edison company has a standing offer of \$100,000 for a non-inflammable film. But until he has thoroughly looked over the field, Mr. Arent refuses to be in the least tempted by these offers. He believes he has made one of the real inventions of the age and in this belief he is sustained by the verdict of the representatives of big concerns who have visited him and seen his demonstrations.

Mr. Arent is still a young man, being in the early thirties. He is quiet and unassuming and talks little about his discovery, though he is compelled to give a good deal of time to demonstrations for the many experts who call on him in an attempt to buy his formula.

Daylight flour and Champion feed Gammon Bros. Mill.

Unselfishness is the key to Christmas happiness.

ENVOI.



"Do you ever wish you were a girl?" asked the visitor.

"Only at Christmas time," answered the boy.

"Why do you wish it then?"

"Because of the stockings they wear."

Cultivating the Christmas Spirit.

"Alas!" sighed the moody man, "there is no gladness for me in this joyous season."

"Tut-tut!" said the optimist. "Surely there is a ray of sunshine for you, as there is for all of us if we but look for it."

"No," replied the moody one. "I have not a single friend and no relatives with whom I am on speaking terms."

"Cheer up, then," advised the other, with a shade of envy in his tone. "Can't you be glad because you will not have to buy any Christmas presents?"

Many Children Have Worms.

Worms are a common childhood ailment. They make children irritable, nervous, and restless, besides robbing the body and mind of proper nourishment. Watch your child. Examine the stools and at first signs of worms give your child a treatment of Kickapoo Worm Killer. They kill the worms, act as a laxative and expel the worms and poisonous waste. Tone the system and help restore your child's health and happy disposition. Only 25c at your druggist. 1

Good Business For Sale.

I am offering my ice cream factory and restaurant business for sale. This property is all clear of encumbrance, doing a fine business and it is an opportunity for some one to step into a good business. Will sell for part cash, balance on good terms. P. B. Walker.

Weather Rules.

1. When the temperature falls suddenly, there is a storm forming south of you.

2. When the temperature rises suddenly, there is a storm forming