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KAERCHER WINS IN ORATORICAL MEET

Declamatory and Oratorical Contests Were Best of Kind Held Here

The District Declamatory and Oratorical contests which were held at the Willmar Junior Auditorium were thoroughly enjoyed last Tuesday evening with a program of High School speakers of no mean ability. The declamatory contest was entered by young lady declaimers. These were: the Misses Margaret Daly of Renville, Irene Meyer of Alexandria, Hazel Kohr of Montevideo and Fern Swanson of St. Cloud. The girls displayed unusual interpretative power and all possessed good expression. A slight stiffness on the part of two of the speakers marred their impression. Miss Meyer was awarded first place by Judges Josephine Jenness, Harry Wahlstrand of the Willmar High School and P. E. Miller of Morris in their decision presented to the chairman, Supt. Nesrud of Ortonville. She delivered the "Arena Scene from Quo Vadis" in a very eloquent and effective manner. She possessed great ease and self control on the stage and her enunciation and impersonation were indicative of good training. Fern Swanson was given second place with her "Gentlemen, the King" presented with appropriate force and a voice which suited the dramatic scene there in depicted. Madame X was the declamatory given by the two remaining speakers with Miss Daly being given the honors in best presenting this tragedy picture.

The oratorical contest included the following participants: Eugene Scott of St. Cloud, George Butters of Renville, Francis Hughes of Glenwood and Lucian Kaercher of Ortonville. Francis Hughes spoke first on "Visions of War" and gave it in a pleasing manner although his appearance was not relaxed and informal and his speech somewhat artificial. A more natural expression would have greatly accelerated his standing. He received a third standing. George Butters delivered the oration "Americanism" in an earnest and logical form. He appealed for the removal of the hyphen. His appearance was not of the polished oratorical type but his personal interest in his theme made his appearance and impression in delivery and voice very effective. Butters received second place.

"The New South" was delivered by Eugene Scott and Lucian Kaercher with the latter outclassing his competitor on the same oration and clearly demonstrating himself as the best orator of the evening. Eugene Scott has a fine speaking voice but falls short in the modulation of the voice and in delivery. Kaercher convincingly showed that in presentation of an oration he possesses both the expression and appearance which are the requisites the judging officials require. As a trained and well bred orator Kaercher has a bright future ahead. Scott was awarded fourth place. Before the declamatory contest Walter Rykken rendered a vocal solo and the Girls Glee Club sang several songs. Between the two contests the Boys Glee Club sang "Rocked in the Cradle of the Deep." Before the decision of the judges was presented the combined singing clubs sang several songs.

Mrs. Stansberry Lost Case

Grand Forks, N. D., Feb. 24.—After eight hours' deliberation the jury in the case of Pauline Stansberry of St. Paul, against Fred Bartholomew, proprietor of the Frederick Hotel of Grand Forks, returned a verdict in favor of the defendant. Mrs. Stansberry sought \$25,000 for pecuniary loss which she alleged was caused by the death of her husband, who fell from a third story window of the Frederick hotel on April 9, last, when a small fire was reported in the building.—St. Paul Dispatch.

Marriage License

Feb. 24.—Oscar M. Hagen to Gladys Bengtson. —The Ladies of St. Mary's church will serve their annual supper and have an apron and candy sale at the Masonic Temple, Thursday, March 17. Menu will appear in next week's issue.

PRESS COMMENT ON A MOSSBERG RECITAL

In spite of the stormy weather of last evening a good audience gathered to hear Joel Mossberg at Lyran Hall, in the second of the series of entertainments sponsored by the Bodfors School of Music and Oratory. Mr. Mossberg, who is a member of the faculty of the school, gave a most artistic and beautiful program. His fine baritone voice was heard to advantage in the German, Swedish and English songs. The first number, "Largo el Factotum," from Rossini's "Barber of Seville," gave him an opportunity to display technique and beautiful tone. The group of Wagner, Franz, Brahms and Schumann songs were greatly enjoyed. Perhaps the most effective of his songs was the Schumann "Die beiden Grenadiere," a number always popular with audiences. His singing of Wilson's "Oh, the Pretty, Pretty Creature" was all that could be desired. A fitting close of the program was Austin's "The Twelve Days of Christmas."—Rockford Republic.

Joel Mossberg will sing at the Willmar Opera House on Thursday evening, March 10th.

WILLMAR CLAY TILE MET TESTS OF HIGHWAY DEPT

The State Highway Department has tested tile manufactured by the Ruddy Clay Tile and Brick Company of Willmar and in each case found a supporting strength ranging from 135 to 525 pounds in excess of that needed to meet the requirements of the State Highway Department, which is 1200 pounds. Engineer Wadell has received a report in detail of the tests made by F. C. Lang, engineer of Tests and Inspection, who after giving the strength states that "samples submitted meet the requirements for standard surface clay tile and are approved."

A RECEIPT WITH EACH PASSENGER TICKET BOUGHT

Beginning March 1st in compliance with a recent order of the United States Circuit Court, the railroad companies will be required to give a receipt with each passenger ticket sold. This applies only to state traffic however, and does not include interstate travel. This court order is issued pending the outcome of the suit now before the supreme court on the increased passenger rate question and should the state win, the companies will be required to refund to each ticket purchaser the difference of the rate established by the court and the one now being charged.

The Weather

The lowest temperature recorded by T. J. Sampson at the Meteorological Observatory was one degree below zero which is indicative of a very mild week during Feb. 22-28. The highest range was 42 degrees. Only .10 inches precipitation was registered. Four cloudy days and three clear days made up the week. A summary for the month of February shows three days of sub-zero weather, mean max. of 29.71, mean min. of 13.75, mean of 21.73 and precipitation 2.6 inches.

Entertained Club

Mrs. E. J. Robertson very nicely entertained the five hundred club at her home at 424 E. Litchfield Ave. last Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs. D. A. Johnston, Mrs. Ed. Peterson and Mrs. T. J. Clancy won prizes. Late in the afternoon, the hostess served a delicious lunch.

Births

Feb. 26.—Boy to Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Anderson.
Feb. 28.—Boy to Mr. and Mrs. Alex. Karlson.
March 1.—Girl to Mr. and Mrs. Thorwald Thorson.

—Henry A. Johnson, who attends the State University, is a member of the University Glee club. They rendered a concert at Winthrop last Friday evening.
—A. O. Hildahl left Monday night for a six weeks trip to Rugby, N. D., and Estevan, Canada, where he will superintend seeding on his farms in those sections.
—Dr. and Mrs. E. H. Frost left on Wednesday for Minneapolis where they will visit Dr. E. S. Frost, who is ill.

DISTRICT TITLE AT STAKE ON THURSDAY

Willmar's Only Chance To Even Score With Buffalo. Team Is Crippled

The return and perhaps final game with Buffalo High School to decide the championship of this District will be played here tomorrow evening in the High School gymnasium. Should Buffalo emerge the victor in this contest she lays undisputed claim to the title in this District. She defeated Willmar at Buffalo last week by a score of 14-7 but was forced to show her best style of play. Leonard will be more carefully watched when he opens-up his tactics on the local's floor, it is hoped.

Willmar will lack the presence of Milton Hahn on the floor tomorrow evening. He will not be able to play due to a recent ruling.

Despite Hahn's absence the locals will enter into the game vowing to retrieve their last defeat and level the score with the "Bison."

Local fans are confident that the W. H. S. players in the face of their loss in Hahn will give Buffalo a run for the honors. In fact it is believed that the locals have fairly bright chances to capture the game.

St. Olaf Choir

For sheer beauty of tone and artistic choral singing, no organization that has appeared in Buffalo can excel the St. Olaf Lutheran choir from St. Olaf college, Northfield, Minn. F. Melius Christiansen conductor, and which is making its first concert tour of America this season.

Wherever this organization has appeared, in New York and other large music centers, the critics have been loud in their praise of the superb singing of these chorists and the programme presented last evening revealed something of the technical and interpretative equipment of this chorus, together with the amazingly fresh and vibrant quality of the voices.—Buffalo, N. Y., Courier.

This choir will appear at Willmar March 19.

A Surprise Party

A surprise party was given Mrs. Lingwood Johnson on Feb. 22nd. About thirty guests were present. Greetings and gifts from Miss R. Julian of Winnipeg, Canada, and Mrs. L. Erickson of Minneapolis, were received. The ninety-first psalm was read after which faint refreshments were served, which made the afternoon very pleasant. Many useful gifts were left the hostess as a memento of the occasion. The out of town guests were: Mrs. Peter Olson of Litchfield, Mrs. H. Hanson and Mrs. A. Carlson of New London, the latter visiting at the A. G. Mullen home.

Night Patrolman Makes Capture

Officer Frank Franzen arrested two young men last Monday night who answered the description of men wanted at Fargo for forgery and larceny. The prisoners proved to be the men wanted, and the sheriff at Fargo came last night and took them away.

Will Open New Market

Ole Dahl, late of Benson, has rented the Eliason Building, formerly occupied by the Willmar Tribune, and will open a meat market there in the near future.

Sophia L. Rice Auxiliary

The Sophia L. Rice Auxiliary will meet next Wednesday, March 9th, at 8 p. m., in the Municipal Building. All members are requested to be present.

St. Lukes Guild

The St. Lukes Guild will meet Friday afternoon, March 11th, at 2:30 at the home of Mrs. George Winney at 144 Litchfield Ave. East.

Fresh Doughnuts

The ladies of the St. Lukes Guild are serving fresh doughnuts at Ackerman's Meat Market all-day Saturday. Delicious doughnuts fresh from boiling lard.

—Mr. and Mrs. Alex. Bjorklund and daughter Margaret left for a visit with Mrs. Bjorklund's parents in Milan on Wednesday.

—Miss Mabel Landmark returned to Benson Wednesday after a visit with relatives in Minneapolis and in this city.

IS APPOINTED CENTRAL DISTRICT ENGINEER

E. E. Adams, Former Willmar Boy, Promoted to Responsible Office

E. E. Adams, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Adams of this city, has been officially promoted from assistant engineer to District Engineer of the Second District according to a circular passed thru the various points along the G. N. line in this district last week. Mr. Adams will be located at Great Falls, Montana.

Mr. Adams grew to manhood in our city. He is a graduate of the local High School and a member of the 1906 class of the State University. Up to this time he had been stationed at Seattle, Wash., where he served the railway as assistant engineer. Mr. Adams and his wife, nee Marion Frost, sister of Dr. H. Frost of Willmar, will move to Great Falls, Mont., during the early summer. Friends here extend congratulations and wishes for continued success.

From Tucson, Arizona Feb. 26, 1921.

Tribune Printing Co., Willmar, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:

I am sending you my check for \$2 for the renewal of my subscription. The Tribune surely is welcome way out here in the Southwest, as it keeps me well informed of the doings in my home county.

Things are a little unsettled here, especially in the copper industry on account of the drop in the copper market, but I think the mining and metallurgical plants will be working at full capacity again within the next few months.

We certainly are having some warm weather for February. Yesterday it was 95 in the shade. Today we are having a warm rain like we get in Minnesota in June. This is the first rain that we have had for over three months.

Yours very truly,
L. R. ECKMAN.

St. Cloud Tuesday?

Rather indefinite arrangements have been made for a Willmar-St. Cloud Legion game to be played on Tuesday evening. It is somewhat doubtful whether the St. Cloud boys can make the date but if they come local fans are assured a basket ball banquet. Should a decision be reached to stage the game the word will be passed along and publicity given it in other ways.

Endeavors are being made to agree upon a game with Thief River Falls here on Friday or Saturday of next week.

LATER—Word has been received from St. Cloud that the game will be played Tuesday night, March 8th.

Birthday Party

Master Robert Lacey entertained a number of his friends this afternoon, the occasion being his eight birthday. Games furnished the amusement after which the eight guests enjoyed a delicious luncheon. A large basket of Easter Eggs formed the centerpiece on the dining room table, and small rabbits were the favors at each plate.

Widow Awarded \$10,000.00

Mrs. William Forsberg, whose husband was killed in an accident in the local yards last November, has received \$10,000 from the G. N. Railroad company as damages. The case was settled without a court trial.

Played Before Full Church

The Augsburg Band appeared in concert Tuesday evening before packed pews of the Luth. Free church and rendered a very pleasing instrumental program.

Appleton-Benson Game

The Appleton-Benson basket ball game will be played in the local H. S. gym Friday evening. Willmar was selected as a neutral floor.

—O. F. Johnson of Granite Falls arrived Friday evening from Minneapolis for a visit with relatives and with friends in this city.

—Eugene Hed, assistant in the county auditor's office, is at present taking treatments at the Willmar Hospital.

THE STILL ON THE HILL IS NOW STILL

Carl Swanson Convicted of Operating Public Nuisance. Pays \$42.00

Carl Swanson, employed on a farm located in Town of Fahlun, Sec. 6 and on the shores of Lake Waconda, was arraigned in municipal court Friday morning on the charge of running a private still on the place. Sheriff Bonde and assistant Olson and Swan Ekdahl appeared in testimony against the defendant, "Bill" Sommerville testified as to the character of the defendant.

Swanson was arrested Friday morning. The evening previous the farm was visited by the sheriff and the still discovered. Swanson was in town during the night. The raiding party carried back with it a small amount of liquor, a crude wooden masher, betraying by a strong odor its purpose, and a tubfull of mash. The officials were informed that the best portion of mash had been removed and the remainder was "berved" to the cows. These creatures were delighted with the menu, it was stated.

The trial was held Saturday morning at 10 o'clock and closed with a fine of \$42 being imposed and paid.

The charge as read by the court was that of maintaining a nuisance.

REV. TEGNELL TO LECTURE AT SWED. LITERARY SOCIETY

The Swedish Literary Society has its March meeting next Friday evening. As a special feature of the program will be an illustrated lecture on "Sweden" by Rev. G. N. Tegnell of the Mission church. The larger part of the slides to be shown were taken by Rev. Tegnell himself on a visit to his native land some years ago.

Other numbers will be musical selections by Prof. N. B. Swallin and by Mr. and Mrs. Roy Landberg. Also a reading by Mrs. Oscar Hedin.

Mrs. Elizabeth Nygren

Mrs. Elizabeth Nygren, an old resident of Lake Florida, passed away at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Peter Skoglund, Saturday noon, Feb. 26, 1921, at the age of 79 years. She was born May 12, 1841, in Kopperbergs Lan, Dalarna, Sweden.

In 1862 she was married to Nels Ole Nygren. Ten children were born to this union, five of whom are living. They moved to Lake Florida in 1869. The husband died in 1901.

The funeral was held at ten o'clock Wednesday morning at the Swedish Mission church in Lake Florida, Rev. G. N. Tegnell officiating.

She is mourned by two daughters, Mrs. Peter Skoglund, Lake Florida, Mrs. Arthur Erickson, south of Willmar, three sons, Alfred of Crookston, John and Edwin of Minneapolis. Edwin was unable to attend the funeral. Mrs. Edwin Vernon, Minneapolis, Mrs. John Ekblad, Miss Anna Danielson, St. Paul, and Mr. and Mrs. E. Danielson of this city attended the funeral.

In Memory

Of our dear husband and father, Elliot Gunderson, who passed away two sad years ago, March 2nd, 1919, and our son and brother, Christian, and sister, Esther, who passed away two years ago March 6th, 1919. Just two years ago they left us, Lonely are our hearts today, For we often sit and wonder, Why God took them thus away. More and more each day we miss them. Friends may think our wounds healed But they little know the sorrow, Lies within our hearts concealed. Mrs. Annette Gunderson and Children.

Program For the Young Peoples Society of Bethel Church, Mar. 5

Recitation, High School Girls glee club
Piano solo Carol Bjornberg
Speech Miss Robbins
Vocal solo Judge T. O. Gilbert
Piano solo Reuben Lundquist
Piano solo Marvis Gegan
Vocal solo Agnes Paulson
Recitation Lyla Eckwall

Refreshments will be served by the John Wahlstrand, Martin Blomquist, and Andrew Nordstrom young people.

—Mrs. Thos. Murray returned to her home in Grue Wednesday after visiting relatives here a couple of days.

RECKLESS DRIVING CAUSES ACCIDENT ON PAVED ROAD

While on the payment east of town bringing in some horses and loads of goods from Harrison to their new farm southwest of the city, Maier Bros. were run into by a reckless auto driver Saturday night. August Maier was riding one of the stallions and the auto hit the horse and rider, throwing them down. The auto sustained a broken windshield, but the occupants did not have the decency to stop and ascertain what damage they did. The Maiers were on the right side of the road. The accident happened near Miner Anderson's place, and a lantern was secured and the damages to the horse were examined, but luckily did not prove very serious. Mr. Maier sustained a bad gash in a leg and is now using crutches with which to get around. The Maiers have now moved to their new place and their old home farm has been taken possession of by Chas. Miller, who will run the same.

Rev. Benson Surprised

Rev. L. C. Benson and wife were completely and delightfully surprised last Tuesday evening when a large number of the members of their congregation and friends invaded the Methodist parsonage, the occasion being in honor of Mrs. Benson's birthday.

After a time very pleasantly spent in visiting and a social good time the delicious lunch brought by the ladies was enjoyed. Mr. and Mrs. Benson were the recipients of a purse of money presented by Mr. Leonard Johnson in a few well-chosen remarks, as a remembrance of the occasion and a token of appreciation from their many friends.

Mr. Benson disclaimed having a speech ready for such occasions but responded in a very happy vein, voicing the pleasure felt by both in this tribute from their friends.

Methodist Ladies Will Serve Lunch

When you come you may partake of doughnuts, pickles, coffee and cake. Sandwiches too, both brown and white. You may be sure 'twill be just right.

Mrs. F. O. Berglund and Mrs. Theodore Rosby will serve lunch from 3:30 to 7 o'clock in the basement of the M. E. church corner of Trott Ave and Fourth St. W. next Wednesday afternoon, Mar. 9. Public is cordially invited to come.

Members of the Aid are urged to be on time as the business meeting will begin promptly at 3 o'clock.

Hagen-Bengtson

Miss Gladys Bengtson and Oscar M. Hagen were united in marriage on Friday afternoon, Feb. 25, at three o'clock at the Presbyterian manse, Rev. J. Renwick McCullough officiating.

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Bengtson of this city. The bride wore a white pussy-willow taffeta dress and carried an arm bouquet of roses.

The newlyweds will make their home on a farm near Willmar.

Returns from California

E. T. Sandbo returned Thursday from a month's sojourn in California, where he spent some time in search of a suitable location for the future home of the family. Mr. Sandbo has decided to move his home to Burlington in the fruit state and contemplates leaving Willmar following the close of the public schools. Weather conditions were mild, with somewhat excessive rains and the trees budding.

Mr. Sandbo sold out his Delmonico Cafe some time ago.

Women's Civic Club

The Womens Civic Club will meet in the Odd Fellows Hall, Friday evening, March 11th, at 7:45. There will be a piano duet by Mrs. Geo. Robbins and Ida Sanderson, Miss Julia D. Newton, state home demonstration leader, will be present and talk on Home Economics. Song by Mrs. Walter Hackett, Reading by Elvira Redlund, Young ladies sextette will sing. All members are especially urged to be present.

Selected as Delegate

Chester L. Nelson, of this city who is attending the University of California has been selected by his frat to represent it as a delegate to the Grand Council of the Phi. Delta Chi which holds its sessions in Indianapolis, Ind., this week. This student's secret society is nation-wide in scope and is a prominent society in the universities.

SENIORS PRESENT SUCCESSFUL PLAY

"Harry, Harry, Harry" Draws Big Houses. Character Well Impersonated

The Senior class play, the comedy, "Hurry, Hurry, Hurry," was presented Friday and Saturday evenings on the gymnasium stage before audiences which comfortably occupied the floor seating at both the performances. The comedy was of about two hours length and contained three acts. During the intermissions special acts were introduced. Hobbie's Orchestra rendered selections preceding the rise of the curtain and during the intervals between the acts.

The new scenery had arrived in time for the play. The stage space is somewhat small but good use had been made of it as the scenery was well planned and placed. The painted drop curtain is very attractive although somewhat large for the stage front. The lighting effects also few were pleasing. Roy Wetherby, stage manager and Reuben Lundquist, business manager, deserve credit for the time and work expended in making their portion of the undertaking a success.

The play centers about the approaching financial ruin of a prominent business man which apparently can only be averted by the sudden engagement of his daughter before midnight, which according to the stipulations in the will of a deceased aunt, will bequeath to the daughter a million dollars should she carry out the wishes of her aunt. The daughter, Floy, has many suitors, all of whom, are more or less distasteful. As only her engagement before the final stroke of twelve could save her father from financial disgrace the members of the family outside of the young girl are planning with determination that they shall see her engaged before the fatal hour arrives. By the skillful manipulation of the clock by brother Stephen, setting the timepiece half an hour ahead, Jack Crandall and Floy, previously engaged, re-pledge themselves thinking the million dollars were lost to them and that the engagement was of the ideal character. To their surprise Stephen discloses his trick and the girl is credited with having closed a sound matrimonial contract and rescued her father from bankruptcy.

Helen Peterson assumed the role of the vivacious debutante, Floy Hooker, and carried out her part with an abundance of spirit and with an excellent interpretation of the character she represented. Her portrayal of the change in the character of Floy from a light-hearted daughter, flitting about in a social atmosphere to a serious-minded and businesslike young lady, when the crisis arose was worthy of special commendation.

Mr. and Mrs. Hooker were impersonated by Walter Rykken and Anna Overgard. These characters had difficult parts to play. They called for intense worry and excitement to be exhibited by the acting persons. In these roles the student players acquitted themselves well. Rykken very clearly brought out the despair which that character is supposed to feel and Miss Overgard the anxiety and determination to settle the problem by encouraging and planning the engagement of her daughter.

Rita, the housemaid, was impersonated by Nora Strand, who adopted the pertness and chilliness which the role called for. Tho her part was minor her talent was displayed.

Elvira Redlund, who played as Letitia Brown also won favorable comment. She conducted herself as one amateurishly interested in the fine arts. Despite her dryness in the discussion of books and literature she was the close friend of Floy although never fought over her association. Miss Redlund showed a distinct understanding of her role and with appropriate voice and assumed disposition made her character a hit.

Paul Peterson, as Jack Crandall, the cowboy-author, took upon himself the air of the man who views broadly and solemnly the affairs and life as found on earth while in his field and bearing there lay the remnants of a rougher nature found on the plains. Paul satisfactorily impersonated his character using the mien and tone of