

REPRESENTATIVES.

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- * Clem Steigmeyer.
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- * DISCUSSION. *
- * Roy Jahn.
- * READING. *
- * Ethel Smith.
- * Hulda Bauer.
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- * Piano Duet—Erma Houk and * Crystal Kern.
- * Vocal Solo—Gladys McMillen. *
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The first step in the interesting literary and music contest to be held by the Decatur, Geneva and Berne high schools, the latter part of this month, in this city, was taken Friday by the Decatur high school, when the preliminary contest was held, the winners being the representatives to take part in the final contest. The above list sets forth the names of the winners for representation in the final contest.

The program began at 10 o'clock Friday morning at the central school building, the morning being devoted to the literary program. Judges in this department were Attorney D. E. Smith, Ben Beavers and Miss Faye Smith. The literary program was divided into orations, discussions and readings, being as follows.

LITERARY.**Section 1.**

Oration—"Perseverance"—Otto Rice.

Oration—"The Universal Call to Peace"—Estella Perkins.

Reading—"A Story Told by Bob Bellows"—Ethel Smith.

Reading—"In the Ninth Inning"—John Prescott Earl—Lucile White.

Reading—"A Kid's Composition on Mothers"—Henry A. Shute—Effie Miller.

Reading—"Queen Esther's Petition"—Cleo Roop.

Section II.

Oration—"American Manhood"—Clem Steigmeyer.

Discussion—"Resolved, That Farming, Under Present Conditions is the Most Desirable Occupation for a Young Man." Affirmative, Orpha Sheets; negative, Roy Jahn; affirmative, Lawrence Archbold.

Reading—"Tom Sawyer's Lovemaking," by Samuel Clemens (Mark Twain)—Naomi Dugan.

Reading—"Katrine's Visit to New York"—Hulda Bauer.

Reading—"Gay's Adventure"—By Annie F. Johnson—Marie Daniels.

The decision of the judges returned was as follows:

Orations.

1. Clem Steigmeyer.
2. Estella Perkins.
3. Otto Rice.

Discussion.

1. Roy Jahn.
2. Orpha Sheets.
3. Lawrence Archbold.

Readings.

1. Ethel Smith.
2. Hulda Bauer.
3. Cleo Roop.
4. Marie Daniels.
5. Naomi Dugan.
6. Effie Miller.
7. Lucile White.

The afternoon was devoted to the musical program, the judges in this department being Dr. Fred Patterson, Miss Lizzie Peterson and Miss Ruby Miller. This department had three divisions—piano solos, piano duets and vocal solos—and the program follows:

MUSICAL.**Section 1.**

PIANO SOLO.

"Polonaise in A"—Chopin—Erma Houk.

"Oh, Thou Sublime Evening Star"—Tannhauser—R. Wagner—Crystal Kern.

"Martha"—F. Bon Flotow—(Trans.)—Sydney Smith.

"Polish Dance"—Scharivenka—Dorothy Dugan.

VOCAL DUET.

"Nightengale's Complaint"—Monetta Fleming, Gladys McMillen.

VOCAL SOLO.

"Mission of a Rose"—Fred Cowen—Mary Erwin.

"Sing Me to Sleep"—Grun—Nellie Daniels.

"The Boatman's Song"—Geo. H. Clutsam—Ruth Patterson.

(a) "There's Goin' to be a Concert;" Carrie Jacob Bond. (b) "As Their Father Had Done Before"—Glen Neptune.

"The Rose in the Garden"—W. H. Neidlinger—Gladys McMillen.

Piano Duet.

"Mid-Summer Night's Dream"—Mendelssohn—Erma Houk, Crystal Kern.

"Poet and Peasant"—Bon Suppe—Gladys Graham, Lulu Atz.

"Madrilena"—Wach—Lillian Rice, Reba Quinn.

PIANO TRIO.**Section 2.**

MIXED QUARTET.

Greg Neptune, Sherman Beery, Gladys Kern, Edwina VanCamp.

Vocal Solo—"Rowing"—R. Kovern—Greg Neptune.

Piano Solo—Helen Fonner.

The standing according to the de-

cision of the judges is as follows:

PIANO SOLO.

1. Dorothy Dugan.
2. Erma Houk.
3. Crystal Kern.

PIANO DUET.

1. Erma Houk, Crystal Kern.
2. Lulu Atz, Gladys Graham.
3. Ruth Patterson.

VOCAL SOLO.

1. Gladys McMillen.
2. Mary Erwin.
3. Ruth Patterson.

The preliminary contest was a most excellent one and all who took part therein are being highly complimented for their excellent work. While the faculty and the expectant audience knew fully well that some very good talent is in the Decatur high school, and they were expecting a very good manifestation Friday, the students far outdid their expectations. The representatives will put forth their best efforts to win the final contest.

Richard H. Hartford of Portland has been appointed to hear the big Blue Creek ditch case and assumed jurisdiction Monday. From the list of circuit judges formerly submitted Judge Powers of Angola was agreed upon, but he is sick and could not come. Judge Merriman then submitted a list of lawyers, including Mr. Hartford, Mr. Harper of Ft. Wayne and Mr. Whipple of Portland, the former being chosen. The cause will not be tried for two or three weeks, going over to the April term.

VanCamp claim cases will be up next Tuesday and Wednesday and the Hattie Studabaker petition to vacate alley comes Wednesday. The Erhart vs. Neaderhouser case is set for Thursday and the C. & E. petition to reduce assessment on Mercer avenue on Friday.

A marriage license was issued to Russel Wheeler, 28, farmer, Geneva, to Ethel L. Stanley, 24, Geneva.

It has been many years since the marriage license business has been so slow in Adams county as the month of March showed, the total number for the month being only nine. The same month last year showed twenty-one licenses issued.

Real estate transfers: A. P. Hardison to Walter Cross, pt. lot 147, Geneva, \$1400; Margaret J. Hahn to Mary Macklin, lot 338, Geneva, \$200; E. E. Menter to E. J. Ahr, 80 acres, Union tp., \$1200; C. M. Weldy to Wm. Weber, 99 acres, Kirkland tp., \$12,000; Wm. Weber to Rachael Buckmaster, 80 acres, Washington tp., \$8,200.

VISIT FACTORY AT CINCINNATI.**Mr. E. H. Lyon.**

E. H. Lyon, state agent for the Jarecki Chemical company of Cincinnati, Ohio, left at noon today for Cincinnati, with a party to visit the company's factory. The party included Charles Kokent of Avilla, O. A. Lyon of Orland, Charles Oetting of Hoagland and Daniel Erwin of this city, all customers of Mr. Lyon, who will highly appreciate this visit to the factory where the fertilizer which they use on their farms, is made.

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