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The Declamation Contest.

After much trouble and care on the part of the teachers and children, the Chestertown declamation contest took place in the High School Auditorium on Friday night, March the fifth, beginning at eight o'clock.

The evening's entertainment began with an instrumental solo by Miss Louise Russell after which was a short address by Prof. Creasy, stating that the children would be known by numbers according to their order of speaking. He also explained that the three judges, not any of whom lived in or near the town, would be given an envelope containing a card upon which he should write the number of the person selected from the various classes.

The school as a whole, was divided into three parts, primary, including those from the primer to third grades, inclusive; intermediate, containing representatives from the fourth to seventh grades, inclusive; and high school, including the high school classes. Each department was divided into a girls' contest and a boys' contest, the girls speaking first.

As the strains of music died away, the primary children advanced upon the stage, Marie Hall recited "The Leaves," followed by Marian Collins reciting "Little mischief," Lida Wheat, "Seven Times One," Lillian Vansant, "Wynkin, and Nod," and Mildred Weir, "The Children's Hour." Those were followed by the boys' declamations, first Laurence Gardner, reciting "Seeing Things at Night," and Billy Usilton, reciting, "Who Stole that Nest."

Between the primary and intermediate contest, the eighth grade favored the audience with a chorus, "The Boating Song followed by "It's a Long Way to Tipperary." The intermediate girls rendered their declamations in the following order: Ester Urie, Lady Clare," Dorothy Woodall, "Uncle Ben," Harriet Reed, "The Watermelon," Hilda Leager, "Papa's Letter," Ruth Corey, "The Two Sisters."

The boys of the intermediate class were: Willard Culp, My next Door Neighbor, "Robert Atkinson, "Patrick Henry's Speech," Spencer Smith, "Jes' Fore Christmas."

Between the intermediate and high School contests was music by Grace Newnam, Helen Rouse, Alvin Rouse, Charles Armstrong, and Julian Coleman.

The speakers for the girls' high school contest and the title of the declamations follow: Jean Stokes, "Spartacus to the Gladiators," Helen Russell, Jephta's Daughter," Evelyn Russell, "The Return of Regulus," Frances Corey, "Nee—a true story," Helen Connelly, "The Banjo Song."

The boys and the title of their declamations were Walmesly Davis, "Spartacus to the Gladiators," Elmer Tarbutton, The Defense of Hofer," Richard Collins, "The Speech of John Adams," John Collins, "The Death-bed of Benedict Arnold."

When the last speaker finished the ushers collected the sealed envelops and Prof. Creasy read the following decisions: Primary Girls, Marian Collins, Lida Wheat, Mildred Weir, tie-vote. Primary Boys, Billy Usilton. Intermediate Girls, Ester Urie, Harriet Reed, Ruth Corey, tie-vote. Intermediate Boys, Spencer Smith. High School Girls, Evelyn Russell, Frances Corey, and Helen Connelly, tie-vote, High School Boys, John H. Collins.

The Judges were Miss Rose, teacher of English at Centreville, Prof. Adams, principal of Centreville High School, and Prof. Grimes, superintendent of the schools of Queen Anne's county.

Everyone complimented the winners as well as the others who took part in the contest. We are sure every one enjoyed the evening's entertainment and we thank all for their encouragement and patronage.

The declamation contest, which was held in the Millington High School Building last Tuesday afternoon, March 9th, was very interesting and entertaining. The judges were Mrs. J. P. Ahern, Mrs. F. S. Bottomley and Mrs. J. L. Smith. The decisions made are as follows: High School Section—winner—Mary E. Numbers; Intermediate Section—winner—Thomas Jacobs; Primary Section—winner—Richard Comegys.

Florence Comegys, Anna Dudley, Katherine Dudley, Pearl Curlett, Anna Belle Harris and Ethel Jones deserve honorable mention.

Marguerite Ahern, Mary Numbers and Clifton Clark sang a trio, "Evening Bells."

"Last Night" was rendered by Anna Stevens, Susie Jones, Marguerite Ahern, Mary Numbers and Clifton Clark.

There were other interesting numbers on the program.

German Laborers.

March 9, 1915.

EDITORS OF THE TRANSCRIPT,
Chestertown, Md.

Gentlemen:

I desire through your columns to call the attention of the farmers in the county to the fact that German and other foreign labor may be readily secured at the present time. My information is that our people who made an experiment with this labor last fall, found it to be entirely satisfactory and certainly no more expensive than the negro help on which we are now dependent.

While I do not supply this labor directly any longer, it will give me great pleasure to put any people who come to the city to look into the matter in touch with the bureaus and agencies here which can and will gladly supply this help. The best sources of supply of this labor known to me at this time are the State Bureau of Immigration, 11 E. Lexington street, (open on Thursdays.) The German Society of Maryland, 215 Courtland street and Rev. O. Apitz, 1308 Beason street.

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First Sumptuary Laws.

Laws regulating eating, drinking and dressing are almost as old as history itself. Nothing like exactness can be reached in the matter, but it is safe to say that it was in Egypt as far back as 3000 B. C. that the first practical sumptuary statutes were passed. Among the Romans they first appeared in the celebrated "twelve tables." In modern times Charlemagne was the pioneer in sumptuary legislation.

A Bird That Bestows a Curse.

The stonechat, a "soft billed" bird, is so called from the similarity of its alarm note and the striking together of two pebbles. In some parts of Scotland it is supposed to contain a drop of the devil's blood, and its nest is never taken because of the curse it is always promising.—Country Life.

Leisurely Tasmania.

Leisure is regarded as so notable a characteristic of Tasmania that it bears the nickname of "the land of lots of time," or "the land of sleep a lot," while its inhabitants are called "tassies" and "jam eaters," the latter being an allusion to the island's great fruit farms.

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