

STATE DECLAMATORY CONTESTS ARE HELD

Kenwood Park Students Win Honors At Mt. Vernon; Boone Team Wins At Traer; Williamsburg Victorious.

Special to The Gazette.
MOUNT VERNON, March 2.—A preliminary declamatory contest was held here Friday night.

Kenwood Park, Lisbon and Mount Vernon were represented.

The winners of the oratorical class are as follows: Ray Stepien of Kenwood with "Challenge of Pat."

First Henry Sozer of Mount Vernon, "Strike Must Go" and Mabel McQuawn of Lisbon, "Woman the Guardian of National Life," second and third respectively.

Florence Chmiers got first in the dramatic class. She read "Laddie." Llewella Verner of Kenwood Park was awarded second, and Lucio Gardner of Lisbon, third. They gave "Connor" and "Why the Chimes Rang," respectively.

Marjorie Emerson of Kenwood gave "The Demonstration" and received first in the humorous class.

Norman Lewis read "On New Year's Day" and received second. The third contestant was unable to be present.

Miss L. M. Schmidt of Coe college trained the Mount Vernon contestants. Another feature on the program Friday night was several numbers by the high school girls' glee club, directed by Miss Leslie Hastings.

The next contest is the third district contest, and will be held March 13.

WILLIAMSBURG, March 2.—Williamsburg high took laurels at the declamatory contest held at North English. The competing schools were Iowa City, Parnell, North English and Williamsburg. The oratorical and dramatic classes were won by Frances Tomasek and Millicent Long, respectively, both of Williamsburg.

The winning oratorical selection was "The Pitfalls of Peace," and the winning dramatic piece was "Just David." Albert Transwell of Iowa City took humorous honors with "Pinky's Debating Club." Waldo Wissler and Martha Muma, both of Iowa City, won second places in the oratorical and dramatic classes, respectively, and Irene McGillicuddy, of Parnell, was second in humorous class.

The three winners of first places will speak in the next contest of the state series. Miss Marie Tomlinson, local public speaking instructor, accompanied the Williamsburg contestants.

TRAER, March 2.—Traer's representatives won first place in all three classes in a group declamatory contest held here, one of several preliminary contests in the northeast Iowa district. Vinton,

Mount Auburn and Shellburg were the other schools represented.

Christy Ellis was winner in the oratorical class, Muriel Parker in the dramatic and Gladys Congdon in the humorous divisions. As a result of this clean sweep, Traer will have three representatives in the sub-district contest, to be held March 17. Shellburg won second honors in two classes in the contest here. Mount Auburn also won a second place.

CENTER JUNCTION, March 2.—Sellen McDonald, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George D. McDonald, won first place in the dramatic division of the declamatory contest held at Monmouth, Friday evening.

The other high schools represented were Maquoketa, Anamosa, Monmouth and Wyoming.

Rural Mail Man Of Vinton On Job 25 Years; Drives Team

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VINTON, March 2.—When Tunis La Grange returned to the local postoffice Saturday evening after carrying the mail on rural route No. 5 out of this city, he completed twenty-five years of service as rural mail carrier, and because of this fact he claims to be the oldest rural mail carrier in point of service in Iowa.

Mr. La Grange was appointed a rural carrier when the rural routes were first established out of the Vinton post office, and he has been on the job ever since. For ten years he carried mail on route No. 3, through the sandy district north of the river, but about fifteen years ago he was transferred to route No. 5, covering the district south and east of Vinton.

Although the other Vinton carriers adopted the automobile a number of years ago as a better and safer means of covering their routes, Mr. La Grange has stuck to the team and buggy throughout the twenty-five years, and has never expressed the desire to make the change. It is generally from 5:30 to 6 p. m. when he has finished his route, while the other carriers, when the roads are good, are back by noon.

Mr. La Grange expects to keep right on driving his route until he is retired and placed on the pension list, which will not be so many years hence.

ONE OF MUTCH HEIRS FILES DIVORCE SUIT

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TRAER, March 2.—Mrs. Christina Mutch Carr, one of the James Mutch estate heirs of Tama county, being sued by the federal government for \$400 delinquent income taxes, has started suit for divorce against her husband, Warren Carr. She charges desertion and cruelty.

Mr. Carr is at present employed by the Hudson Grocery company at Hudson, Iowa. Mrs. Carr is one of the six heirs of James Mutch, whose estate, including several hundred acres of land near Dinsdale, Tama county, was valued at about \$300,000 at the time of his death.

BEDTIME STORIES

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UNCLE WIGGLY BLOWS AWAY.

"What's that strange noise?" asked Uncle Wiggly of Nurse Jane one day as they sat in the hollow stump bungalow.

"That is the March wind howling and howling down the chimney," said the mischievous housekeeper. "The wind is very strong today."

The rabbit gentleman gave a quick little twinkle in his pink nose and then picked up his hat and umbrella. "Where are you going?" asked Miss Fuzzy Wuzzy.

"I am going out to see how strong the March wind is," answered Mr. Longears. "You say it is blowing strong—I want to see it for myself."

"You'll blow away if you go out—especially with an umbrella!" squealed Nurse Jane. "Please stay at home."

Uncle Wiggly wouldn't and he started, while the March wind howled louder than ever down the chimney.

And then, all of a sudden, while the Fox held Uncle Wiggly's umbrella, the March wind laughed, shouted and howled with glee. And, getting under the open umbrella the wind lifted it up, and also lifted the Fox up, and blew him far, far away over the top of the mountain.

"Ha, ha! There you go! Good-by!" cried Uncle Wiggly, who was left safely on the ground, for he got behind a rock where the wind couldn't blow him. "I hope you enjoy your trip, Mr. Fox. Keep my umbrella as long as you like."

And it was nearly a week before the Fox got back home, so far away he had been blown. But the kitchen table doesn't turn over on its back and try to walk along the ceiling like a fly, I'll tell you next about Uncle Wiggly and the early bird.

He went up in the air.

chimney of the hollow stump bungalow. Seeing that the rabbit had made up his mind, Nurse Jane cried, "Well, go out if you will, but at least leave your umbrella at home. You won't need that, and if you carry it you surely will be blown away."

"Nonsense!" laughed Uncle Wiggly. "I need my umbrella! It might rain while I am out looking at the March wind, and also while I am seeking an adventure. And nothing Nurse Jane could say would make him leave that umbrella in the house."

Out into the blowing wind hopped the bunny. At first he didn't mind it very much, but as he went along the breeze became more and more strong, until, all of a sudden, there came such a heavy puff that it blew open the bunny's umbrella.

"Here, Wind! Where are you trying to do?" cried Uncle Wiggly. "Whew! Whew! Whew!" whistled the March wind, and it blew harder on the bunny's umbrella, until it opened it out wide. And, as Uncle Wiggly held a tight hold of the handle, he went up in the air with his rain-shield and was blown away. High and far the bunny was blown by the March wind, but he wasn't at all afraid.

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Twelve color combinations in the new pure silk broadcloth, one of the most popular fabrics for spring and summer; combinations of green, rose, lavender, black, or tan, with white back-grounds—stripes, checks and dotted patterns, 32 in. wide, this sale at **\$1.89**

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