

## CHAMPIONS OF EASTERN IOWA

### Clarion Loses State Title by Small Percentage

Clarion just closed the most successful debating season in the history of the school. Clarion's last debate was held at Iowa City, April 29, where the debaters were fighting for the state title.

In the early hours of the morning Clarion debated Montezuma for the championship of eastern Iowa. Clarion debated both sides of the question with the champions of the southeast district. The boys upheld the negative and won with a 3-0 decision. At the same time the girls were upholding the affirmative but lost by a 2-1 decision. So Clarion won the eastern Iowa title by a 4-2 decision over Montezuma. Our debaters had eliminated 75 schools by winning this debate.

Within 15 minutes our girls were debating the champions of western Iowa—Fort Dodge. The debate was broadcasted from Station W. S. U. I. and so little need be said about this debate, only that the girls won by a 2-1 decision, which is the most important thing after all.

This put Clarion in the lead and it looked as though Clarion was doped to win, but in the ninth debate our boys broke their record of unanimous decisions in their favor.

Iowa City was unable to get the "air" from Davenport in the afternoon and consequently the Clarion enthusiasts failed to hear the boys. Our boys met a strictly boys team from Fort Dodge. The latter upheld the affirmative by presenting the Oxford style of debating. The Oxford style tends to break the serious aspect of both the debaters and the audience by "cracking" a few jokes. By using this style, one fails to bring out the statistics and facts on the question but on the other hand brings out the humor as much as possible. It was apparent that there were two styles of debating being used. The Fort Dodge boys were very good in handling this style of debating and along with this one of their speakers spoke entirely extemporaneous. The decision was 2-1 in favor of Fort Dodge which indicated that there was a tie between Fort Dodge and Clarion for state championship as far as the judges were concerned. When the efficiencies of the speak-

ers in both debates were taken, it was found that Fort Dodge led by 13%.

Clarion's affirmative team consisted of Elizabeth Russell, Ruth Fatherson and Elizabeth Archerd and Dorothy Nagle, alternate. In the state debating league this team only lost 2 debates out of 6 and had only 4 votes against them. This is a very good record for an affirmative team this year as most debates went to the negative team by a 3-0 decision in the surrounding towns.

In the quadrangular debating league this team lost only one debate out of 3 and had only 3 votes rendered against them.

The negative team consisted of Verlin McMahon, Frank Walker and Brydon Myers. This team lost only one debate out of six in the state debating league, winning the other five by unanimous decisions in their favor. In the last debate of the season they lost their first debate by a 2-1 decision which totalled 2 votes against them during the entire year.

In the quadrangular debating league this team won every debate with 3-0 decisions in their favor.

The total votes rendered in favor of Clarion were 42 out of a possible 54, in other words 12 votes were in favor of the 18 debating teams that Clarion met during the year.

Clarion not only won the quadrangular debating cup for the third and last time but won a silver plaque for winning second in the state.

Clarion loses 5 out of their debaters by graduation which is a heavy loss and will be felt by the school. However, the form of debating for next year has been fixed that this handicap will be easily overcome for Clarion. Next year the same form of debating is to be used but there are to be only two speakers instead of three. Consequently with only two debaters back, it will be a great opportunity for newcomers to make the state team.

The debaters wish to thank the National Forensic League and the student body for their backing which was shown by the telegrams sent to the debaters at Iowa City.

The debaters and Miss McChord were guests at a banquet in Iowa City given by the Delta Sigma Rho Thursday evening. The debaters heard speakers who were heads of the speech departments in several of the Big Ten schools; not only

this; but several speakers were the authors of nationally-known books on debating.

The debaters and Miss McChord were guests at the local Rotary club last Monday noon as a means of showing the spirit and attitude of the Clarion Rotarians.

### Clarion Win Meet From Algona

Last Tuesday, April 26 our track team won a close track meet from Algona by a score of 50 ½ to 53 ½. Nagle, our star half miler won his event at a time of 2:11. Adams took the high sticks easily and McGrath took the low ones the same way. Crawford Wright heaved the discus for a first.

But because of the close and keen competition it was our seconds and thirds that went a long way toward winning the meet. In the pole vault McGrath got a second and Myers tied for third. Capt. Oldham got third in the 100 yard dash, broad jump and 220 yard dash. Roy took second in the shot put and Wright took a third. Hagie got second in the 440 and Sheffield third. Mechem took second in high sticks and Adams third and Poundstone and Adams tied for first in the high jump. Our half mile relay team won second place. This team is made up of Wright, Mechem, Hagie and "Ben" Oldham. In short it was a real meet.

Saturday our team goes to Algona for the Little Six track meet, and with the running start we got by defeating Algona we will create considerable disturbance. Remember what our public speaker "Bud" Smith once said, "Not for land's sake but for Clarion's sake." Everybody out.

### Sophomore Sketches

Miss Brown, in History class, "Louis Napoleon died in 1873. It is interesting to know that he was in America at one time. Let me see, I believe I remember of him teaching French for a living." She failed to say whether she took lessons from him though.

Miss Vivian Taylor spent the week end in Council Bluffs visiting friends.

Two sophomores have the honor of being the first to brave the waters of Cornelia this season. They say that the water was not at all cold. The Sophs are always first in everything!

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## SCHOOL CALENDAR

Thursday, April 21

Dutch (In Physics): "How much is one ohm?"

Friday, April 22

Pep meeting.

Inter-class track meet in which the seniors carried off the honors.

Monday, April 25

Regular assembly. County Agent Tomlinson addressed us on the subject of "The Need of Education for the Farm."

Tuesday, April 26

Algona track meet.

Big pep meeting for the meet, state debate and commercial contest.

Wednesday, April 27

Mr. Sumners aroused half the school by ringing three bells.

Thursday, April 28

Debaters left for Iowa City.

Drake Glee club seventh period.

Assembly the fifth concerning plans for receiving debate.

Friday, April 29

State Debate!!

Track team went to Des Moines for the Drake relays.

Mr. Johnson (In Physics): "I tried to make a pith ball, but I couldn't. I didn't have any pith." Again in the same class he said, "Now I'll produce positive electricity by rubbing a glass rod with this piece of silk. It looks like somebody's hair ribbon—or maybe it's my predecessor's dress!"

Saturday, April 30

Amateur shorthand and typing teams entered the district contest at Fort Dodge. The shorthand team won the cup.

Monday, May 2

Senior assembly. The melodramatic story of Pokey Huntus was enacted.

Reports of debate and commercial contest.

Vivian Bradley (In Am. Lit.): "A novel is a long short story."

Tuesday, May 3

Miss Grenoble: "Now turn to page 373."

Bernice B.: "Oh you mean in the back of the book?" (We wonder where else that page would be.)

E. Frank (In Lab.): "Will it be all right if I unconnect it?"

Miss Painter (In Sr. N. T. C.): "Verna, what of singing do the little pupils do mostly in the first grade?"

Verna: "Vocal."

Elizabeth A.: "I wonder when Althea and I are going to practice our solo."

## COMING EVENTS

Mike is taking the team to Hampton next Saturday for the Little Six meet. The following towns will be represented: Humboldt, Webster City, Algona, Eagle Grove, Hampton, and Clarion.

Here's wishing the gang luck and we hope that they will bring home the cup to put into our trophy case.

WE WANT THAT CUP!!!

BRING IT HOME GANG!

Nagle tells me that you will bring home four of them. Yes, we want THEM!!

## Junior Jots

Every junior is busy doing his or her part in trying to make the banquet a success. Here's hoping that it will be.

It is unbelievable that in a short time we will have the honor of occupying the seats by the assembly windows. (You know that is one of the privileges given the "dignified seniors.")

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### THE DRAKE RELAYS

Mike took the gang down to Des Moines Friday and they stayed until Saturday. As you all know some of the best material in the U. S. is shown in a meet of this kind, it seems fine to think that our mile relay team composed of Hagie, G. Oldham, McGrath and Nagle, missed winning fourth place medals by a matter of six inches. Who says we haven't some high steppers in our midst?

From what I heard I think it was hard work to get some of the fellows home as they happened to meet some of the more attractive sex and didn't want to come home just yet, but after due talk and consideration they decided to start for home. I saw them the other day at school so every thing is o. k.

### Are the Freshman Loyal? Yea Bo!!

The Freshman class was the only class who had enough girls out to make a baseball team.

Lura Swisher was elected captain of this team and the other members are:

Loree Merritt  
Marie Anderson  
Julia Anderson  
Elnora Nichols  
Marian Smith  
Leta Honn  
Lola Thompson  
Lenora Churchill

A recent report from Melvin Roy is that he is improving in health. We hope Melvin will be back in school before long.

Tom Brenner is back in school once more after having an operation at Rochester, Minn.

### Freshman Notes

Lucile Munn  
Goldie Brooks  
Hazel Daggett  
Viola Telford  
Helen Henry  
Philip Lustig  
Lura Swisher  
Eleanor Barnes  
Wm. English  
Clyde Williams  
Doris Simpson

Nineteen per cent of the freshman class have been neither absent nor tardy thus far this year.

### Freshman Report

A freshman stood on the burning deck

And as far as he could discern  
There was no danger on any side  
For he was too green to burn.

Our so-called day of greenness are almost at an end, we regret to say. We've enjoyed everyone of them and shall be glad to pass the pleasure along. However in passing we can say that we hope to keep our motto, "Ever green and growing."

### N. T. C. Notes

Normal Training club members are now wearing their new pins.

The club held its last meeting on Thursday, April 21. Mr. Parr gave a practical talk at this time on "Grading Systems." He brought forth arguments for and against the various systems now in use. And recommended the best one to use. The members took notes on this lecture which served as a solution for some of their problems.

At this time members are planning to go on a picnic in the near future and to initiate junior normal students into the club.

### Former Clarion Students Honored

What's the matter with Clarion?  
They're all right.  
Who says so?  
Ames! Ames!!

Mr. Parr received a letter from the president of Ames college stating that Clarion had two men in the highest hundred of the freshman class. Maurice Soultz was in the highest 2% and Marion in the highest 3% of the class.

Keep the good work up twins, Clarion's proud of you.

### County Agent Talks

Mr. Tomlinson spoke to the assembly Monday morning, on the need of education for the farmers. His address fitted in very nicely with our debate spirit and it was noticed that some of the debaters made note of several of his points.

Hampton high school will graduate 62 pupils.

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### Clarion Wins Cup in Shorthand Contest

At nine o'clock on Saturday morning April 30, the representatives of Clarion's Commercial department started for Fort Dodge to participate in the district commercial contest. Two teams went, one in amateur shorthand, and one in amateur typewriting. Marian Smith, Evelyn VanNoy, and Althea Richards comprised the shorthand team and Pearl Woodley, Evelyn VanNoy, and Althea Richards comprised the typewriting team with Miss Leader as instructor and business manager for the group. The teams went in two cars furnished by Lillian Banks and Mr. Woodley. Helen Jones went along to pep up the teams and keep them in good spirits. The contestants were equipped with shorthand notebooks, pencils and also typewriters, to go into the battle to again win the amateur shorthand cup which had been won the previous year.

When the teams reached Fort Dodge they went to the schoolhouse and got located in the gymnasium where the contest was to be held. The contest was to begin at 12:30, and was only five minutes late in starting. The novice typewriting was first and was followed by the amateur typewriting. The towns taking part in this district contest were: Rockwell City, Fort Dodge, Manson, Eagle Grove, Dows, Goldfield, and Clarion. Pearl Woodley made the best record on Clarion's typing team—writing 50 words a minute for 15 minutes.

After the typewriting contest the shorthand students were instructed to go to a class room for their dictation after which they immediately went to the gymnasium and transcribed their notes. There were two speeds dictated which were the seventy and the ninety word takes. Two members of Clarion's team were the only ones in the entire contest who transcribed the fast dictation.

After the contest Miss Leader helped correct the typewriting and shorthand papers. At six o'clock the results of the contest were known and Clarion placed first in

amateur shorthand, thus winning the cup, and placed fourth in typewriting.

If Clarion is as successful next year, this cup will be a permanent fixture in our trophy case.

The shorthand team is working hard getting in trim for the state contest which will be held in Des Moines sometime this month. They hope to bring home another cup to adorn the trophy case in the hall.

### Five of C. H. S. Champions Seniors!

The senior class feels itself greatly honored when it is said that five of the six state debaters were seniors.

All through high school our class has shown its colors in every field of activity. But this year, our last year in Clarion high, we have surely been victorious.

Lest we forget, the debaters were Elizabeth Archerd, Elizabeth Russell, Frank Walker, Verlin McMahon and Brydon Myers. Ruth Father-son represented the worthy sophomores.

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