

JUNE 19, 1948.

VERSE SPEAKING SUCCESSSES

"Louth Week" at
Cleethorpes Festival

KENDAL CUP WINNER

LEADING the verse speaking contingent to Cleethorpes Musical Festival from Louth this week was Miss Maureen Meanwell, of Trinity Lane, who secured first place in the open verse speaking class and was thus awarded the silver cup presented by the late Dame Madge Kendal, famous Victorian actress who was born at Grimsby.

It is some time since the large number of Louth entrants were to consistently highly placed at this festival.

Miss Meanwell competed against experienced elocutionists in a difficult test piece, T. S. Eliot's "A Song for Simon," and gained 85 marks.

Fourth in this class was Miss Winifred Brown, of Manby, who is better known and more popular as a soprano soloist in Louth, but a greater success was first place in the modern lyrics open class of 12 entrants, gaining 85 marks. Miss Meanwell and Miss Brown are the pupils of Mrs. R. H. Moncyster, Kenwick Road, who also trained Dorothy Burnett, of 3, Horncastle Road. In an under-ten class of 35 entrants, Dorothy was third.

Gained 1st Place



A WELL known Louth pianist, soloist and elocutionist, Miss Maureen Meanwell, was successful on Monday at Cleethorpes musical festival, gaining first place in verse speaking with 85 marks and also winning a silver cup presented by the late Dame Madge Kendal.

Miss Meanwell who is the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. P. Meanwell, of Trinity Lane, is an ardent worker at Riverhead Methodist Mission. Both she and her mother are members of the chapel choir. Miss Meanwell has taken part in several plays presented by the Methodist Youth Club.

Elocutionist Had Olivier Touch

Mr. Pat Cheesman, of 14, Carr-lane, Grimsby, was praised by the adjudicator for a fine performance in winning the Shakespeare class at this morning's session of the Cleethorpes Musical Festival. Mr. Cheesman, who delivered a speech from "Love's Labour Lost," heard Mr. Ambrose Grant tell the audience: "He gave you wonderful gusto and came over with a terrific bang. He might have borrowed something from Laurence Olivier, but I think there was some nervousness."

Miss Maureen Meanwell, of Trinity-lane, Louth, and Miss Winifred Brown, of Chapel-lane, Manby, gained first places in verse-speaking classes against competitors from Grimsby, Hull, Cleethorpes and Scunthorpe. Miss Meanwell won a silver cup presented by the late Dame Madge Kendal.

WON OWN TROPHY

Reynolds Secondary Modern Girls' School, Cleethorpes, won the trophy presented by the school for the junior choral speaking class.

SATURDAY'S RESULTS

Junior choral speaking, 14 years and under: 1 Reynolds Secondary Modern School, third year, Cleethorpes, 84; 2 Harold Secondary Modern Girls' School, Grimsby, and Striggs Manor House Convent School "B," 82 each; 3 Goole Junior Verse Speakers, Goole, 80.

Verse speaking, 14 to 16: 1 P. Hill, Goole, 86; 2 B. Davidson, Cleethorpes, 85; 3 E. Scott, Hull, 84.

Dramatic art, junior duologue scene, under 15: 1 H. Turner and S. Collins, Hull, 84; 2 M. Robinson and M. Layfield, Hull, 82; 3 M. Acaster and E. Soorr, Goole, 81.

TO-DAY'S RESULTS

Verse speaking, open, 15 and over: 1 M. Meanwell, Louth, 85 marks; 2 J. M. Pridmore, Grimsby, 84; 3 P. E. Harvey, Hull, 82; modern lyrics, open: 1 W. Brown, Manby, 85; 2 J. Harper, Halton Beckering, 83; 3 O. E. Little, Cleethorpes, and O. Gould, Hull, 82. Shakespeare, open, 15 and over: 1 P. C. Greenman, Grimsby, 84; 2 B. Gould, Hull, 83; 3 E. Orey, Scunthorpe, 82. Dramatic art, duologue comedy scene, open: 1 B. Gould and P. S. Harvey, Hull, 85; modern dramatic scene, open: 1 B. Gould and P. S. Harvey, 84.