DRESDEN GIRL WINS TROPHY FOR ORATORY

Marion Adkin, Aged 11, Captures Manning Doherty Prize.

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Thamesville, April 12.—Miss Marion Adkin, 11 years of age, of Dresden, won first prize and the Hon. Manning Doherty trophy in the final oratorical contest of the East Kent Trustees and Ratepayers' Association here yesterday.

The winner chose as her subject, "Canada in the Early Days," and gave an address worthy of a much older speaker. Every available seat in the Ferguson Opera House was filled with people from every part of the riding showing that much interest is being taken in education.

There were 16 contestants and the manner in which they had control of their subjects may be judged from the fact that the winner scored 90 points of a possible 100, while the lowest was 71.

The judges were Crown Attorney H. D. Smith, Public School Inspector Coles and County Clerk Fletcher of Chatham.

Short addresses were delivered by W. C. Harnett of Ottawa, president of the Eastern Counties Trustee Association, Mr. Hedgeworth of Toronto, representative of the Ontario Ratepayers and Trustees Association, I. D. Brien of Ridgetown and D. R. McDiarmid of Blenheim.

WOMAN IS SENTENCED TO 15 YEARS IN PRISON

Murder Charge Against Mrs. Christensen Reduced to Manslaughter.

Canadian Press Despatch.

Edmonton, April 12.—After twenty-five minutes deliberation, the jury in criminal court Tuesday night found Mrs. Irene May Christensen guilty of manslaughter in connection with the death of her husband, Frederick, at Dapp, Alberta, in September last. She was sentenced by Mr. Justice Ives to 15 years imprisonment with hard labor in Prince Albert Penitentiary.

Mrs. Christensen was charged with murder, on which count she was previously convicted and sentenced to death. She was granted a new trial on appeal to the appellate court.

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curred today at noon at the residence of her son, 145 North Brock street, of Mrs. John McPherson, aged 72 years, following a short illness. Mrs. McPherson is survived by three sons, E. D. of Sarnia; Frank of Hamilton, and Fred of North Battleford; also by one sister, Mrs. Harry Spencer, Brooklyn, Ontario.

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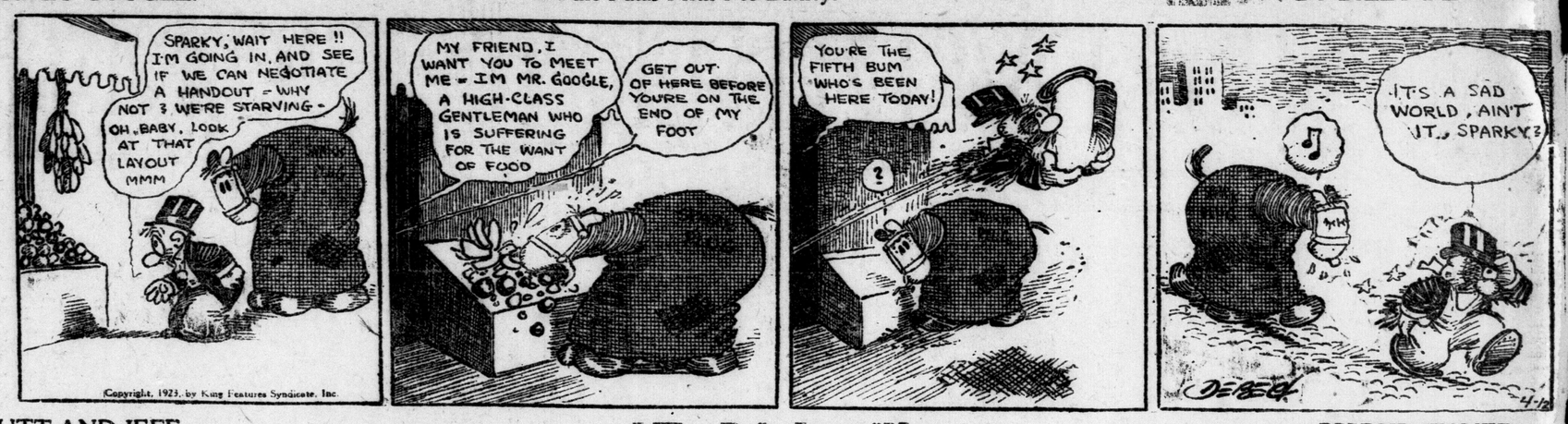

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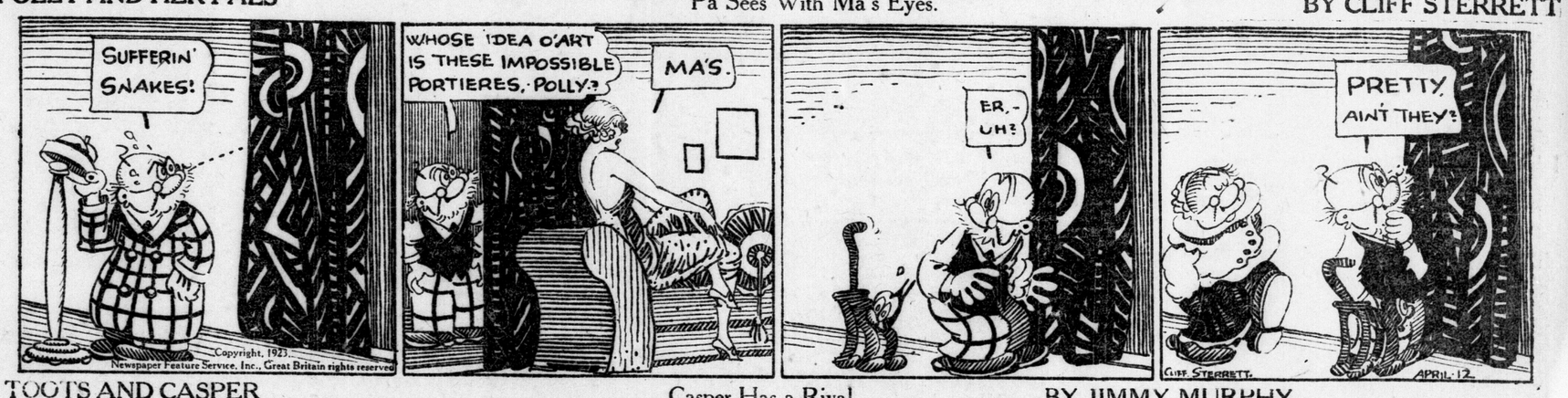

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