

WESTERY HIGH SCHOOL GRAD NATION

Attractive Programme at Wednesday Afternoon's Exercises—Honors Conferred—The Prize Winners—Painters and Paper Hangers' Strike Settled—Spencer-Zerlina Wedding.

The graduating exercises of the Westery High school were held in the town hall, Wednesday afternoon, with fully 300 friends of the school in attendance. Aside from some large palms at either side of the stage, and the class motto, Nihil Nisi Optimum, in the class colors, blue and gold, there were no decorations. None were required, as the class presented a very pretty stage picture, that paled the ordinary decorations into insignificance. Nothing But Good, the class motto, characterized every number on the program, which was as follows: Minuet, Faderewski, High School orchestra, chorus, Triumphal March from "Aida," Verdi, High school chorus; prayer, Rev. John G. Dutton; salutory, The Flowers of Shakespeare, Mary Clark Jolly; Henry VIII's Speech on Ceremony, Shakespeare, Walter F. Wolfe; Shakespearean songs—You Spotted Snakes, MacFarlan, Harriett Hark; The Lark, Schuchert, Girls Glee Club; Queen Catherine's Plea from Henry VII, Shakespeare, Clara Zell Black; He was Not of an Age, but for All Time, Schuchert, Edwin Brown Allen; presentation of class to school committee, Israel R. Sheldon, principal; reading of diploma, chairman Thomas Perry, of the school committee; Singing of Class Ode, Class of 1916.

Awarding of Martha C. Babcock Memorial Fund prizes, the interest of a fund of \$1,000, divided into three parts, one-half, one-third and one-sixth, for the best essays on subjects announced by the principal of the school, the subjects to be given out at least four weeks prior to the last day of the school year. The prizes were: \$15.00, to S. T. Nye, principal of Elm Street school; Mrs. Harvey Perry and Rev. William F. Williams. The awards were as follows: First prize, \$20, to Mary Dayhood; subject, Why Read Shakespeare?; second prize, \$12.50, to Marie Clara Black; subject, Principal Events in the Reign of Queen Victoria; third prize, \$8.75, to August Harrington; subject, Algebra Possibilities; chorus, The Day's Gift, Mendelssohn, High School chorus; orchestra, waltz, Faust, High School orchestra. The winners were: Lester E. Gavitt, '15; Tony R. Ruel, '18; Howard W. Taylor, '18; Reginald Dean, '18; A. Edwin Patterson, '18; Sidney Blake, '18. The officers of the class are: Donald William Kenneth, president; John Raymond Burke, vice president; Doris Elizabeth Burdick, secretary; Eva Marie Frechette, treasurer. The graduates—Edwin Brown Allen, Leonard Everett Benson, Clara Zell Black, Charles Raymond Blake, Ella Frances Bray, Helen Louise Burford, Doris Elizabeth Burdick, John Raymond Burke, Ernest George B. Champion, Wallace Charles Craig, Harry Franklin Crandall, Anna Vivian Donovan, Eva Marie Frechette, Gertrude Cullis, Edward G. Vial, Regis Gildes, Robert Henry Havens, Julia Madeline Healy, Helen Louise Hill, Paul Noyes Hillard, Lucy Johnson, Howard Margaret Katherine Hughes, Mary Clark Jolly, Donald William Kenneth, Howard Vernon Kenyon, Edith Louise Nichols, Harry Edward Ledward, Philip Richard Lebowitz, Moses Christy Lowry, Elizabeth Anna Marr, Oelpe Ernest Money, Owen Albert Miles, Elizabeth Nye, Annie Thomasine O'Connell, Earl Gear Palmer, Philip Papalia, Mae Isabelle Patton, Marguerite Stanton Pearson, Charlotte Percy, Mary Elizabeth Quinnlan, Margaret Buchanan Riddell, Abraham Schuman, Edward Wilson Smith, Diana Stanton, Elizabeth Stillman, Edward Gray Walls, Nathaniel Dewey Wells, Walter Fish Wolfe.

Honor Students. Four Years—Edwin Brown Allen, Mary Clark Jolly. 1915-1916—Senior—Edwin B. Allen, Clara E. Black, Mary Clark Jolly, Elizabeth Stillman, Walter F. Wolfe. Junior—Mary Dahood, Augustus B. Harrington, Alfred C. Havens, Frances M. Money, Selena G. Vial. Sophomore—Mary H. Damerel, Martha C. Eaton, Marlon Hiscoc, Louis Mathews, Helena R. Papalia, Ruth M. Pearson, Hazel Ethel, Marjorie E. Smith, Elizabeth H. Tillinghast. Freshmen—Mary Stuart Cottrell, Helen R. Gaffney, Timothy E. Geary, Mary C. McVay, Dorothy M. Perry, Lina N. Potter, Dorcas M. Williams.

An expert in the building of good roads will be sent to Westery from Washington to cooperate with the new highway commission in road construction, according to information given to Congressman Stines by the Department of Agriculture Wednesday. Mr. Stines had requested the bureau of roads in the department to furnish an expert to advise the Westery authorities in road construction, and the bureau has promised to act favorably on the matter as soon as the application of the commission for a road engineer is received.

The state tax commission has certified to the state treasurer for collection its annual report, which incorporates excess of manufacturing, mercantile and miscellaneous corporations, franchise tax and taxes in bank shares and public service corporations amounting to \$965,898.06, an increase over last year of \$180,645.22. The steam and electric roads are taxed 1 per cent. of gross earnings. The street car earnings of the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad company were \$4,482,937.47 and the tax is \$44,829.37. The Wood River branch, \$702,43 and the tax \$17,072. The Norwich & Westery Traction company's gross earnings were \$72,696.93 and the tax \$726. The telephone companies are taxed 2 per cent. of the gross receipts and the Westery Automatic Telephone company assessed \$794 on \$39,627.32. Under the 1 per cent. plan, the Westery Light and Power company is taxed \$1,107 on gross earnings of \$110,700.45. Bank shares are taxed at the same rate. The amount of tax to be paid by the Ashaway National bank is \$223.33, the Kingston Trust company \$232.32, the Wakefield Trust company \$456.16 and Washington Trust company of Westery \$1460.

In the list of manufacturing, mercantile and miscellaneous corporations of local interest having a corporate Be Young Looking Darken Gray Hair You cannot be young and attractive looking if you have gray, faded, dull and lifeless hair. Use our hair restorer—keep your hair dark, glossy and lustrous with Hair Restorer. It is made naturally. Keeps scalp clean, healthy, free from dandruff. It's not a dye—no one will know you are using anything. It's the best of all hair restorers. Price, 25c. Sold by all leading druggists. Write for free literature. Boston, Mass. Hair Restorer Co.

excess of \$50,000 or more, are the following: Ashaway Light & Power company, \$21,750 excess, \$206.92 tax; New England Granite Works, \$88,400 and \$274.80 tax; Pawtucket Woolens company, \$56,729.28 and \$566.28 tax; J. Reuter & Son, Incorporated, \$101,517.43 and \$407.24 tax; E. A. Sherman Sons company, \$92,168.64 and \$482.86 tax; Westery textile company, \$37,948.93 and \$260.59 tax. The big plants of the C. B. Cottrell & Sons company, the Clark Thread mill and the Lorraine company are located in Pawtucket, Conn.

The strike of the Westery Branch of the Painters' and Paper Hangers' Union, which commenced June 1, has been settled and upon conditions that extends for a period of five years, thereby practically insuring uninterrupted relations between employers and employes in that industry for at least half a decade. The present scale will be 41 cents an hour for a forty-four hours week, with half holiday on Saturday, which means \$18 a week, or \$2.18 for a 44-hour week, or a minimum wage of \$22.68 a week, for experienced workmen.

Miss Harriet Anita Zerberina, of Westery, and Orrin Eugene Spencer of Stonington, were married Wednesday by Rev. Henry Bruno, at a nuptial mass in the Church of the Immaculate Conception. The bridegroom was Miss Grace Zerberina, sister of the bride, and Manuel Amarel, of Stonington, was best man. Evelyn Hanley, of Plainville, Conn., niece of the bride was flower girl, and Thomas Hanley, nephew of New London, was page. The bride's gown was of white satin and georgette crepe. She wore a tulle veil and carried a shower bouquet of bridal roses and lilies of the valley. The gown of the bridesmaid was of peach crepe de chine. She wore a picture hat to match and carried a bouquet of pink Killarney roses. A breakfast reception at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. Annie J. Zerberina, followed the ceremony, and Mr. and Mrs. Spencer left on a west bound train on the wedding trip.

Among the guests from out-of-town were Mrs. Groggins, Miss Angie Zerberina, and Mrs. Thomas Hanley of New London, Miss Ellen Grigolo and Miss Harriet Donovan of Mount Airy, N. C., Mrs. James Hanley and family of Plainville, Mrs. Henry Spencer, Miss Edna Spencer, Mrs. Jacob Prescott, Mrs. August England and F. Le Roy Staples, of Stonington.

The public utilities commission, in a report, held that Engineer Charles H. Mansfield of the "Gild Edge" express, and Flagman Coombs of the local train, were responsible for the collisions on the New York, New Haven & Hartford railroad at Bradford on April 17, in which five persons were killed and more than a score injured. The board recommended that the company abandon the use of wooden cars, that experiments in the matter of providing a more satisfactory arrangement for stopping trains be continued and that constant efforts be made by trainmen to strictly observe rules.

Local Laconics. Miss Vivian Arnold has returned from a visit to her sister, Mrs. Orlo Clark in Oestling, N. Y.

Post Office Inspectors Charles H. Pendleton and Frank Rice, have completed an inspection of the Westery post office.

Class Day exercises and banquet of the graduating class of the Westery High School will be held in the Rhode Island hotel this evening.

Policeman Cully has made his first arrest. It was Hugh Marker, for being drunk in Main street. Judge Williams imposed a fine of \$2 and costs.

The Alumni association of the Westery High School will meet in School hall this morning. Dean Randall, of Brown university will be the principal speaker.

Captain Walter H. Davis has served nearly thirty years in the United States Life-Saving service, now known as the coast guard service, at the Watch Hill station.

The Westery Boy Scouts have completed plans for a week's encampment, and it is expected that at least forty will participate. Edwin Hawke and Wilfred Dyer were appointed assistant scout masters. These additional appointments have been made: Sidney Blake, first sergeant; Noah Ashworth, Alexander Blake, Reginald Dean, Ernest Gavitt, Lloyd Kenneth and Alexander Thompson, sergeants.

Westerly Alumnae of 1911. Among the old alumni who attended the recent commencement at Suffield last week were Henry C. Weaver of New London and William H. Brown of Westery, R. I., the two oldest living graduates of the Suffield school. Mr. Weaver is graduating in the spring of 1918 and Mr. Brown in 1920.

Mr. Brown, who lived in North Stonington at that time, took the steamboat from New London to Hartford, Conn., in 1840. His boat didn't reach Hartford until dark, he was obliged to stay at a hotel over night and the next morning he had to travel to Windsor Locks, where he was met by the man who ran the stage and carried the students' trunks to the school.

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next week to Maine, where they will spend part of the summer.

Mr. and Mrs. C. I. Pich have returned from a visit in Providence.

Rev. E. E. Gates has returned to Ansonia from a short stay here.

Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Morgan of New York are visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wayland Morgan.

Mrs. Carrie Latham has returned from Sag Harbor, where she spent two weeks.

Mrs. Sallie Williamson of Sag Harbor is visiting relatives here.

Mrs. Jane Andrews has returned to her home in Center Groton after a stay of two weeks with relatives in the village.

Harry Rathbun of Waterbury is spending a few days in the village.

Mrs. Jack Whitaker is entertaining her parents from Scotland.

Capt. August Wagner of Buzzards Bay is at his home here for a short stay.

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The second round for the William Friewell cup will be played off Saturday at the Bowling Green club. The first round last Saturday resulted as follows: P. Smith (4) 15, W. Booth (6) 9, C. Hirst (6) 15, Z. Tetlow (6) 10, A. Flint (2) 15, J. Ridings (6) 14, J. Booth (6) 15, C. Alexander (6) 18, J. Royle (scratch) 15, S. Bottomley (6) 18, J. Walker (7) 15, William Earlow (6) 15, F. Kershaw (6) 15, J. MacNulty (6) 15, P. Boyle (6), A. Sedon (6), J. Taylor (4), A. Bearegard (8), and Ann Hilton (8) won from James Stubbs (8), Joe Walker (4), T. Lawton (6), Turcotte (6), and LaFiah (8), respectively, by forfeit.

Gifts for James Royle. Before the play, James Royle, formerly overseas in the No. 3 mile room of the Lewton mine, was given a number of presents. Mr. Royle has left for Warren, R. I.

William Partow, on behalf of the mine miners and backboys of the mile room, presented Mr. Royle a beautiful chair. Mr. Royle was complimented by Mr. Barlow for the work that he has accomplished during his

stay in Plainfield. Mr. Royle responded in a felicitous manner.

Ann Hilton, in behalf of the Plainfield Bowling Green club, presented Mr. Royle beautiful cut glass ware. Mr. Royle was president of the Plainfield Green club and was instrumental in its organization and did much toward the building of the beautiful clubhouse and the bowling green.

James McNulty, in behalf of the Plainfield Football club, presented Mr. Royle a silver coffee service. Mr. Royle was manager and secretary of the team since its organization and was the main factor in building up a team of championship calibre. In responding to Mr. McNulty, Mr. Royle thanked the committee and players and wished them success and good luck in seasons to come.

Promoted Clean Sport. Mr. Royle was a lover of good clean sport and worked hard to advance Plainfield along these lines. Mr. Royle's many friends, although they are sorry to have him leave, are glad to see him rise, and wish him the best of success in his new field.

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